



Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.

Friday 4th April 2025

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What an egg-citing week at The Quinta!

We've had a week packed full of excitement here at The Quinta. We celebrated Eid al-Fitr with a joyful morning of learning, reflection, and community spirit.

Our Year 5/6 girls' football team wrapped up an incredible season as champions, inspiring younger players along the way.

Meanwhile, our Rock Kidz event had the school buzzing with energy, music, and important messages of kindness and inclusivity.

We've also seen some amazing artwork from the pupils' in Mrs Lee's art sessions, just take a look at their masterpieces below.

To top it all off, our Easter Extravaganza was a huge success, showcasing the creativity of our students with beautifully decorated eggs. Congratulations to all our winners!

A huge well done to all our pupils for their hard work and achievements this term. I wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday, 22nd April.

Mr. Sharpe



**Mr Sharpe,
Head Teacher**

Looking at The First Week Back



We like to make sure you are ready for the week ahead so here is some key information:

When: Tuesday 22nd April

Item: Road safety talk Year 5

What you need to know: Local police officers will be visiting the school during our first week back to talk to the children about road safety. They will cover important topics like the proper way to cross the road, the importance of wearing seat belts, and how to stay safe when biking or walking near traffic. The officers will also answer questions and provide practical tips to help the children stay safe while on the road. This event aims to raise awareness and encourage safe habits among young students.

When: Tuesday 22nd April

Item: London Residential Parent Meeting

What you need to know: A meeting will be held in Class 10s classroom straight after school to discuss the London Residential Trip taking place 30th April until 2nd May.

When: Week Commencing 21st April

Item: Extra curricular club sign-up

What you need to know: Extra curricular club sign-up will be sent out to parents during the first week back with the clubs starting week commencing 28th April.



IMPORTANT

We have observed that some parents and carers have been taking children out of school without completing the Leave of Absence Form. Please be reminded that it is a legal requirement for the school to know the whereabouts of pupils at all times. Without prior notification, we will be required to contact home, which could result in unnecessary fines



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM

NAME OF PUPIL(S)

TEACHER(S) NAME (S)

REASON FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

FIRST DAY OF LEAVE

DATE OF RETURN TO SCHOOL

NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF HEAD TEACHER

OR

NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE HAS / HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED

PLEASE NOTE: Schools must conform to DfE regulations concerning leave of absence for holiday purposes during term time.

TAKING YOUR CHILD ON HOLIDAY WITHOUT THE SCHOOL'S AUTHORISATION MAY RESULT IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUING A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE TO EACH PARENT/CARER FOR EACH CHILD FOR WHOM THE HOLIDAY REQUEST HAS BEEN REFUSED.

"The Council is reviewing its practice with regards to the issuing of Penalty Notices for term time holiday absence as a matter of priority and is seeking urgent guidance from the DfE."



Sporting Success at The Quinta!

On 1st April, the final Year 5/6 girls' football competition of the year took place at Eaton Bank High School. The Vale Tournament was held in a league format, with our B team showing some great performances.

However, it was our A team that truly stole the show, securing 5 wins to finish as champions. This team has been absolutely phenomenal this year, led by our superstar captain, Amelie. They have dominated local competitions, represented Crewe Alexandra after winning a tournament, and become Cheshire champions. They've also made it to the semi-finals in two regional competitions. What a season it's been for this group of talented and wonderful girls!

Their teamwork is unmatched, and their support for one another, all the way to the final goal on the 1st April, has been nothing short of incredible. Their achievements have inspired younger girls in the school, and our attendance at girls' football clubs is at an all-time high. We couldn't be prouder of this team!



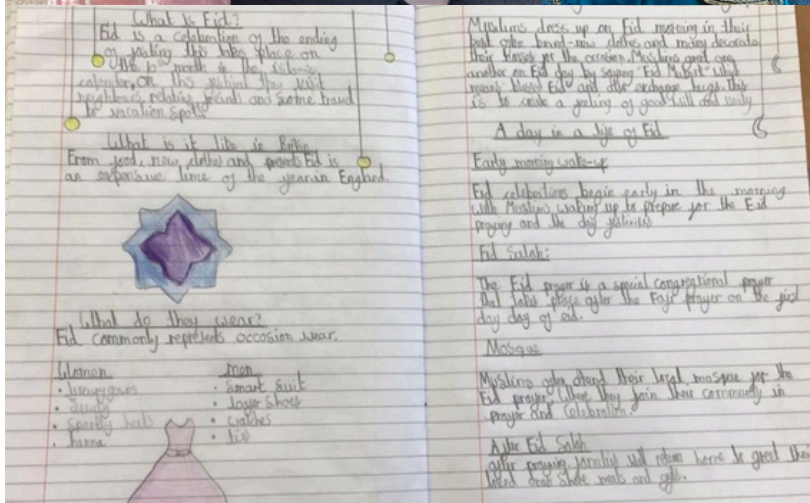
A huge congratulations to our Year 4 girls' football team for reaching the semi-finals at the Macclesfield tournament on Wednesday at the Leasing.com Stadium! Some incredible talent and fantastic performances – well done, girls. The future is looking bright!

