

### **NEWS**

### FLASH

DON'T FORGET

Disco tonight see below!

### **Dates for Next Week**

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

### \*Year 4 Bikeability

Our Year 4 children are undertaking Bikeability training to gain practical cycling skills and road safety awareness, helping them build confidence and independence when riding their bikes. Please can all children come to school with their bikes and cycling helmets.

### Thursday 23rd October

### Year 5 Clonter Opera Workshop

Year 5 will be taking part in a Clonter Music Workshop at school, where they will have the opportunity to explore music through interactive activities, learn about performance, and develop their creativity and teamwork skills in an exciting and inspiring setting.

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### Harvest Collection and Harvest Service

Food and drink donations for our Harvest collection can be brought in during morning drop-off and handed to our Year 6 pupils on the exit gate. Our annual Harvest assembly will then take place in the afternoon, after which New Life Church will collect all the donations. Please see more information below.

### Friday 24th October

#### **Halloween Lunch**

The children will be thrilled to join in a spooky and fun-filled Halloween lunch, packed with themed treats and decorations! See the menu below.

### **Break up for Half Term Holiday!**

We wish everyone a fantastic break and we will see you back in school on....

Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November!



\*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.



# Informing us of children's appointments

If your child has an appointment, please ring the office and leave a message by selecting option 2 a few days in advance. This will enable us to ensure that teachers are informed and your child is ready for your departure. Whenever possible, we encourage you to book appointments outside of school hours to minimize disruption to your child's learning.

# IMPORTANT

### **School Photograph Order Deadline**

The closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 21st October 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link found on your order form that was sent home with your child or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

# Claiming lost property before the deadline

We kindly ask that all lost property is claimed before the end of school on Thursday 23rd October. Wherever possible, we return named items directly to children. However, unlabelled items are regularly placed in our lost property box found at the back of the hall.

To make this process easier, all lost property will be displayed on a table on Thursday 23rd October for you to look through and collect. Any unclaimed items will be sent for recycling the following day.





"Get ready for a fang-tastic night of fun, music, and treats! For just £5 admission. Drop-off and collection from the rear of the hall. Costumes encouraged – let's make it a night to remember!"

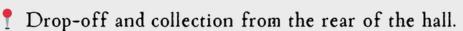


### HALLOWEEN DISCO

### Friday 17th October

£5 admission includes unlimited drinks, bag of sweets and a professional DJ.

KS1 (Rec to Yr2) 4pm-4.45pm Ks2 (Yr3 to Yr6) 5pm-5.45pm



🐾 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

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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**

Please note the Monday selection has changed from late September.







### 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 (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**





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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### Halloween Menu







## Important Dates And Events

#### October

17/10/2025 - Halloween Disco

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

20/04/26 - Tempest Reception and Year 6 Photographs

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

12/06/26 - Tempest class photographs

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

05/10/26 - Tempest Individual and sibling photographs



"Our Year 1 are leading our Harvest assembly on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 bring any contributions and hand them to our Year 6 pupils who will be stood at the exit gate.



FOOD COLLECTION - THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

NHOLE 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.





### After School Clubs

# BALLET AND CREATIVE DANCE CLASS



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.

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.



Rambert **Grades** 

My Ballet 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? 11th November – 16th December, 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!

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



### **After School Clubs**



# BALLET AND CREATIVE DANCE CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP







During my Ballet and Creative Dance Christmas workshop, the children will enhance their imaginative skills as we fly through the sky in Santa's sleigh, throw snowballs, and drink hot chocolate by the fire; every second is a new adventure!

### DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVEMENT GAMES AND CREATIVE TASKS

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

WHERE? Mossley Old School, 122 Leek Road, Congleton, CW12 3HX

WHEN? Sunday 14th December, 10am-12pm.

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

<u>HOW MUCH?</u> The cost of the workshop is £16.00 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 <a href="mailto:sophiemoores37@gmail.com">sophiemoores37@gmail.com</a>





### 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.



# 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





# Local Events over Half Term

### Half-Term Activities

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Octobe<mark>r</mark>

Halloween Crafts 50p. 11am-12noon

### **Tuesday 28th October**

Spooky Stories and Songs 10.30am

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Hedgehog Book Folding 1.30pm (book in advance on (01260) 375550

### All week:

Take part in our Trick or Treat Trail and costume swap!

All activities are FREE and at Congleton Library



### Local Events over Half Term









### **Local Events**



# REACH OUT AND READ

AT CONGLETON LIBRARY

COME & MEET AUTUMN
THE THERAPY DOG





18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 15TH NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER READING TO & BEING IN THE
COMPANY OF A THERAPY DOG
INSPIRES CHILDREN TO HAVE
FUN AND ENJOY THE
EXPERIENCE OF READING IN A
SAFE ENVIRONMENT,
ENCOURAGING POSITIVE
BEHAVIOUR AND HELPING TO
BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELFESTEEM. THE DOGS' GENTLE
NATURE HELPS CHILDREN TO
DEVELOP EMPATHY,
RESPONSIBILITY AND SOCIAL
SKILLS.

