



# Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.  
Friday 23rd January 2026

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Dear families,

This week, as promised, we're sharing our new dinner menu, celebrating further sporting success, and providing details about upcoming special educational needs and disability (SEND) drop-in sessions, along with PTA events.

We're also pleased to share an exciting opportunity for a parent to join our governing board. An application form will be available over the next couple of weeks and will include further information about the role and the skills we are looking to add to the team.

Finally, a reminder that if you would like to order from our new school menu, please take a look at the options below and place your order before Monday. Our next menu will be released around Easter, bringing even more exciting choices for our pupils.

Mr. Sharpe  
Head Teacher



**Mr Sharpe,  
Head Teacher**



## Year 5/6 Cross Country Superstar!

We are thrilled to celebrate Tom's outstanding achievement in the Year 5/6 Cross Country event. Competing against a strong field, Tom finished 2nd overall individually – an incredible performance and a real testament to his dedication, determination, and talent. Well done, Tom!



# Dates for Next Week

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January

### **KS2 assembly run by Crewe Alex**

Crewe Alexandra will be running a KS2 assembly entitled "Inspire", with one or two first-team players joining us to answer questions from our pupils.

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

### **Cross Country Years 3 and 4**

This event will take place at Eaton Bank Academy. Parents will be required to take their children to the event. Arrival at 3:30pm ready to start at 3:45pm. The event is due to finish at 4:45pm and children will need to be collected from EBA. Please can children come dressed in their PE kits.

## Wednesday 28th January

### **Sports Hall Athletics Partnership Finals 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 29<sup>th</sup> January

### **Jonathan Blackburn, Chess Year 6**

Welsh international professional chess player Jonathon Blackburn will be returning to The Quinta to teach our Year 6 students chess during the school day.

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

### **KS1 Scooter Skills and Dance Workshops**

Bee Active will be visiting school to teach children scooter skills and dance during the school day. All KS1 children need to come to school in their PE kits please.

## Champions on court

A fantastic result for our amazing basketball team at CHS on 13th January. Only one match conceded all evening, and we've secured our place in the partnership finals – an outstanding team effort!



## Sports hall athletics success

What an outstanding performance from our sports hall athletics team on 14th January at CHS. Congratulations on winning the competition – a brilliant display of talent, teamwork, and such a positive attitude throughout. Very well done to everyone involved!



## Cheshire county finals

### football achievement

Congratulations to our boys' football team for representing the school at the Cheshire County finals on 15th January. The team performed superbly, finishing joint second in their group – a fantastic achievement. Well done to all involved!



## Fantastic effort at the Cheshire County Cup

Congratulations to our girls' team for representing the school in the Cheshire County Cup on 16th January. They narrowly missed out on a place in the quarter-finals, but showcased great play, skill, and talent throughout the competition. Well done, girls!

## Impressive cross country achievements – Year 5/6

Fantastic running from our Year 5/6 cross country team tonight! The girls' team finished 3rd overall, and the boys' team secured 2nd place. A special shout-out to Tom for an incredible individual performance, finishing 2nd overall – a true superstar!



## Netball success at the partnership finals

Congratulations to our amazing netball team who competed in the Partnership Finals at CHS this evening. After a shaky start, the team showed great resilience, delivering some fantastic performances and securing excellent wins to finish third overall in the area. We are incredibly proud of you all.



## A fantastic cup run at Port Vale

What a brilliant day at Port Vale for the Utilita Cup. The boys delivered a fantastic performance, progressing all the way to the quarter-finals, where they were narrowly beaten by the eventual winners, Packmoor. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, teamwork and positivity they showed throughout the tournament — a real credit to our school.



# Slurp and chirp

Got questions, or just want a friendly chat?

Join us for our Inclusion Coffee Morning – a relaxed space to meet the team, share ideas, and enjoy a cuppa together.

Everyone's welcome – we'd love to see you there!

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

A member of the Visyon team will be at the coffee morning to talk to parents.



**In the School hall**

**9:00-10:00am**



**@TheQuinta**

## Telephone number for after school Club

The office are always on hand to help you, however if you wish to contact Breakfast Club or After School Club outside of the office hours you will need to call: 01260 221638.

