

NEWS

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Dates for Next Week

Tuesday 25th November

Smoke Busters Year 5

The Smoke Busters team from Cheshire Fire Brigade will be coming in to teach us how to stay safe by understanding fire risks and preventing emergencies at home.

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Tag Rugby

Children from Year 5 & 6 will be taking part in a tag rugby match at Eaton Bank Academy. Participating children have been communicated with independently and they must come into school in their PE kits. Some parents are kindly taking the children over to EBA at the end of the school day and it is due to finish at 5pm.

Wednesday 26th November

Quicksticks Hockey

We will be hosting a Quicksticks hockey tournament during the school day here at The Quinta including children from Year 5 and 6. This is the qualifier for the Cheshire finals. All participating children have been notified and please remind them to wear their PE kits.

Wednesday 26th November

Year 5 Tag Rugby with CRFC

Simon will be taking Year 5 for Tag Rugby. Tag Rugby is a fast, non-contact version of rugby that helps children develop agility, teamwork and ball-handling skills in a fun and inclusive way. Please can all Year 5 children remember to wear their PE kits.

Wednesday 26th November

Macclesfield Football Competition Year 5 Boys

Year 5 boys will be taking part in a football competition at the leasing.com stadium over in Macclesfield. Mrs Cope has been liaising with parents regarding getting to the stadium and it is due to finish at 5:30pm. All participating children have been notified and need to remember their shin pads and football boots, kit will be provided.

Thursday 27th November

Year 5 trip to Clonter Opera

Children will be attending
Clonter Opera during the school
day. They will take part in a
costume design workshop and
help produce and perform a
play. All children should wear
black and bring a packed lunch
and drink.

Parents are welcome to come and watch: Class 10 at 11:15am and Class 9 at 1:45pm.

Friday 28th November - Year 2 Bee Active

Our Year 2 children will be taking part in the rescheduled Bee Active Galdiators session which should have taken place in October but was postponed due to bad weather. Please can all Year 2 come to school in their PE kits.

Friday 28th November - Preschool Feathery Folk

Preschool will enjoy a visit from Feathery Folk to learn about birds up close.

🥦 We're Award-Winning! 🎉

We're proud to announce that The Quinta Primary School has received the Cheshire Young Carers Bronze School Award. This recognition celebrates our commitment to supporting pupils who are young carers — ensuring they feel seen, supported, and empowered every day. The award was presented by Vice Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Susan Sellars, at a special ceremony held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at the beautiful Courtyard complex, Eaton Park, Chester.



→ A huge thank you to our staff, students, and Cheshire Young Carers for making this possible. Together, we're building a more compassionate and inclusive school community.

#YoungCarers #CheshireYoungCarers #SchoolAward #StudentSupport #ProudMoment #EducationMatters



Our Chosen Charity for the Shoeboxes

As you may know, after careful consideration we decided not to take part in Operation Christmas Child this year. While we remain committed to supporting children in need, we felt that the approach of Samaritan's Purse did not fully reflect our school's inclusive values.

Thank you to everyone who returned a shoebox. We are pleased to let you know that these will now be donated to the Congleton Toy Appeal, run by Blue Spot IT in partnership with New Life Church. This appeal aims to ensure that no child in Congleton misses out on the magic of Christmas.

At a time when many families are struggling with the rising cost of living, the appeal provides gifts for children who might otherwise go without — helping to bring joy, smiles and a sense of being special during the festive season. Thank you for helping us share kindness and make Christmas brighter for local families in need.



Support The Quinta While You Christmas Shop!

As Christmas shopping begins, Friends of Quinta encourage you to sign up to easyfundraising and let your favourite brands donate to The Quinta.

Simply choose our PTA and earn cashback when you shop with hundreds of retailers—Amazon, M&S, Argos, insurance providers, travel companies, and more. We've already raised over £1,200 this way.

It's quick and easy to join — sign up here.



SEND Coffee Morning with Visyon – Wednesday 26th November

Join us for a special Coffee Morning with Visyon, who will lead a relaxed, informative workshop on supporting children with anxiety.

It's a great chance for parents and carers to learn practical strategies, ask questions, and connect with others. Everyone is welcome!

Please let us know you'll be attending by filling out this form:

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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.

Enjoy the Primary Times

Primary Times Cheshire & Wirral is a free family magazine packed with local events, activities, and ideas to help parents make the most of family life in the region.

It highlights days out, educational resources, and seasonal inspiration for families with primary-age children.





Join Team Quinta



The Quinta Primary School

- Everyday Excellence
- · Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

Job Title: School cleaner Wage: Grade 1 £12.65 per hour

Contract Length: Permanent following successful probation period

Start Date: December 2025 Head Teacher: Mr W Sharpe

School Cleaner Vacancy - The Quinta Primary School

We are looking for a reliable, hardworking and enthusiastic **School Cleaner** to join our friendly site team at **The Quinta Primary School**, Cheshire.

Hours:

3:30pm – 5:30pm or
 *4:00pm – 6:00pm
 (Please indicate your preferred shift)

About the role:

You will help keep our school a clean, safe and welcoming environment for pupils, staff and visitors. Duties include:

- Cleaning classrooms, toilets and communal areas
- Emptying bins and maintaining hygiene standards
- Working as part of a supportive site team
- Taking pride in your work to ensure high standards of cleanliness

Experience:

No previous cleaning experience is required – **full training will be provided**. What matters most is a positive attitude, reliability and pride in maintaining a clean school environment.

If you are committed, take pride in your work and enjoy being part of a team, we would love to hear from you.

How to Apply

We will be happy to have a telephone conversation with you to answer any questions you may have. Please call the school office on 01260 221640 to arrange a phone call.

Safequarding

The Quinta Primary is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undertake pre-employment checks which will include References, Health, Right to Work in UK, and an Enhanced DBS.

Further details and an application form may be obtained from the school website www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk

Closing date:Friday 28th November at 12.00pm

Interviews date: W/C 1st December

Please return the application form with a supporting letter to Mrs S Hoyle by email shoyle@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk, or post to The Quinta Primary School Ullswater Road Congleton Cheshire CW12 4LX.



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.





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.

<u>HOW MUCH?</u> 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







New meal option

School Menu



WEEKLY, LUNCH N AŬTUMN / WINTER





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).

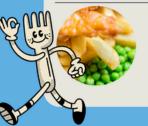
Brownie (v/ve/df available).



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).

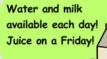
Cookies (v/ve/df available).



FRIDAY

Fish fingers, chips and peas | Vegan fingers chips and peas (v/ve/df).

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





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.



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

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

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 including penalty notice fining structure this can be found on our <u>website 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

