

NEWS

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Dates for Next Week

Monday 8th December to Tuesday 9th December

Year 2 Standon Bowers Residential

Children will be visiting
Standon Bowers, where
they'll take part in exciting
activities such as climbing,
archery and team
challenges. The trip will help
them build confidence, work
together and develop
independence, all while
enjoying learning outside
the classroom. Further
information has been
shared by the class teacher.

Monday 8th December

Year 3 Clonter Opera Workshop

Year 3 will be taking part in a
Clonter Music Workshop at
school, where they will
engage in a set-designing
session inspired by
Shakespeare's plays. Through
interactive activities, they will
explore performance while
developing their creativity and
teamwork skills.

Monday 8th December Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert Practice Astbury Church

Tuesday 9th December Carol Concert Practice Astbury Church, All Involved.

We will be walking over to
Astbury Church and
spending the morning
rehearsing ready to perform
our Christmas Carol Concert
later in the week.

If you would like to attend please complete the form below prior to 6pm Friday 5th

December

https://forms.gle/MjPw3gRC7Xs

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Tuesday 9th December

Year 3/4 Christmas Dance Festival with Sophie Moores

Year 3/4 will be visiting
Congleton High School on
Tuesday afternoon to take
part in the annual dance
festival. The Quinta will
showcase their wellrehearsed routine alongside
six other local schools.

Tuesday 9th December

Boys Cheshire Football Qualifiers Year 5/6

We will be walking over to Congleton High School after school for the above competition. All participating children have been informed and football kits will be supplied. Please remember to bring shin pads and football boots. This event is due to finish at 5pm.

Wednesday 10th December

Santa Dash / Snowman Sports

We will be holding our annual Santa Dash, now known as the Snowman Sports, which has been wonderfully organised by the Children's Sports Crew just take a look at the posters below. Children from Pre-School through to Year 6 are encouraged to come to school in their PE kits and Christmas accessories, ready to enjoy some festive sporting activities. We kindly ask for a £1 donation to support the event and help fund new sports equipment for the school.

Dates for Next Week

Thursday 11th December

Year 4 New Life Christmas in a Box Workshop

New Life Church will be visiting school during the school day to deliver their Christmas in a Box workshop, offering pupils an interactive and engaging way to explore the story and meaning of Christmas.

Through hands-on activities and guided discussion, children will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the festive season in a fun and thoughtful way.

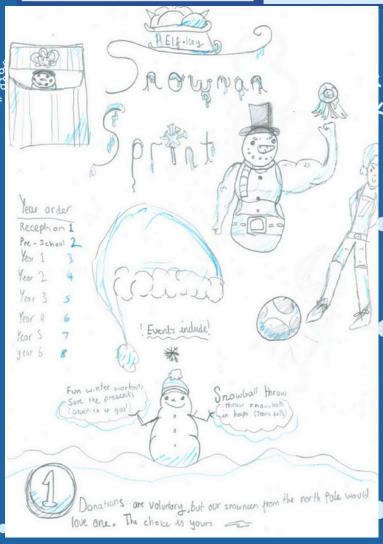
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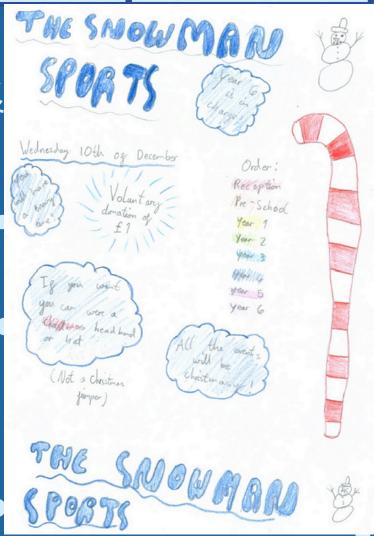
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

We are excited to host our annual KS2 Christmas Carol Service at Astbury Church. Year 4 will be sharing the Christmas story through their readings, while Year 3 bring the nativity to life by creating the stable scene in costume. Parking for all attendees has been arranged at Glebe Farm, and we kindly ask that you avoid parking at the Village Hall due to another event taking place that evening.

Friday 12th December Pantomime Trip Year 5/6

We are delighted to share that our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be visiting The Regent Theatre during the school day to watch the Cinderella pantomime. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience live theatre and enjoy a festive performance. The coach will return to school at approximately 4:30pm.







Flu Vaccine in School 17th December

As you may be aware, due to unforeseen circumstances the School Immunisation Service had to cancel the Flu vaccination session originally planned for the 10th November. We have rescheduled the session for 17th December. If you have not already completed the econsent, please do so now using the following link;

https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/b53ae9fc

Econsent will remain open to parents until 14th December.

