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Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news. Friday 14th November 2025

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November's learning, reflection and Celebrations.

The first few weeks of November have been packed with bold new approaches and activities along with some of the consistent longer standing pillars of our curriculum. We began the half term with two highly productive INSET days, where staff focused on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities practice, writing, and a deeper look at reviewing our current curriculum. This was in addition to Monday's three yearly annual safeguarding training which we had a number of governors attend for.

Our first School Stop Day was a wonderful opportunity for staff to create a gentle transition back to school with relationships, creativity and group working at the centre — a day designed to help everyone reconnect after the half-term break. This was followed by a fantastic Guy Fawkes experience morning, where children explored the history and traditions of Bonfire Night through art, debate and hands-on activities, progressively developing children's knowledge of the Gunpowder Plot through the years. Again, it was great to welcome more governors' into school to get involved and experience the daily life of school.

We also took time to reflect and remember during our special Remembrance Morning, marking The Royal British Legion's Remembrance Day. Pupils showed real thoughtfulness and maturity as they learned about the importance of remembrance and reflected on themes of peace, gratitude and respect.

Later, excitement and engagement levels went through the roof as parkour was on the timetable. The Creative Urban Activities team led the workshops. The sessions were dynamic, energetic and inspiring, giving pupils the chance to try something completely new.

I'd also like to give a huge congratulations to all our sports teams. Our Year 5/6 football team showed outstanding teamwork and determination in the Crewe Alexandra Utilita Cup and have secured a place in the finals. Our Year 6 football team also impressed at Macclesfield football club. Meanwhile, our Netball team finished joint first on points and earned a spot in the Partnership Finals after Christmas. We're incredibly proud of every one of you!

Finally, as we enter the Christmas shopping period, Friends of Quinta would like to nudge you towards Signing up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to The Quinta.

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>.

Have a restful weekend,

Mr. Sharpe Head Teacher



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 18th November & Wednesday 19th November

Year 5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 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.

Tuesday 18th November

Year 5&6 Football Tournament

We will be taking children from Year 5 and 6 (B&C teams) to Congleton High School for a football tournament. All participating children have been notified. Please collect from CHS at approximately 5pm and remember to bring football kits to school.

Thursday 20th November

Year 5/6 girls football competition

We will be taking a group of girl footballers to Crewe Alexandra for a competition during the school day. All participating children have been notified and need to wear their PE kits/football kit to school.

Friday 21st November

Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Tombola Prize

Children are welcome to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper or non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize. All donations are greatly appreciated — please make sure items are sealed, in date and do not contain nuts.

Donations can be handed to your child's classroom at the start of the day.



Merry Market

Join us for our annual Merry Market Friday 21st November from 3:30pm until 6pm. We will have a fantastic variety of stalls and attractions to get you all into the spirit of Christmas and hopefully help you to purchase some gifts.

Leaping into Action This Week: Parkour Workshops with Creative Urban Activities!

This week, the children took part in exciting parkour workshops led by Creative Urban Activities — the same amazing team who previously visited us for beatboxing sessions. Parkour, one of the most popular sports among young people today, combines agility, strength, and acrobatic skills. The sessions were led by Jordan, their very own "real-life Spider-Man," who has taught all over the world and even appeared in movies and major productions! The children were thrilled to learn some incredible moves and stunts — what an inspiring experience!



Remembrance Morning Tuesday 11th November

On Tuesday 11th November, the children took part in a special Remembrance Morning to mark The Royal British Legion's Remembrance Day. They learned about the importance of remembrance, reflected on the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served, and took part in meaningful activities to honour their memory. It was a thoughtful and reflective morning, helping the children understand the significance of peace, gratitude, and respect for others.



Congratulations to Our Year 5/6 Football Team!

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 football team who took part in the Crewe Alexandra Utilita Cup this morning in Shavington. The boys showed amazing teamwork, great talent, and demonstrated the fantastic Quinta attitude we're so proud of. Congratulations on a brilliant performance — well done, boys!







Netball Success at Congleton High!

Congratulations to our fantastic
Netball team who played brilliantly in
the tournament at Congleton High
this evening. The team showed
superb skill, determination, and
teamwork throughout, achieving
some excellent results. Finishing joint
first on points (with just one goal
difference!) means we're through to
the Partnership Finals after Christmas
— well done, everyone!



Christmas Jumper Day





Merry Market





Elfridges Christmas Shop





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.





option

New School Menu Friday meal updated from Friday 14th November





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).

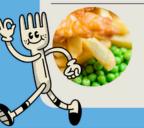
Brownie (v/ve/df available).



THURSDAY

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

Cookies (v/ve/df available).



FRIDAY

Fish fingers, chips and peas | Vegan fingers 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







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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Important Dates And Events

November

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

December

03/12/25 - FOQ Elfridges

03/12/25 - KS1 Nativity at 1:30pm

04/12/25 - KS1 Nativity 6pm

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

11/12/25 - KS2 carol service, Astbury Church, 6pm. Year 3 and 4 children compulsory, Year 5 and 6 opt in to participate.

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

15/12/25 - Reception 1 Christmas Activity Morning 9:15

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

16/12/25 - Reception 2 Christmas Activity Morning 9:15

17/12/25 - Flu nasal spray immunisation

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 - Reception and Year 6 Photographs

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



Dance Classes After School



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



Dance Classes





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 sophiemoores37@gmail.com







Local Events and Information



Winter Opening Times for Schoolwear Shop Customers

From Tuesday 11th November 2025

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - 9.30am - 5pm

Wednesday 9.30am to 5pm

Thursday - 9.30am to 6pm

Friday- CLOSED

Saturday - 10am-12pm



Staying Safe Online





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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





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