School Office is open: Mon - Thurs  
8:30am until 4:30pm | Fri 8:30am until  
4pm





## School Disco!

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**



**KS1 4:00 - 4:45**

**KS2 5:00 - 5:45**

**£5 ENTRY**

**PROFESSIONAL DJ, FREE DRINK AND SWEETS**

**Entrance and exit through the rear hall doors.**

**FOQ shop will also be open for children to purchase items.**

**Card payments can be taken on the door.**



# Family Support



## You Are Not Alone Drop-in

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm**

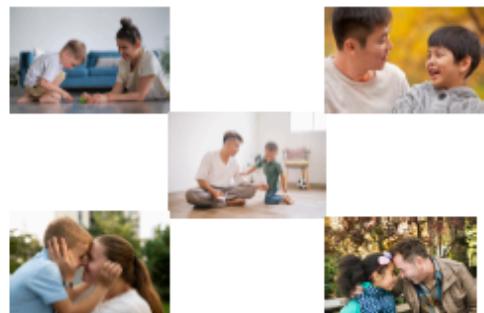
A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The You Are Not Alone community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



**Here's what parents have said:**

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the past year' - Jo (parent)*

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)*

The You Are Not Alone drop-in is a service delivered by  
[www.autismfamilysupportservice.com](http://www.autismfamilysupportservice.com)

If you would like to join the next drop-in, please send an email to [team@youarenotalone.community](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community) and we will send you the Zoom link.





# New School Menu from 26.01.25

ORDER NOW



## WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

QUINTA KITCHEN

WINTER MENU 2



### MONDAY

Tuna pasta bake, with garlic bread and sweetcorn | Vegan option, tomato pasta with garlic bread and sweetcorn, (v/ve/df).

Angel delight | fruit platter. Vegan options available.



### TUESDAY

Toad in the hole (pork sausages), broccoli, carrots and gravy. | Vegan option. Toad in the hole (Quorn or veg sausages), broccoli, carrots and gravy, (v/ve/df).

Chocolate sponge cake. Vegan options available.



### WEDNESDAY

Beef hotpot with crusty bread and mixed vegetables. | Vegan option. Quorn hotpot with crusty bread and mixed vegetables, (v/ve/df).

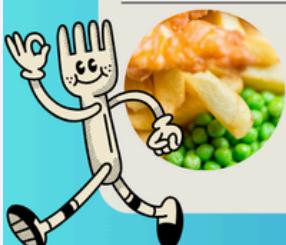
Oat fingers. Vegan options available.



### THURSDAY

Chicken korma, rice with carrots and sweetcorn. | Vegan option. Vegetable korma, rice with carrots and sweetcorn, (v/ve/df).

Bread and butter pudding with custard. Vegan options available.



### FRIDAY

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

Ice cream. Vegan options 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  
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



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## BUILD YOUR OWN PASTA

QUINTA KITCHEN

WINTER MENU 2



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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# Join Our Team

[LEARN MORE](#)[APPLY NOW](#)

## 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:** ASAP

**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.

### Safeguarding

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](http://www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Closing date:** Friday 31st January at 12.00pm

**Interviews date:** W/C 2nd Feb

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

# SWIMMING COMPETENCY CHECKLIST

Can your child:



• Float to live



Tread water for 30 seconds



• Swim in clothing



Swim 100m

Don't stop their swimming lessons until these minimum standards are achieved.



Please see an email below from the swimming lead at Everybody Leisure...

*As part of our commitment to water safety and swimming excellence, we want to remind you of the Swim England minimum swimming competency guidelines, which are essential for every child before stopping lessons.*

*These skills are nationally recognized as the benchmark for safe swimming and are reflected in the image below.*

*However, research shows that the national drop-off point for swimming lessons is typically Stage 5, which does not provide a sufficient level of competency for a child to sustain safe swimming skills. Stopping lessons too early can leave children without the ability to cope in real-life water situations.*

*We encourage you to check whether your child can confidently achieve all the above. If not, continuing lessons is strongly recommended to ensure their safety and confidence in the water.*

*We deliver lessons from Stage 1 upwards and offer lessons and sessions for those who have passed Stage 7 if they wish to continue their journey within Aquatics! We offer Stage 8, 9 & 10, Swim Fit (distance based) and Rookie Lifesaving sessions too!*

*If your child isn't currently enrolled onto our Learn To Swim Scheme but have interest in any of our Aquatic stages or disciplines, please either book via the link ([HomePortal2](#)) or contact Sam, who is the Swim Lead at Congleton, at [sam.pickford@everybody.org.uk](mailto:sam.pickford@everybody.org.uk)*