Eid Celebration Day at The Quinta

This week, our school had the pleasure of celebrating Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan with a special Eid Celebration Morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to come together and share in the joy of this important cultural and religious occasion. The morning was filled with vibrant activities, games, and plenty of excitement, bringing the school community closer as we celebrated this time of reflection, gratitude, and togetherness.

Students participated in lessons centered around Eid, learning about its significance, traditions, and the values of kindness, charity, and community that it promotes. These lessons helped students explore the meaning of Eid in various cultural contexts and allowed them to gain a deeper understanding of the customs and practices that make this holiday so special. Our classrooms were filled with engaging discussions, storytelling, and activities that highlighted the spirit of Eid.

The morning was a truly special time for reflection and sharing, offering a beautiful reminder of the importance of unity and understanding in our diverse world. We are proud to have celebrated this occasion together, and we look forward to many more moments of learning, growth, and celebration in the future.



Tasting some yummy samosas



Year 2



Year 2 created Eid cards, bangles and tried samosas.

We looked at a traditional prayer mat and traditional clothing.

A Rocking Kindness Day!



Wednesday, 2nd April was an unforgettable day as the children enjoyed an incredible experience with Rock Kidz. The energy was high, the music was uplifting, and the school was filled with rock stars in fantastic outfits—ranging from band t-shirts to full rock star costumes and creative hairstyles.

Throughout the day, Rock Kidz led high-energy, interactive workshops, inspiring the children with powerful messages about kindness, inclusivity, and valuing others. Through music, dance, and engaging activities, they explored how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Quieter, SEND-friendly sessions were also available, ensuring that every child could take part in a way that suited them.

To round off the experience, many children visited the Rock Kidz merchandise stand to take home a special souvenir from their fantastic day.

There were certainly plenty of stories to share at home, and it was a truly memorable day for everyone involved.



Easter Extravaganza Day!

This year’s Easter Extravaganza was a fantastic success, with children showcasing their creativity through beautifully decorated eggs and imaginative designs.

Judging was tough with so many brilliant entries, and we were thrilled to have the School Governors help select the winners.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Reception: Ayrton Shippam, Olivia Grady
- Year 1: Owen Podmore, Summer Smith
- Year 2: Bonnie Standell, Freya Reynolds
- Year 3: Oscar Perry, Ella Frost
- Year 4: Millie Johnson, Danielle Biddulph
- Year 5: Max Evans, Gracie Stronge
- Year 6: Eliza Byatt, Isabella Long

A special shoutout to Freya Reynolds (Year 2), whose TT Rockstars-inspired masterpiece won Overall Winner!

Well done to everyone who took part—thank you for making this event so fun and memorable! 🎉



Amazing Artwork With Mrs Lee

Last week year 2 created positive and negative tree artwork using watercolour and oil pastels.



This week year 5 have continued work on observational drawings using watercolour and charcoal. They had an orchid plant in front of them, they had to decide if they wanted to draw the whole plant or focus on a smaller area. They are all very individual and beautiful in their own way.



**CONGLETON
HIGH SCHOOL**

Please find below a link to Congleton High School's Newsletter. Happy reading. [CHS Newsletter](#)



SEND Support

Cheshire East SEND Partnership

Local Offer Marketplace



We are pleased to bring together services from across the SEND partnership to provide advice to parents of children with additional needs. This drop-in will allow you to gain an initial understanding of what those services offer and then request more support at a future date.

Time with each practitioner will be limited to 10 minutes per family at this 'getting advice' event so please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Last entry will be at 30 minutes before closing.



