



Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.
Friday 9th January 2026

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Happy New Year and Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our families as we begin the spring term. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. It was lovely to see everybody ready and refreshed on the Stop Day; although parents definitely looked less refreshed and ready by the end of it!

I would like to begin by thanking you for your understanding and flexibility earlier this week when we had to close school on Tuesday 6 January due to the weather conditions. Decisions like these are never taken lightly and we really appreciate the calm, supportive way our community responded.

As shared with you in the final week of the autumn term, we have made some changes to our school timetable this term. These adjustments are designed to create clearer structure to the day, maximise learning time and strengthen routines across the school. Over the coming weeks, we will be reviewing and refining these changes as we assess the impact and progress as they become embedded so they work in the best interests of the children.

We are also delighted to be offering even more new opportunities this term, including fishing workshops taking place over the next two Fridays, which link learning, wellbeing and outdoor skills. In addition, our extra-curricular clubs will begin next week. For further information, please see page 3.

Looking ahead, Parents' Evening will be held during the week commencing 23 February, shortly after half term. Further information about how to book appointments will be shared nearer the time.

Finally, we have been reviewing our school menus over the course of the year and have decided to introduce four new seasonal menus: Autumn (September–October), Winter (November–December), Spring (January–Easter) and Summer (Easter–August). Details of these menu changes will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Have a restful weekend,

Mr. Sharpe
Head Teacher



**Mr Sharpe,
Head Teacher**

Dates for Next Week

Monday 12th January NSPCC Workshop Years 2 and 5 This workshop will take place during the school day as part of the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe campaign (more information can be found by searching online). The children will first watch a virtual assembly, followed by an interactive workshop led by an NSPCC volunteer.	Tuesday 13th January Basketball Tournament CHS Years 5 and 6 A basketball tournament will be held at Congleton High School for pupils in Years 5 and 6. All participating children have been informed separately and should bring their PE kits to school. Parents are welcome to watch from 3:30pm onwards. The event is expected to finish at 5:00pm, with collection from Congleton High School.	Wednesday 14th January Sports Hall Athletics Years 5 and 6 Sports hall athletics will take place during the afternoon at Congleton High School for pupils in Years 5 and 6. All participating children have been informed. Children need to come to school in their PE kits. The event is expected to finish by the end of the school day, and pupils will return to The Quinta. If parents wish to collect their child directly from Congleton High School, the shared form must be completed in advance.
Thursday 15th January Boys' Cheshire Football Finals, Years 5 and 6 The Boys' Cheshire Football Finals will take place on Thursday at Shavington, Crewe, during the school day. The event is for boys in Years 5 and 6. All participating children have already been informed and should come to school wearing their football kits. Children will be transported to and from the event by teachers and volunteer parents.	Friday 16th January Girls' Cheshire Football Finals, Years 5 and 6 The Girls' Cheshire Football Finals will take place on Thursday at Shavington, Crewe, during the school day. The event is for girls in Years 5 and 6. All participating children have already been informed and should come to school wearing their football kits. Children will be transported to and from the event by teachers and volunteer parents.	Friday 16th January KS2 Fishing Workshop We have been offered the opportunity to take part in a fishing workshop delivered by the Angling Trust during the school day. All children in KS1 and KS2 will take part over the next two weeks; however, this week the workshop will be for KS2 pupils. The session will include fishing-related games, as well as discussions about caring for the environment and staying safe near water.

Extra-curricular clubs information in the lead up to them starting week commencing 12th January

As you will have seen, we sent out the extra-curricular club sign-up via School Spider on Thursday evening, and it has been wonderful to see such a high level of interest in the opportunities available. The clubs have been extremely popular, and waiting lists are being created for any that are oversubscribed. If your child is successful in securing a place, the member of staff running the club will contact you by 6pm Monday 12th January (Monday clubs excluded).

If your child is unable to attend a session or decides to stop attending a club, please inform the member of staff in charge as soon as possible. It is important that we can account for all children on our registers and avoid time being spent tracking down absentees. If a child misses a session without prior notice, the school office will contact you to establish the reason. After two unexplained absences, your child will be removed from the club.

Each club will have a contact list to communicate any changes. Clubs will only be cancelled in the event of staff absence. For outdoor clubs, sessions will move indoors if the weather is poor. Parents will be notified in these cases should they wish to collect their child early.

Clubs finish at different times, and the organiser will confirm the end time for your child's club. If a child is not collected on time, they will be taken to the after-school club, which may incur a charge.

