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Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news. *Friday* 16th May 2025

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An action-packed few weeks at The Quinta!

This month, residential trips have taken centre stage. Our Year 5 pupils had a safe and enjoyable 3 day visit to the capital. Harry Potter World, a theatre trip to see Matilda and the London Eye were great but the overriding memory appeared to be Shrek's Adventure followed closely by sprinkler fun on the commons in front of Westminster Abbey! Year 4 also had their own adventure on a two day residential to RobinWood. They took part in an array of exciting activities including zip-wire, canoeing, high ropes, caving, and the ever-popular giant swing. Team challenges like the piranha pool and crate stack required high stakes team work or the. It was wonderful to see the children making lifelong memories.



Mr Sharpe, Head Teacher

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs this week. I am incredibly proud of how calmly and confidently they approached the assessments. The year 6 adults were supported by a number of Team Quinta staff to deliver a SATs breakfast to help calm the nerves and I know everyone did their absolute best.

Finally, while it's been a slightly quieter start to the term on the sporting front, I'm delighted to share that our Year 3 pupils came out joint top in the rescheduled indoor athletics competition at Congleton High. Well done to the staff and pupils involved - an excellent achievement!

Warmest regards, Mr. Sharpe

Looking ahead to next week



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

When: Monday 19th May

Item: Crewe Alex PE with Year 5

What you need to know: Crewe Alex are coming into school to run an athletics PE session with our Year 5 pupils. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit.

When: Tuesday 20th May

Item: Football Vale Cup Year 5/6

What you need to know: We have entered two teams from Year 5/6 into the Vale Cup Football Tournament taking place at Eaton Bank Academy after school. Letters have been sent home with pupils that are taking part. Please remember to send your child into school with their Quinta football kits. All lifts have been arranged with parents and the event is due to end at 5pm.

When: Wednesday 21st May

Item: Dodgeball competition

What you need to know: We are taking a mixed boys and girls team over to Congleton High School during the school day for a dodgeball competition. All participating pupils have been communicated with independently. Please remember to send participating children to school in their PE kits. If you wish for your child to walk home from CHS please contact Mrs Cope.

When: Thursday 22nd May

Item: Goal Coaching teaching Reception

What you need to know: Goal Coaching are coming into school to run a football session with our Reception pupils. Please remember to send Reception children into school in their PE kits.

When: Thursday 22nd May

Item: Crewe Alex Competition Year 4/5

What you need to know: We will be taking a team of Year 4 and 5 pupils to Crewe Alexander for a football tournament. This event is taking place in the school day from 9am until 1pm and staff will transport the pupils to and from the event. All participating pupils have been communicated with independently and please make sure that any children attending come to school in their Quinta football kits.

When: Thursday 22nd May

Item: Mr Finch's drama groups performance

What you need to know: A selection of pupils will be taking part in short drama performances. Parents of the performing pupils will be invited into school at 2:45pm to enjoy the show. At 3:10pm performing children are welcome to leave school with parents if they wish. All parents will be communicated with independently should their child be taking part.

Year 5's Trip of a Lifetime to London

At the beginning of May, an unforgettable adventure began as the group set off on an exciting trip to Harry Potter World. From there, they travelled into the heart of London to settle into their accommodation and begin exploring the incredible city.

Day two was packed with excitement—a guided tour of London, a breathtaking ride on the London Eye, a journey through Shrek's Adventures, and even some unexpected fun in the sprinklers near Big Ben! The day was rounded off with a magical evening at the theatre watching Matilda.

On the final day, the children enjoyed a peaceful early morning stroll along the Thames, delved into decades of gaming history at Power Up, and explored the wonders of science in the Wonderlab at the Science Museum.

We are incredibly proud to organise this memorable trip for our children—an experience filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories. A huge thank you to the dedicated staff who make it all possible.



Year 4's Robin Wood Residential Adventure

Year 4 had an amazing time on their two-day residential at Robin Wood, filled with adventure, teamwork, and fun. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, develop friendships, and enjoy staying away from home in shared dormitories—with plenty of delicious food to keep them going!

The action-packed days included exciting activities such as zipwire, climbing, canoeing, raft building, archery, the giant swing, high ropes, trapeze, caving, and the dungeon game. Team challenges like the piranha pool and crate stack tested their problem-solving and cooperation skills.

Every child faced new challenges, supported each other, and came away with unforgettable memories. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and resilience!



