



Dates for Next Week

Tuesday 23rd September

Football league night 1 Congleton High School. Year 5 & 6

Children from Year 5 & 6 have been invited to play a match at Congleton High School. All those involved have been communicated with independently. Quinta will supply the football kit but please remember to bring shin-pads and football boots. This even will be held straight after school and pickup is from CHS at 5pm.

Thursday 25th September. 5-8pm.

Year 5&6 Open Evening at Congleton High School.

Congleton High School is excited to invite Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families to their Open Evening on Thursday, 25th September – explore the school, meet their staff and students, and discover what makes CHS such a great place to learn. To book a place please [click here](#).

Friday 26th September

What 3 words code breaker orienteering & pedal kart derby – KS2

This is a fast-paced team challenge combining navigation, puzzle-solving, and racing. Teams use the What3Words app to find checkpoints, crack codes, and earn time bonuses before competing in a thrilling Pedal Kart Derby finale. A fun, active way to build teamwork and energy. Please remember to send KS2 children in their PE kit.

MORE INFORMATION



***Please note** that the above events are for selected pupils. Further information regarding the above events will be communicated with you directly if your child is involved.

Reminder of drop-off times, routes and gate closures

We've noticed that some children have been arriving before 8:30am. While we understand mornings can be busy, please be aware that supervision does not begin until 8:30am. For your child's safety, we encourage arrivals from this time onwards.

Additionally, we ask that all **parents leave the school playground by 8:55am**. The wooden gate next to Preschool will be locked at 8:55am, and access to classroom doors will not be possible after this time.

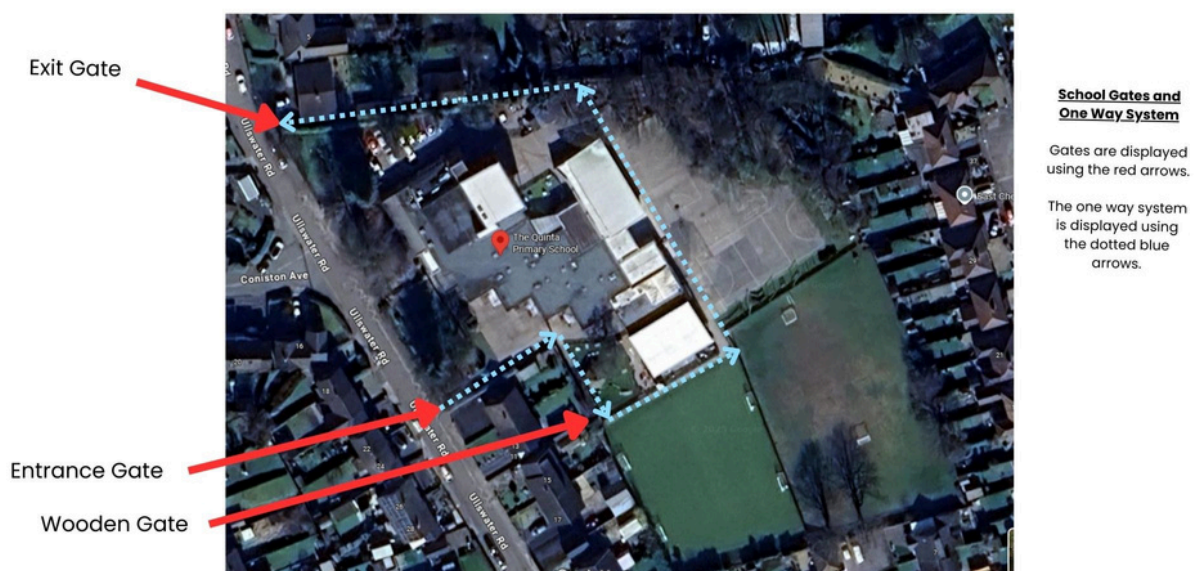
If Preschool parents are still on the playground after 8:55am, they will need to exit via the exit gate and re-enter through the main school entrance. Please be aware that the exit gate will also be locked shortly after 8:55am.

We've also observed some parents using the exit path as an entrance. To ensure safety and fairness, our site officer, Mark Smith, will be redirecting anyone attempting to enter via the exit path back to the main entrance. He will be monitoring access closely to support everyone's cooperation.

