

Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news. Friday 10th October 2025

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter

As we close in on the end of our first fantastic half term, I want to draw your attention to one important issue: 2026–27 reception places. Again, we are heavily oversubscribed at The Quinta so if you know anyone looking to secure a place, please ask them to speak to the school as soon as possible about places to avoid any future surprises and disappointments. If your child isn't enrolled for January 2026 preschool, it is going to be very difficult to gain a place in reception 2026.

Moving on to celebrations, thank you for the Summer Scrapbook entries. We have reviewed them and they are all brilliant. We've chosen a few that we felt deserve honourable mentions and prizes which will be announced in next week's assemblies. The real prize of course is the ability to look back with your child at all the memories created during the summer of 2025.

In sports news, a huge congratulations to our cross-country teams! Both our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 teams performed exceptionally well, making a strong impression with 90 children representing Team Quinta. Special recognition goes to Tom, who achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the Year 5 & 6 boys' race – a remarkable accomplishment!

We're immensly proud of our Year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 girls' football teams, who have both made it through to the Cheshire Finals after a fantastic performance at CHS. What an achievement – well done, everyone!

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Open Day. It was a pleasure to welcome prospective families and share the wonderful world of The Quinta, our values and what makes it such a special place to thrive.

A special mention to Kerry Mothershaw, our Senior SEND Consultant, who will be representing Quinta at NeuroBloom 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our work in supporting neurodivergent children.

Finally, a gentle reminder to please park considerately around school. We've received several concerns from local residents about unsafe parking, particularly on both sides of the road, which could prevent emergency vehicles from gaining access. It's also important to note that parking across or overlapping a dropped kerb is illegal, even partially, and can block access to driveways.

Your support in this matter helps us keep both our school community and neighbours safe. If you witness inconsiderate parking, it can be reported to 101 or Cheshire East Highways using Ref: 3460938.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mr. Sharpe



Mr Sharpe, Head Teacher

Looking ahead to next week



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

Dates for Next Week

Tuesday 14th October

Netball League Night

All participating children have been communicated with. We will be walking the children over to Congleton High School at the end of the school day. Please can we ask you to pick up your child from CHS after this event at 5pm. Please also ensure that they bring their PE kits to school.

Tuesday 14th October

Cake Sale

Year 6 are having a cake sale on Tuesday 14th October at break/lunch to raise money for Young Minds - their chosen charity If your child would like to purchase a cake please remember to send them to school with some change.

Wednesday 15th October

Design Workshop Clonter

Year Five will be taking part in an exciting design workshop with Clonter Opera at shool on Wednesday morning. As part of the session, they will be exploring stage production and designing the lighting for a live show. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their creativity and learn about the behind-the-scenes aspects of theatre.

Friday 17th October

Diwali Experience Morning

We will be holding a special Diwali Experience Morning, where pupils will have the opportunity to learn about the significance and traditions of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. As part of the celebrations, Mrs Lee will be kindly leading a series of dance workshops, giving pupils the chance to experience traditional movement and music associated with this vibrant festival.

Friday 17th October

🎃 Spooktacular Halloween Disco! 🎃

Get ready for a fang-tastic night of fun, music, and treats! For just £5 admission, children will enjoy:

- Unlimited drinks
- 😘 A bag of spooky sweets
- A live set from a professional DJ!
 - U KS1: 4:00pm − 4:45pm
 - KS2: 5:00pm 5:45pm
- † Drop-off and collection from the rear of the hall.
- 🐾 Costumes encouraged let's make it a night to remember! 🛞



Don't forget to visit the FOQ Halloween Shop on the night – packed with toys and treats for some extra spooky fun!

Well done to our amazing Year 5/6 cross country team!

Well done to our year 5/6 cross country team - great running from all and some fab individual performances, with Tom coming 2nd in the boys race. #goteamquinta



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and 5/6 girls' football teams who played at CHS! Both teams are through to the Cheshire finals – absolutely amazing!



ergy and Medication Form

Your child's wellbeing is our top priority, especially when it comes to allergies and medication. To ensure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information please complete the following form, Allergies and Medication Form.



Biggest Team Yet: Quinta Runners Take on Congleton Schools!

Wow! Our biggest team yet! Huge congratulations to our incredible Year 3/4 cross country runners who competed against local schools in Congleton at Eaton Bank Academy – full of energy, talent, and team spirit. We're so proud of you all!



We welcome any games or workbook donations

If you are having a clear-out of and good-quality games, boardgames, workbooks or colouring books please donate them to school. These will help our lunchtime provision for pupils.

Celebrating Kerry Mothershaw: Championing Neurodiversity at NeuroBloom 2025



We're thrilled to share that Kerry Mothershaw, our Senior SEND Consultant, will be representing The Quinta Primary School at NeuroBloom 2025, hosted by the Nutritious Minds Trust Charity, in support of ADHD and other neurodivergent conditions.

Kerry will be speaking on 31st October at The Exchange, Twickenham, presenting her session titled "Let's Bounce – Empowering Children in School to Regulate, Connect and Be Ready to Learn."

A little more about Kerry: she is a registered nurse in learning disabilities and a trauma-informed practitioner, bringing a wealth of expertise and compassion to her work. In addition to her role as Senior SEND Consultant at The Quinta Primary School, she serves as an advisor for Rebound Fitness' Let's Bounce programme, which uses movement to support emotional regulation in schools. Kerry is also a dedicated champion for children and families experiencing emotionally based school non-attendance (EBSNA) and a passionate advocate for inclusive, neurodiversity-affirming practice.