Year 6's Amazing Artwork

Mrs. Lee worked with Year 6 on an exciting art project inspired by the work of David Hockney. The children explored his bold use of vivid colours and abstract style, particularly in his striking landscape pieces.

They learned how Hockney used colour, shape, and perspective to create mood and movement in his artwork. Using these techniques, Year 6 created their own vibrant abstract landscapes, each one bursting with creativity and personality. Here are just a few fantastic examples of their work!





Household Support Funding Application Window Open

The allocation of Household Support Funding has changed this year and therefore Cheshire East will not automatically send out funding vouchers to those who require them.

The application window is now open, if you require support in order to afford food, energy, and wider essentials then please consider applying. As a school we are seen as a trusted professional by the Government and can assist you in with this process.

If you would like support, please contact Miss Massey on SMassey@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk prior to Sunday 18th of May and she will be able to go through the application process with you.

If we do not hear from you prior to this point we will assume that you do not require the support for the above period.





Safeguarding: Family Support Opportunity

We are exploring the possibility of working in partnership with the Cheshire East Family Hub to offer two supportive workshop programmes here at The Quinta Primary School from September. These sessions would be aimed at helping both parents and children with emotional wellbeing and resilience.

The first programme, SPACE, is designed for families with children in Reception to Year 6. It would run over five sessions, each lasting two hours, and would provide strategies for building resilience from both a parent and child's perspective. It also looks at how early life experiences may have impacted children and their families.

The second programme, HENRY (Healthy Families: Right from the Start), is aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5. This 8-week course offers practical support and tips to help families build healthy routines and strong relationships during the early years.

To help us determine interest, please complete the form linked below. Miss Massey will be collecting responses to assess whether there is enough demand to run these sessions from September.

<u>Safeguarding Workshop Interest Form</u>





Safeguarding: Family Support Opportunity



A great start for babies and young children

Everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do as a parent in the early years. That's where HENRY comes in.

The HENRY programme is free to join and helps you give your child the best possible start in life.



This programme changed my life."

www.henry.org.uk

About the programme

The programme is for parents or carers of children aged O to 5 years old. It is free to join.

Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent, especially in the early years.



The HENRY Healthy Families: Right from the Start programme is running locally, Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefited from the support and tips it provides for young families.

Research shows that the key ingredients to ensuring babies and young children have a healthy start in life are:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activity for little ones
- What children and families eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 weeks and provides everything you need to help get your little one off to a great start.

Weekly sessions

Each week helps you provide a healthy, happy, supportive environment for the whole family.

Week 1 - Decide what changes you want to make and set your own goals

Week 2 - How to juggle life with young children so you all get what you need

Week 3 - How to respond to children's needs without giving in to all their demands

Week 4 - Positive mealtime tips for a happy family - reducing mealtime stress for everyone

Week 5 - Ideas for active play to help children learn, develop and stay happy

Week 6 - Food groups, food labels, portion sizes for under 5s, first foods, and snack swaps

Week 7 - Understanding and managing your child's behaviour for a happier home

Week 8 - Celebrate your success as a parent and plan the future for your family

"I highly recommend it. It was brilliant."



Is the HENRY programme for me?

The HENRY programme can help everyone with a baby or young child. Every parent who joins learns something new and useful.



If you have at least one child under 5 years old and can answer 'yes' to any of the questions below then HENRY is for you:

- Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
- Would you like some support to give your child a healthy start?
- Do you wish your child would eat more fruit and vegetables?
- Would you like to reduce mealtime stress?
- Would you like to enjoy being active together as a family more often?
- Are you interested in some ideas to get children away from the TV?

What is HENRY?

HENRY is a UK charity working to give babies and young children a healthy start in life.

What do other parents say about it?

- 97% of parents would recommend it
- 89% feel more confident as a parent

"I'm so glad I did this programme. Do it!"

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"

What do I get on a HENRY programme?

Every parent joining a HENRY programme receives a HENRY toolkit which includes everything you'll need during the programme and helpful resources to use in your family.

The HENRY toolkit will help you give your child a great start in life, get the whole family involved, and keep track of how well you're doing.



The HENRY Parent Toolkit - free to everyone joining a HENRY programme

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How can I join a programme?

HENRY programmes are running locally. Talk to your local Children's Centre or Family Hub, Early Intervention or Family Support Service to find out more, help you decide if you would enjoy it, or to join a programme.

For more information about HENRY go to:



@HENRYHealthy

facebook.com/HENRY.HealthyFamilies

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Final phase of childcare expansion: get 30 hours childcare – apply now

From this September, 15 hours childcare for working families with children under 3 will expand to 30 hours, meaning eligible working families can now apply for 30 hours of childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months until they reach school age.