Here's a reminder of the school opening times (these will be reinforced next week):

- Breakfast Club: 7:00am – 8:30am
- Main School Gates Open: 8:30am
- Preschool Gate Opens: 8:40am – Locked at 9:15am
- Back Access to School (wooden gate) Locked: 8:55am
- Exit Gate Locked - 8:55am
- Preschool Locked: 9:15am
- Main School Gates Locked: 9:15am

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school safe and running smoothly.



Huge well done to the reading challenge participants

A quick message from Mr Sharpe.

I am absolutely delighted to share some fantastic news with you all. This year, over 400 children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Congleton Library – and an incredible 58 of those were from The Quinta! That means more than one-eighth of all the participants came from our school, which is something to be extremely proud of.

Well done to every single one of you who took part. Your enthusiasm, commitment, and love of reading are truly inspiring. You have represented our school brilliantly and shown just how much we value reading at The Quinta.

Opposite is a special certificate for you all, in recognition of your wonderful achievement. Keep reading, keep exploring, and most importantly – keep enjoying books!



**SAVE THE
DATE**

**Portraits and Family Photographs
- TEMPEST Monday 6th October.
Please note this is a date change
from Wednesday 8th October.**

Reminders: School Meals and Club Bookings via Scopay

Please remember to order your child's meals on Scopay. The current menu will remain the same until Christmas, so no changes are expected until then.

Breakfast Club and After School Club can also be booked via Scopay. Please note that there is no booking lock, so you can make or amend bookings at any time.



GP and dental appointments

Where possible, please arrange GP and dental appointments outside of school hours. We understand this isn't always feasible, but avoiding disruption to the school day helps maintain consistent learning.

The Department for Education reports that medical and dental appointments are a leading cause of authorised absences in UK schools. Even short absences can impact progress, especially in core subjects.

If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please inform the school in advance and provide appointment evidence (e.g. a confirmation text or letter).

Thank you for your support in helping us prioritise your child's education.

Holiday forms must be completed

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. If you require a holiday form please pop the office and pick one up.

The image shows a "Leave of Absence Form" from The Quinta Primary School. The form is titled "The Quinta Primary School" and includes the school's address (Ullswater Road, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 6LX), phone number (01260 223540), headteacher's name (Mr WE Sharpe BSc Hons PGCE), email (head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk), and website (www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk). The form itself is titled "LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM" and contains fields for: 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, and SIGNATURE OF HEAD TEACHER OR NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVE. Below these fields, there is a section for "LEAVE OF ABSENCE HAS / HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED" and a "PLEASE NOTE" section stating that schools must conform to DfE regulations concerning leave of absence for holiday purposes during term time. A warning section states: "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." At the bottom, a quote from the Council states: "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." The form is decorated with various logos at the bottom, including "Healthy Schools", "Quality Standard", "Early Years", "The Quinta Primary School", "Cheshire East", and "The Quinta Primary School".

If Your Child Feels Unwell

If your child is feeling under the weather with a cough, cold, headache or generally feeling unwell, they are still welcome to come in to school. If they require Calpol please supply your child's teacher or the school office with the relevant medication and a medical permissions form found in the School Office or online [here](#).



Meet the SEND Team for a Brew

We are delighted to invite you to our next "Slurp and Chirp" – an informal drop-in sessions offering you the opportunity to meet and chat with our SEND Team over a cuppa.

Dates: Tuesday 30th September
Tuesday 21st October
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am
Location: The School Hall

Whether you have a specific question, would like to learn more about how we support children with additional needs, or simply want to put faces to names, we'd love to see you there. It's a relaxed and friendly space to share ideas, ask questions, or just say hello!
We look forward to seeing you there.



YOUR PTA WANT YOU!



Our Friends of Quinta PTA are looking for a few more helping hands! With exciting plans already in motion for this year's events—which are set to be bigger and better than ever—they could really use some extra support to make it all happen.

If you or someone you know could spare a little time to run a stall, share ideas, or contribute skills in areas like marketing, entertainment, or design, please get in touch. Just send an email to quintapta@gmail.com with your name and contact number, and a member of the team will reach out.

WE WANT YOU!



Open Day

We are holding whole school open day tours, from Reception right up to Year 6. If your child is interested in join us during this academic year, or our Reception 2026 intake, feel free to come along. To book simply contact the school office on the details below.