If your child is in an 'at risk' category for Flu, you may be able to access this vaccination sooner at the GP. If you do take your child to the GP, please contact the team on the telephone number 03333583397 Option 7, Option 1 to advise so duplication does not take place.

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



Protect your child
 The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis

and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

No injection needed The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

Avoid costs If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine). For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu



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Keeping Our School Community Healthy This Winter

As we move further into the term, we would like to remind families of the key guidance available to help manage seasonal illnesses and keep our school community healthy.

- <u>Education Hub Blog</u> Reducing the spread of illness this winter: This helpful article outlines seven simple steps schools and families can take to support children's health and maintain good attendance.
- NHS Guidance Is my child too ill for school?: A clear and practical guide to help you decide whether your child should stay at home.
- <u>Preventing and Controlling Infections Guidance</u>: Includes advice on vaccinations, ventilation and good respiratory hygiene.
- <u>A–Z of Managing Infectious Diseases</u>: Practical information on how to manage specific illnesses.

By following this guidance and sharing it within our community, we can all help to keep pupils and staff well and support strong attendance throughout the winter months.

Year 2 Students Shine with Bee Active Gladiators

Our Year 2 children had an exciting and action-packed morning with Bee Active's Gladiators program! The session was full of fun challenges, teamwork, and energetic activities that kept the students engaged and smiling from start to finish. It was a fantastic way for the children to stay active while building confidence and cooperation skills.





Teamwork Shines in Friendly Victory

Congratulations to our football team, who put on an impressive performance in this week's friendly against Black Firs. It was fantastic to see the boys working together with such skill, energy, and team spirit, showcasing just how far they've come. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 5/6 Shine at Utilita Kids Cup Finals

Despite the terrible weather and battling coughs and colds, our Year 5/6 football team delivered a fantastic performance at the Utilita Kids Cup finals in Crewe this week. Well done, boys — you did an amazing job and made us all proud!



A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards the Poppy Appeal. Your support truly makes a difference!

We're thrilled to share that our school raised an impressive £185.53, contributing to a recordbreaking total of £29,132.40 for Congleton.

Well done, and thank you for helping us support this important cause!







5-Star Food Hygiene Success!

We're delighted to announce that our school has been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating! This achievement reflects the hard work and high standards maintained by our kitchen team every day. Well done to everyone involved — we're incredibly proud!



Christmas School Menu





Traditional turkey and seasonal stuffing. Rudolph's roast potatoes. Santa's sprouts, Christmas carrots, Prancer's peas and gravy.

DESSERT

Christmas tree ice cream.

DRINK

Jolly juice.



Please order via Scopay by Monday 8th December

Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options are available.



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

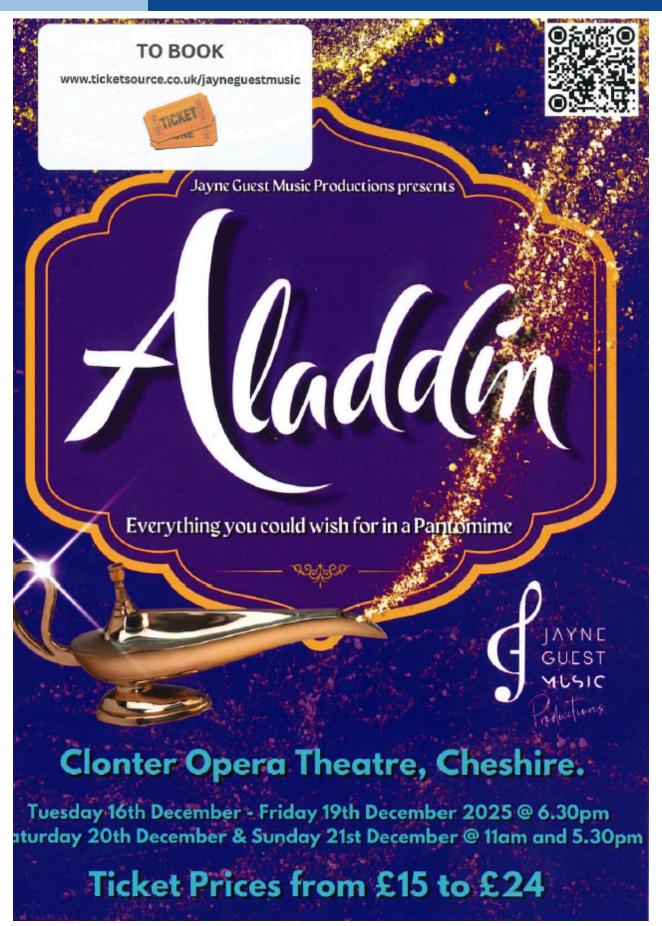






Pantomime Time!







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).

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.





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

December

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

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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