Congleton Family Hub
New Street, Congleton
CW12 3AH

Wednesday 9th April
4pm-6pm

Cheshire East Information, Advice and Support
0-19+ Specialist Health Practitioner
Learning Disability CAMHS
Children with Disabilities Team
Youth Support Service
Autism Central
Start for Life

Cheshire East SEND Partnership

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Monks Coppenhall
Family Hub
Remer Street, Crewe
CW1 4LY

Friday 25th April
10am-12pm

Start for Life
0-19+ Specialist SEND Practitioner
Cheshire East Information, Advice and Support
CE SEND Transition Team
Youth Support Service
Autism Central



Cheshire East Information Advice & Support Appointments



Cheshire East's Information, Advice and Support (CEIAS) team provide confidential, free and impartial advice and support to both the parents/carers of children with SEND and to young people aged 16+ in their own right. Our key aim is to empower parents/carers and young people by giving them relevant, up to date information and advice with regard to SEND so that they can make informed decisions and can work effectively with educational settings, local authority staff and other key professionals in ensuring the best outcomes for the child or young person.

Monks Coppenhall Family Hub
Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY

Appointments are available on the first
Tuesday of every month

Please email ceias@cheshireeast.gov.uk directly to book.



School Menu

ORDER NOW



FOOD MENU

Spring Term 2
2025

SCOPAY CODES

Main - R

Vegetarian/Vegan - Y

Jacket Potato (DF/VE) - G

Ham Sandwich (DF) - H

Cheese Sandwich (V) - C

Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich (DF/V) - F

Cold Pasta Salad (DF/VE) - P

Hot Mascarpone Pasta Salad (V) - B

DF = Dairy Free

VE = Vegan

V = Vegetarian

Dairy free desserts are available.

MONDAY

Battered chicken nuggets (DF) or vegetable nuggets (VE), skinny fries and baked beans.

Strawberry and vanilla mousse or chocolate and vanilla mousse (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

TUESDAY

Beef pasta bolognese (DF) or plant based bolognese (DF/VE), garlic bread and carrots.

Cookies (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

WEDNESDAY

Homemade Pizza Bap (V) (cheese and tomato) with sauté potatoes, sweetcorn and a choice of ketchup or BBQ sauce.

Flapjack (VE/DF) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

Water and milk
served Monday -
Thursday

Water, milk and juice
served on a Friday

THURSDAY

Chicken Strips (DF) or Meadowvale vegan strips (VE), with a wrap, salad (lettuce, sweetcorn) and a choice of ketchup, BBQ or mayonnaise.

Vanilla sponge cake (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

FRIDAY

Sausage rolls or vegan sausage rolls (VE/DF), French fries and baked beans.

Vanilla, chocolate or Strawberry ice cream (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY



Fresh fruit



Sandwiches



Jacket potatoes



Build your own pasta

Build Your Own Pasta

We have a wide selection of yummy and healthy ingredients for children to create their very own exciting pasta salad each day.

Cold Selection



Ham (DF)



Tuna Mayo
(DF/V)



Cheese (V)



Sweetcorn
(VE/DF)



Cucumber
(VE/DF)



Tomatoes
(VE/DF)

Hot Selection



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)



FOQ Events for your Diary

9th May ks1 Bounce Night

- Bouncy castles and trampolines to disco music.
- Drinks and sweets provided £3.50 entry.
- Small tuck shop selling a selection of snacks/ sweets..

20th June Family Fun Evening

- 3.30pm-6pm
- Family fun event including some of the following and many more: Inflatables, funfair and games, bar, Ice cream man, craft area, face painting, Reubens BBQ.
- Colour raffle- non uniform on the day of the event to bring in donations for a raffle.

11th July End of Term ultimate Disco

- The ultimate disco!
- £5 entry includes sweets drinks and DJ.
- Hire a DJ interactive games and plays the dance videos on the big screen for the kids.
- Tuck Shop
- Ks1 4.15pm-5pm
- Ks2 5.15pm-6pm

Some dates for the start of the next academic year...

- 17th October Halloween Disco
- 14th November Big fat Quiz of Quinta (adults only)
- 3rd December Elfridges
- 5th December Quinta Merry Markets



Important Dates And Events

April

30th April until 2nd May – Year 5 London Residential

May

8th May – Tempest Photography – Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers

9th May – KS1 Bounce Night

12th – 15th May SATS Y6

7th – 9th May Year 4 go to Robinwood

16th May – KS1 Bee Active

19th May – Year 6 Watersports Day

26th May – 1st June – Half Term

June

3rd June – Boys cricket

9th June – Girls cricket

12th June – empathy day

16th June – Year 6 Cornwall trip

24th June – Pre-school, Early Years, KS1 Sports Day – **date amend from 26th**

June

25th June – KS2 Sports Day – **date amend from 27th June**

Easter Holiday Club

Booking Information: If you would like to book your child into holiday club or you have any further questions please email jgriffin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk



The poster is a vibrant collage for an Easter Holiday Club. It features a central text area with a light blue background and a green border. The title 'EASTER Holiday Club' is prominently displayed in large, colorful, playful fonts. Below the title, the dates and activities are listed. The poster is decorated with various Easter-themed illustrations, including a large white rabbit with pink ears, several colorful Easter eggs, and a pink butterfly. Surrounding the central text are several photographs of children engaged in different activities: baking cookies, making slime, drawing, and playing games. The overall design is cheerful and inviting, with a mix of pastel and bright colors.