THE QUINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

FRIDAY
3RD OCTOBER 2025
9:30 - 10:15

JOIN US AND TAKE A LOOK

We're excited to be holding a whole school open day, from Reception through to Year 6. If you're considering a place for your child this academic year or for our Reception 2026 intake, we'd love for you to come along. To book a visit, just get in touch with the school office using the contact details below.

What you'll see...

- The stimulating learning environment within school
- A chance to chat to Staff
- Some of the current children's work and the curriculum followed
- How we live our values each day in school

TO BOOK

Call on 01260 221640

Email admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk





New School Menu

ORDER NOW



WEEKLY LUNCH MENU



QUINTA KITCHEN

AUTUMN / WINTER



MONDAY

Macaroni cheese with a cheesy garlic doughball (v) and sweetcorn | Macaroni vegan cheese with slice of toast (v/ve/df).

Mini doughnuts | Cookies (v/ve/df).



TUESDAY

Crispy chicken strips with sauté potatoes and beans | Meadowvale vegan strips sauté potatoes and beans (v/ve/df).

Vanilla cake and custard (v/ve/df available).



WEDNESDAY

Lasagne with garlic bread and carrots | Vegan lasagne with garlic bread and carrots (v/ve/df).

Brownie (v/ve/df available).



THURSDAY

Katsu chicken curry with white rice mixed sweetcorn and carrots | Katsu Vegetable curry with white rice and mixed sweetcorn and carrots (v/ve/df).

Cookies (v/ve/df available).



FRIDAY

Fish cakes, chips and peas | Vegetable cakes chips and peas (v/ve/df).

Variety of ice creams tubs (v/ve/df available).

Water and milk
available each day!
Juice on a Friday!



ORDER ON SCOPAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY



Sandwiches



Build your own pasta



Fresh fruit



Jacket potatoes

SCOPAY CODES

Main - R
Vegetarian/Vegan - Y
Jacket Potato (DF/VE) - G
Ham Bap (DF) - H
Cheese Bap (V) - C
Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (DF/V) - F
Cold Pasta Salad (DF/VE) - P
Hot Mascarpone Pasta (V) - B
DF = Dairy Free VE = Vegan V = Vegetarian
Dairy free desserts are available.





New School Menu

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BUILD YOUR OWN PASTA

QUINTA KITCHEN ————— AUTUMN / WINTER



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



Tuna Mayo



Cheese



Sweetcorn



Cucumber



Tomatoes



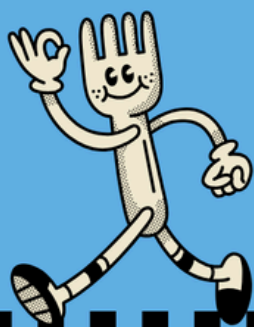
HOT SELECTION

Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)

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Important Dates And Events

September		
Tues	23/09/2025	Football league night 1 Congleton High School. Year 5 & 6
Thurs	25/09/2025	CHS Open Evening Year 5&6
Fri	26/09/2025	National TA Day
Fri	Date change 26/09/25	FOQ Back to School Bonanza (3:30 - 5:30)
Fri	26/09/2025	BeeActive What 3 Words Code Breaking Orienteering & Pedal Kart Derby. KS2 Children.
October		
Fri	03/10/2025	Open day and show round for new parents
Mon	06/10/2025	Tempest Individual School Photos
Fri	10/10/2025	World Mental Health Day (Year 6 to lead assembly and fundraise) - Assembly 13th Oct & bake sale same day
Fri	17/10/2025	Halloween Disco
Fri	24/10/2025	October Halloween Lunch
Sat	25/10/25 - 04/11/25	October Half Term Holiday
November		
Mon	10/11/2025	Parents Evening
Tues	11/11/2025	Prents Evening
Fri	14/11/2025	FOQ Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Fri	21/11/2025	Merry Markets and Quinta Wonderland
December		
Weds	03/12/2025	Elfridges Children's Shop
Weds	03/12/2025	FOQ Movie Night

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.”

If you wish to view the attendance policy this can be found on our website [here](#)



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.



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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 Info for Families.](#)

It might help you to print out the QR code and keep this as once you log out of your child's account you will need the code to log back in again. 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 below.

For new parents

To create an account with School Spider

- 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

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](#)