A huge thank you for attending our Open Day

The school would like to thank everyone who came to the Open Day. It was wonderful to welcome potential future parents and give them a feel for the warm, supportive environment the school offers every child. Visitors had the chance to meet staff, explore the facilities, and see all the opportunities available. The school really appreciates the interest shown and looks forward to the chance to work with families in their child's learning journey.



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HALLOWEEN DISCO

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Ks2 5pm-5.45pm



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"Enjoy some frightfully fantastic food this Halloween!"

Order now from Scopay"







"Our Year 1 are leading our Harvest assembly on Thursday 23rd October. Please can we ask that all school provide donations during school drop-off"



HELP US SUPPORT OTHERS

IN CONJUNCTION WITH



As a school, we are proud to support our community! We are inviting all pupils to donate food and drink items to the New Life Church food bank. Please send any contributions with your child and hand them to their teacher when dropping them off at school.



FOOD COLLECTION - THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Some suggested items for donation: tinned potatoes, tinned pasta, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, tea bags, tinned veg, pasta, rice pudding, packet rice, packet noodles, rice, custard, corned beef, crisps, UHT milk, tinned stew, soup, tinned ham, chocolate, cereal, tinned curry, hotdogs, jam, biscuits, sweets, porridge, tinned chilli.





Music Lessons in School

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. Music for Life is a multi-award winning not-for-profit organisation, working in partnership with schools arranging music lessons to thousands of students each week.

Bookings are now open for lessons to begin after half term, subject to tutor availability.

You can find out more and book a course online via the Music for Life website: musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now

They are also launching Music for Life Rocks – a new rock band for young people with at least 1 year playing experience on any rock band instrument, including guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and vocals. As with all our ensembles, this new group will combine high quality music-making with an inclusive and relaxed approach. It's the MfL magic – and it's free!

We are preparing for the launch workshop at 1 - 2.30pm on Saturday 8th November at Cransley School.

Our other very popular ensembles are welcoming new players too - the Orchestra, Folk Band, Jazz Band and Jazz Orchestra. For information on any of these groups, please visit our website. Membership is free for both MfL and non-MfL learners!







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 <u>here</u>



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.



Application window for school places is now open

"Application window for Reception
2026 places is now open
This application window is for
children starting Reception in
September 2026 is now open, Places
need to be applied for prior to 15th
January 2026 using the following
link. Click here.
Please note you still need to apply
for a Reception 2026 place even if

your child is in The Quinta Preschool."





New School Menu



WEEKLY

QUINTA KITCHEN



MONDAY

Tomato and chorizo pasta with a cheesy garlic doughball (v) and sweetcorn | Vegetarian option, Macaroni cheese with a cheesy garlic doughball (v) | Vegan macaroni 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

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

AŬTUMN / WINTER



ORDER ON SCOPAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY





Build your own pasta



SCOPAY CODES

Main - R Vegetarian - O 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





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

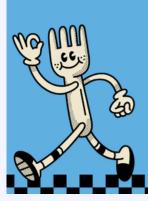


HOT SELECTION

Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)

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Vegetarian/Vegan - Y
Jacket Potato (DF/VE) - G
Ham Bap (DF) - H
Cheese Bap (V) - C
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Important Dates And Events

October

14/10/25 World Mental Health Day (officially 10/10/25) - Year 6 to lead assembly and fundraise by a bake sale. All school are welcome to purchase cakes.

14/10/25 - Stay and play for Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Moss's group in Preschool 9.45-10am

15/10/25 - Year 5 Clonter Opera design workshops (9-12)

17/10/2025 - Halloween Disco

17/10/25 - Whole school Diwali experience morning

WC 20/10/25 - Preschool parents evening week - preschool to send more information

22/10/25 - Year 4 level 1 Bikeability

23/10/25 - Year 5 Clonter music workshop

23/10/25 - Food donations into school for Harvest

23/10/25 - Harvest festival (Year 1 to lead assembly and fundraise)

24/10/2025 - October Halloween Lunch

25/10/25 - 05/11/25 (Mon 3rd/Tues 4th inset days) October Half Term Holiday

November

3/11/25 - Inset Day

4/11/25 - Inset Day

5/11/25 - Whole School Stop Day Whole school Guy Fawkes experience afternoon (History)

5/11/25 - Bonfire Night Lunch

10/11/25 - 14/11/25 Anti-bullying week

10/11/25 - Odd Socks Day

10/11/25 - Flu nasal spray for children

10/11/25 - 3:40pm - 6:00pm Face to face parents evening

11/11/25 - Whole school Remembrance experience morning (History)

11/11/25 - 3:40pm - 6:00pm Telephone parents evening

12/11/25 - Parkour workshops whole school

14/11/25 - Big Fat Quiz of Quinta - FOQ

14/11/25 - Children in Need (whole school)

18/11/25 and 19/11/25 - Year 5 bikeability

21/11/25 - FOQ Merry Market AND dress down day in exchange for a Merry Market

27/11/25 - Year 5 Clonter Performance



Important Dates And Events

December

3/12/25 - FOQ Elfridges

08/12/25 - 9/12/25 - 1 night stay at Standon Bowers Year 2

12/12/25 - Pre-school Christmas sing along - watched by Reception and extra family members. 2pm.

15/12/25 - Pre-school Christmas sing along - watched by parents and carers. 2pm.

19/12/25 - Last day of term | Christmas experience morning | Christmas dinner day

20/12/25 - 04/01/26 -Christmas Holiday

2026

15/05/26 - Year 6 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

22/06/26 - Year 3 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

29/06/26 - Year 5 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

06/07/26 - Year 4 Water Sports at Astbury Mere



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





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