EASTER Holiday Club

Join us from Monday 7th April until Thursday 17th April for Easter egg hunts, baking, tie dye, slime, crafts, outdoor adventures and a whole lot more!

We have two timeslots available:

- 8am until 12noon £14
- 8am until 5:30pm £26. Bring a packed lunch and a light tea will be provided at 4:30pm.

Discounts are available for bookings of 5 days during week 1 and 4 days week 2.

Please note the usual Club rules will apply and the provision is dependent on numbers.

To book or for further information please contact Mrs Griffin on jgriffin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk

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EASTER

Holiday Club

Week 1

Monday 7th April - Mrs Frodsham's Super Slime Day!

Tuesday 8th April - Miss Duckworth's Spa Day!
- Mr Curry's Ks1 Football camp

Wednesday 9th April - Mrs Grace-White's Tie Dye Day! Please bring an item of clothing in.

Thursday 10th April - Mr Curry's Ks2 Football Camp
- Bring Your Wheels Day!

Friday 11th April - Mrs Capper's Easter Games and Sports Day!

EASTER

Holiday Club

Week 2

Monday 14th April - Easter Themed Baking Day

Tuesday 15th April - Easter Craft Day
- Mr Curry's Ks1 Football camp

Wednesday 16th April - Sophie's Dance Workshop
- Jewellery Making Additional £2 required for dance

Thursday 17th April - Mr Curry's Ks2 Football Camp
- Rebound and Sports in the Hall



Local Events and Opportunities

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Music for Life

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as developing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. The attached information provides some general information relating to lessons in school. Music for Life is a multi-award winning not-for-profit music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 3,000 young people across our area. The deadline for booking a new course to start after Spring break is 31st March. (Please note that bookings are subject to a final confirmation from the tutor and from school that the extra course can be accommodated but more than 99% of people who request lessons will get a place.)

If you are already learning with Music for Life, you don't need to rebook between terms, we'll be in touch directly with you towards the end of the academic year to renew for 25-26.

You can find out much more and book online here: www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now

Learn a musical instrument in school

Music NPO of the Year 24/25

- Outstanding specialist music tuition
- Learn almost any instrument including voice
- Independently rated an "outstandingly effective service" offering "outstanding value"
- Free access to ensembles and performances
- Tutors are DBS checked and first class musicians
- Award-winning not-for-profit organisation with a friendly and efficient team

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Local Events and Opportunities

Easter Holidays at Congleton Library

Saturday 5th April- Saturday 19th April - Animals of the World Trail

Can you find all the animals hidden around the Library?
Free and drop-in

Monday 7th April - Marble Run

Wild Rumpus will be bringing their **GIANT** marble run to Congleton Library!
Free and drop-in. 10am-4pm

Tuesday 8th April- Canal and River Trust Storytime

Join us for a special Storytime from The Canal and River Trust! Helen will be reading the Matt Buckingham book 'Quack Quack Two Steps Back'. This session will be all about water safety and will feature songs, poems and puppets!
Free and drop-in. 10.30am

Wednesday 9th April - Lego Stop Motion

Create your own Lego Stop-Motion movies!

Suitable for 6+. 10.30-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm

Limited places available and **MUST** be booked in advance. **FREE**

Call (01260) 375550 to book a place.

Wednesday 16th April- Easter stories and Craft

Join us for an Easter themed Storytime and craft activity.
Free and drop-in. 1.30pm





Local Events and Opportunities

BOOK NOW



BALLET BUNNIES AND CREATIVE DANCE EASTER WORKSHOP



Rambert
grades



Rambert
grades

During my Easter workshop, the children will delve into some CREATIVE DANCE and enhance their imaginative skills as we soar through space in our rocket ship and dive into the deep waters of the sea; every second is a new adventure! Moreover, the children will bounce into the burrow of BALLET BUNNIES as we explore Classical Ballet technique, movement qualities and performance skills.

DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVEMENT GAMES AND CREATIVE TASKS

The workshop will introduce the dancers to the foundation of Contemporary dance technique and Classical Ballet through the use of movement games and imaginative tasks. Moreover, the young dancers will delve into some fun arts and crafts and experience some choreographic work in groups; testing their teamwork skills.

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? Thursday 10th April, 9am-11am.

WHO? Reception and years 1, 2, 3, 4!

HOW MUCH? The cost of the workshop is £15.00 per child
(In the circumstance of absence, no refunds will be made)

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores;
sophiemoores37@gmail.com





Local Events and Opportunities

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BALLET BUNNIES WITH SOPHIE

My Ballet Bunnies class is an inspiring, creative and imaginative Ballet class for young children. This class aims to introduce young dancers to basic Classical Ballet technique using imaginative methods and ideas. The dancers will also explore creative skills, experience mime, and replicate choreography.



WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? Mondays 3:20-4:10pm, 28th April – 19th May.

WHO? Reception, years 1 and 2.

HOW MUCH? The four-week course is £20 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made).

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores; sophiemoores37@gmail.com



Local Events and Opportunities

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Rambert grades



CREATIVE DANCE WITH SOPHIE

Creative Dance for Early Years is an innovative dance syllabus, created by Rambert Grades. Each dance class will take the children on an imaginative journey with endless themes. An energetic warm up is followed by physical skills development as the children learn structured movement material. Creative intuition is encouraged with a closing creative exploration to dive deep into their imagination. Swimming with whales, flying rockets to the moon or adventuring through the desert- every class is different.

Each session will explore movement in a new way and help to develop physical skills, harness musicality and empower confidence in young children.

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? 22nd April – 20th May 2025, 15:20-16:15 every **TUESDAY**.

WHO? The club is open to **reception and years 1 & 2**.

HOW MUCH? The five-week course is £25 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

Each child will have the opportunity to work towards taking a Rambert Grades Creative Movers exam, which are a celebration of each student's progress at the end of each grade. Each child is rewarded with a bright fabric badge and a certificate. Children who move through the grades are commended on six qualities: Communication, Teamwork, Generosity, Effort, Listening and Enthusiasm.



To secure your place and process your payment, or for further information, please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com.



School Communications and Applications

Seesaw

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning journey. If you require further information regarding this please see below.

[Seesaw app information](#)

You will receive a handout from your child's class teacher with a QR Code specific to your child. If you are having difficulties please see your child's class teacher.

School Spider

School Spider is The Quinta Primary School's main form of communication. If you are new to the school or are having problems using the application please follow the steps opposite.

School Spider – For New Parents

How to create a School Spider Account:

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

School Spider – For Existing Parents

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

[Parent App Guide.pdf](#)





Fundraising for School



You spend, brands donate.

Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about whenever you shop with them. All you need to do is nominate a PTA to get cashback when you shop at hundreds of retailers including Amazon, Marks and Spencer, Argos plus insurance companies and travel companies are included. We have raised over £1200 to date from our supporters this way – have a look, sign-up is easy – [Sign up here](#).



Support our Local Community Fund through the Co-op!

Members of the Co-op can select Friends of Quinta as their cause of choice, helping us make a difference together.

Joining the Co-op is easy—membership costs just £1, which you get back with your first shop. With a Co-op right here in Congleton, many of you may already be members!

To learn more and select our cause, visit: [Friends of Quinta Cause](#).



Fundraising for School

There are so many ways that you can help support your school, lots that don't even cost you a penny it's just simply the knowledge of how to do it and sign up. Take a look at the below, with just a few moments of your time you could make a massive difference to the school fundraising.



The Quinta Primary School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

The School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. All schools supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

The lottery and its prizes are our way of putting the fun in fundraising. The real winners are the schools. From every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to schools in the UK! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – we've nearly DOUBLED the ticket percentage that goes to schools.

Even better, you can choose which school benefits from 40p of the ticket sales. You know (and you can see) that your money is going back into your community and your school will benefit from your contribution.

Click here to take part - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-quinta-primary-school>

Taking Holiday in Term Time

Here at The Quinta we are passionate about providing your child with the best learning experience. We understand on some instances it is essential to take your child out of school but please be aware of the new fining structure.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



Further details regarding fixed penalty fines

Please see fixed penalty notice table opposite.

Penalties for unauthorised absence (See Appendix 5 for further information)		
Timeline	One child	Two Children
Paid within 21 days	£80 per parent as per the definition in the education act, section 576	£80 per child = £160 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£160 per parent	£160 per child = £320 per parent
After 28 days	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the Government's drive to improve attendance.