This expansion is designed to support your child's early education and help you better balance work and family life. It's the final phase of the childcare expansion, which could save families up to £7,500 per year.

Apply for your childcare code by 31 August to start using the support from September What you need to do:

Check if you're eligible: Working parents in England may be entitled to up to 30 hours childcare per week for children aged 9 months to school age, during term time (38 weeks per year).

<u>Apply online via GOV.UK:</u> If you're eligible, apply now for your childcare code – you'll need this to access your hours.

Apply by 31 August: To start using your hours from 1 September, make sure you apply before the deadline.

Speak to your childcare provider: Check that they offer the hours and confirm their arrangements.

Keep your code up to date: You'll need to reconfirm your details every 3 months via your GOV.UK account. You'll get a reminder when it's time.

For a step-by-step guide on how to apply, watch the video below with Early Years Educator, Steff, explaining the process. <u>Click here</u>.

Already using 15 hours childcare for working families?

You don't need to reapply for a new code.
Simply continue to reconfirm your details every 3
months on your GOV.UK account and your existing code
will update automatically to enable you to take up 30
hours from September

There are a wide range of childcare offers available to help you juggle family life, and they all have different eligibility criteria and application processes.

Here's a quick summary of what is available to you, so you apply for the one that fits your family. Remember – you might be able to use more than one offer together.

- <u>30 hours childcare for working families in England</u> with children from 9 months old up to school age.
- 15 hours early learning for families in England with a child aged 2 and receiving additional support such as Universal Credit or whose child has an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.
- 15 hours childcare for all families in England, regardless of their income, with children aged 3 and 4 years old.
- New free breakfast clubs in 750 schools from April this year, providing 30 minute sessions before school to help children start every day ready to learn.
- <u>Tax-Free Childcare for working families</u>, including the self-employed, in the UK with children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if they have a disability).
- <u>Universal Credit Childcare for working families</u> <u>claiming Universal Credit with children under 17.</u>
- Wraparound childcare (before and after school childcare) for all primary school aged children in England during term time, running between 8am 6pm. If you are eligible, you can use Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare to help pay for your place

Our second-hand toy shop needs more stock!

We are in urgent need of more donated stock for Fidget 'N' Flip! If you have any unwanted mini toys, fidgets, keyrings, or similar small items, please bring them to the office.

Every donation helps, and all proceeds go towards a special treat for the children.

Thank you for your support!
Daisy, Darcie, and Mary (Year 6 entrepreneurs)





School Menu





SCOPAY CODES

Main - R Vegetarian/Vegan - Y Jacket Potato (DF/VE)- G Ham Sandwich (DF) - H Cheese Sandwich (V) - C una 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 bolognaise (DF) or plant based bolognaise (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 crear (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)

Hot Selection



Cucumber (VE/DF)



Tomatoes (VE/DF)



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)



FOQ Events for your Diary

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

May

19th May - Year 6 Watersports Day

20th May - Year 3 Bee Day

20th May - Students from Reception to Year 3 will be selling cakes to raise money for the bee garden.

22nd May - Mr Finch's drama groups afternoon performance for parents from 3:55pm.

26th May - 1st June - Half Term

June

3rd June - Boys cricket

4th June - Whole school photograph

w/c 9th June - Year I phonics screening check

9th June - Girls cricket

9th June - Drama club after school performance for parents from 3:55pm.

11th June-Website photographs

12th June - Empathy Day

13th June - Reception and Year 6 photos only

16th June - Year 6 Cornwall trip

16th June - Preschool parents evening

24th June - Reception and KS1 Sports Day - date amend from 26th June

25th June - KS2 Sports Day - date amend from 27th June

30th June - Year 5 water sports day

July

1st July - Year 3 water sports

7th July - Year 4 water sports

7th July - End of year production dress rehearsal in front of whole school during the day

9th July - Preschool sports day - date move from June

9th and 10th July - end of year production evening performances 6pm

15th July - library visit, school assembly

17th July - leavers assembly



Local Events and Opportunities





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, 9th June - 7th July.

WHO? Reception, years 1 and 2.

<u>HOW MUCH?</u> The <u>five-week</u> 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!



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



Local Events and Opportunities



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? 3rd June – 8th July 2025, 15:20-16:10 every TUESDAY.

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

HOW MUCH? The six-week course is £30 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 – <u>Sign up here</u>.



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 Section444 (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.