*Thank you for supporting your child's swimming journey and helping us promote safe, confident, and competent swimmers.*



## Extra Curricular Activities...



### Join Sophie Moores for Ballet and Creative Dance

**Where?** – The Quinta Primary School

**When?** – 6th January until 10th February 15:20 – 16:10 every Tuesday

**Who?** – Reception, Years 1 and 2.

**How Much?** 6 weeks for just £30 per student (£5 per class).

**More information** – [click here](#)

**Learn an instrument at school!**



### Learn a music instrument in school

- Choose from a wide range of instruments
- Over 30 years' experience, we make learning music fun, rewarding and fully supported.

Key details:

- Weekly 20 or 30-minute individual or small-group lessons in school
- From £29.95 per month (pupil premium subsidies available)

**More information** [click here](#)

## Communications from School via...

**Seesaw**

### Seesaw

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning

#### **SeeSaw Info for Families.**

QR codes to enable access are available from your child's class teacher. 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. For further information [click here](#).

### **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 [click here](#) for further information.



# Important Dates And Events

## January

- 26/01/26 - Crewe Alex KS2 Assembly
- 27/01/26 - Cross country year 3/4 EBA
- 30/01/26 - KS1 Bee Active Scooter Skills & Dance

## February

- Online Safety Week 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February
- 10/02/26 - League night 2 year 5/6 football CHS
- 11/02/26 - Book fair
- 13/02/26 - Young Voices 2026
- 14/02/26 - 22/02/26 Spring half term holiday
- w/c 23/02/26 - Parents evenings
- Anti-bullying week - 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February
- 25/02/26 - Yr 3/4 Sports Hall athletics CHS
- 25/02/26 - Year 5/6 Boys Macc Tournament
- 26/02/26 - Netball league night 2

## March

- 03/03/26 - Girls football tournament year 3/4 EBA
- 04/03/26 - Year 5/6 Girls Macc Tournament
- 05/03/26 - World Book Day
- 05/03/26 - League night 3 Y 5/6 football CHS
- 06/03/26 - Author visit EYFS Ks1
- 11/03/26 - Year 3/4 girls Cheshire football finals
- 11/03/26 - Hockey tournament at The Quinta
- 12/03/26 - Year 5 road safety talk Fire Brigade
- 18/03/26 - Netball tournament. EBA
- 19/03/26 - About 2 Engage Theatre Company (The Mask Inside My Head) Year 5 and 6
- 20/03/25 - Eid experience morning
- 24/03/26 - Girls football league night 2 EBA
- 25/03/26 - Year 3/4 Boys Macc Football Tournament
- 25/03/26 - Rock Kidz



# Important Dates And Events

## April

- 12/04/26 - Vale girls football tournament EBA
- 17/04/26 - Pickle ball year 4-6
- 20/04/26 - Reception and Year 6 Photographs
- 21/04/26 - Datastor football - rearranged
- 22/04/26 - Ability Day CHS
- 29/04/26 - 01/05/26 - London residential Year 5

## May

- 06/05/26 - Sports Hall athletics year 1/2 AC CHS
- 11/05/26 - 14/05/14 - SATs assessments
- 15/05/26 - Year 6 Water Sports at Astbury Mere
- 18/05/26 - Cricket all day Girls
- 20/05/26 - Cricket mixed Cricket club
- 26/05/26 - 01/06/26 - Summer half term

## June

- 08/06/26 - Diamond cricket Yr 3/4
- 10/06/26 - Quad Kids
- 12/06/26 - Tempest class photographs
- 16/06/26 - KS1 Sports Day
- 17/06/26 - KS2 Sports Day
- 22/06/26 - Year 3 Water Sports at Astbury Mere
- 29/06/26 - Year 5 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

## July

- 01/07/26 - swimming pool in use until Mid July
- 02/07/26 - KS1 Bee Active Commonwealth
- 03/07/26 - KS2 Bee Active Commonwealth
- 06/07/26 - Year 4 Water Sports at Astbury Mere
- 06/07/26 - 10/07/26 - Year 6 Cornwall
- 17/07/26 - Break up for Summer

[School term dates for 2026/27](#) are now on our website however 2 INSET days are to be confirmed.

# 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.