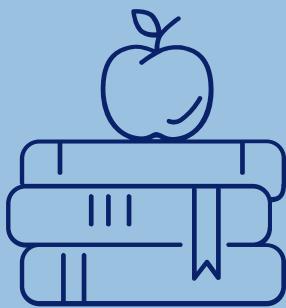
For a full list of the Spring Term Extra Curricular Clubs [click here](#).

Navigating Your Child's Digital World: A Guide for Parents

Take a look at the guide below. This guide is designed to clarify some of the challenges involved in managing children's digital lives. Its purpose is to support and encourage open conversations with children, making these discussions easier and more effective. The guide offers practical advice on setting boundaries and addressing important, sometimes difficult topics—not just once in passing, but through ongoing, regular conversations.

[**cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf**](#)





Time is running out to apply for a September 2026 Reception place...

 Is your child due to start reception in September 2026?

 17 Submit your application by 15th January 2026 to maximise your chances of securing a spot. Please note, if your child is in preschool you still need to apply for a place at The Quinta.

 Apply at
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

 Or call 0300 123 5012 for other options.

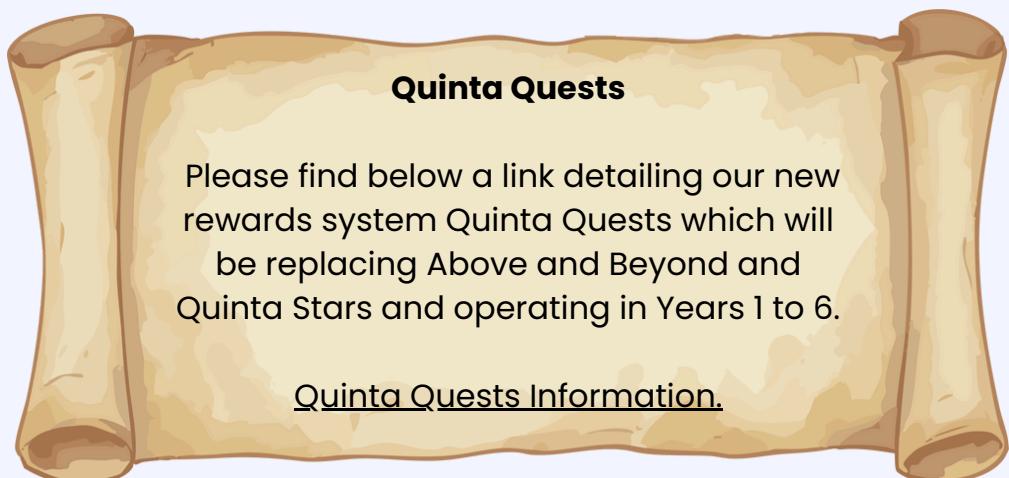
Apply online for a school place
It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2026.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from 1st September 2025 at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Applications should be submitted by
31st October 2025 for secondary
15th January 2026 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged



Quinta Quests

Please find below a link detailing our new rewards system Quinta Quests which will be replacing Above and Beyond and Quinta Stars and operating in Years 1 to 6.

[Quinta Quests Information.](#)



School Menu

[ORDER NOW](#)

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

QUINTA KITCHEN**AUTUMN / 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**

Sandwiches



Build your own pasta



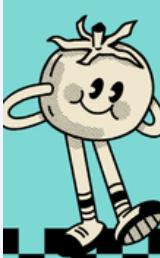
Fresh fruit



Jacket potatoes

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

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BUILD YOUR OWN PASTA

QUINTA KITCHEN

AUTUMN / WINTER



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



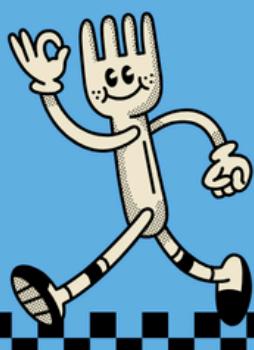
HOT SELECTION

Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)

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Dance Classes

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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? 6th January – 10th February, 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



Important Dates And Events

January

- 12/01/26 - NSPCC in to deliver workshops to Years 2 and 5
- 13/01/26 - Basketball tournament CHS
- 14/01/26 - Sports Hall athletics CHS
- 15/01/26 - Boys Cheshire football finals
- 16/01/26 - Girls Cheshire finals
- 20/01/26 - Cross Country 5/6 EBA
- 21/01/26 - Netball partnership finals
- 22/01/26 - Boys Utilita Cup Port Vale
- 23/01/26 - Fishing Workshops KS1
- 23/01/26 - KS2 Bee Active Gladiators
- 27/01/26 - Cross country year 3/4 EBA
- 30/01/26 - KS1 Bee Active Scooter Skills & Dance

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 [website here](#)

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](#)





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 – [Sign up here](#).



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>