10.30-11.30AM



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### **Local Events**



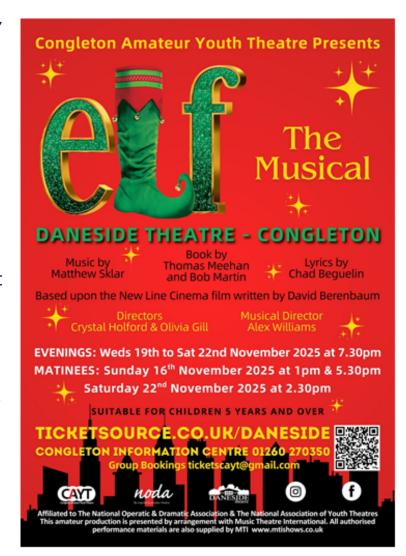
Tickets are available by the "book now" link or by calling Congleton Tourist Information Centre 01260 270350

### EVERY BUDDY'S FAVOURITE HOLIDAY MUSICAL

Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity.

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toymaking abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.





### Volunteers Required-Girl Guiding



Would you like to make new friends, support young people and have fun?

Then Girlguiding Congleton West needs you!

Volunteering any amount of your time will go a long way. An hour here or there, sharing your talents, supporting trips, or being a weekly helper. Our members – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, will flourish with your support and you will too!



It's an excellent way of meeting new people.



Learning new skills and increasing your confidence.



Having great fun!

#### What do we do in Girlguiding Congleton West?

We get to do all sorts of things that we just wouldn't normally get chance to, for instance: going away on international Girlguiding trips (some of our local members have been to Portugal, the Netherlands and Madagascar!); go canoeing; take a group of girls away for a few days; go camping; have a campfire in the woods; go to big county events; learn circus skills; or perform on the stage, to name a few! Best of all we watch our young girls grow into confident young women ready to take



Congleton West District has around unteers - they enjoy sharing some social time and activities together!

We know that all our members get so much from Girlguiding, and it would be so great to be able to continue to offer all these great opportunities in Congleton West District, but we really do need your help. If you would like some more information, or to chat this through further, please don't hesitate to email me.

I look forward to hearing from you. Kind regards, Sue





#### Our volunteering team



There is a friendly and supportive team in Congleton West. We have 8 groups (from Rainbows aged 4 up to Rangers aged 18) meeting at Astbury, Black Firs, St Mary's and Quinta primary schools. Here's what some of current volunteers (who are all busy working mums!) have to say a bout their experiences with Girlguiding...



Name: Charlotte Owen Role: Leader, Rainbows Joined Girlguiding: 2022

Why I got Involved: I grow up being a Brownie and then a Guide and have so many great memories of adventures with both. As my memories of adventures with both. As my daughter reached the age to join Rainbows, I thought what better way to pay back into the Glidguiding community than to join as a volunteer. Since joining as a unit helper I quickly realised that I wanted to be more involved and started on the path to become a leader. I've made so many great connections already, been hvolved in an arts award day, and been on Rainbow dependence and a Rrownle pack halffacily. Rainbow sleepover and a Brownie pack holiday! I also get to do all of this with my own daughter and it's become a special thing we do together.



Name: Helen Brown Role: Leader, Brownies Joined Girlguiding: 1996

Favourite guiding memories: Leading a county group of Guides to a world camp in Hampshire; Seeing the delight on hundreds of Brownie's faces over the years, at residential and other exciting over the years, are seened and other executing events. Singing in the arena at Uverpool with thousands of other Giriguiding members from across the region; Performing alongside members of guiding and scouting in the Congleton Gang Show; The huge amount of fun that I've had with fellow leaders who are now valued friends.



Name: Kirsty Smith Role: Leader, Guides Joined Girlguiding: 2000

Some things in ever thought i'd do: Help out with Brownies on Zoom and now spending each week with a group of teenagers; taking part in the Gang Show with my son; I was even lucky enough to watch the royal Coronation Concert live in Windsor. And without getting to soppy, I've also learned so much about me and what's insperiant to enrich my tile making me a important to enrich my life making me a happier mum, partner, friend and colleague.



Name: Lisa Robertson Role: Leader, Rangers Joined Girlguiding: 1988

An exciting few decades that fits around my life: I stated my Guiriguiding journey as a Brownie, I then went on to be a Guide and a Ranger and loved it so much I progressed onto become a Guide Leader and Ranger Leader. Throughout my years in Gritguiding I have experience a wide variety of activities from canceing and rock climbing to line dancing and orienteering. Hove to travel and have attended international comps representing Birliguiding in the UK, Denmark and Sweden. in 2010 Girlguiding celebrated its Centenary, in 2010 disignating considerated its Certainary, and I was bucky enough to part of the loadership team who took a group of Guides and Rangers to experience "ultimate Botswand". We travelled from Johannesburg, South Africa through Botswand, we encountered wildlife in the Cleavango Delta and went on safari, finishing at Victoria Falls in Zambia.

I have made so many precious memories and Ifelong friends in Giriguiding. I have grown up with strong inspirational women and role models and I love being part of this family – inspiring young women and giving them the tools to be the best that they can be.

Since having my own young family I some times that it difficult to attend every meeting but I am part of an exceptional team who share the responsibility and are flexible to each of our

#### Does volunteering sound like something you'd like to explore?

You can volunteer yourself or buddy up with a friend to fit around your diaries. Perhaps you know someone in your family or a neighbour, who en joyed their time as a Brownie or Guide, and would like to be involved? We'd be delighted to talk to you or them to explain more.

