



# Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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Dear families,

### **A Wonderful Start to the Spring Term**

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the academic year, and this milestone provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on just how far our children have come. January began with another highly engaging Stop Day focused on Design and Technology, then throughout the month our children enjoyed a wide range of exciting experiences - from making Stone Age pouches and exploring Gothic architecture, to fishing, gladiator themed activities, and scooter workshops. Our timetable tweaks are already having a positive impact and the SEND team hosted another successful 'Slurp and Chirp' coffee morning, offering advice and support to families.

Sporting events are off to a strong start and even just looking at the past couple of weeks, our teams continue to perform brilliantly in local competitions - see page 4 for the full update. This week, we've been focusing on online safety for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, looking at the use of artificial intelligence. Pupils took part in whole school assemblies with our local PCSO, Andrew Cornell and completed fun online safety activities on how to stay safe online using AI during their PHSE lessons.

It was brilliant to see so many parents supporting their child's reading journey by engaging with the school's book fair. It is just one more way we can encourage and excite children to engage with reading - there is nothing like a brand new book. Every purchase also helps our school earn free books to keep our library offer as fresh and relevant and possible. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a success!

If you would like to be part of our thriving school community, we currently have several exciting opportunities available: Parent Governor, Teaching Assistant, Club Quinta Manager (before and after school club) and Midday Assistant; all information is available on our website.

KS2 pupils - we're really looking forward to seeing your entries for the Congleton Rotary Photography Competition - details have been shared on SeeSaw and can be seen below!

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 23rd February for another special Stop Day, focused on strengthening relationships and helping everyone feel confident and settled after the holiday.

Finally, please look out for your child's mid year report (Reception to Y6) which comes out later today. These will give you a snapshot of where they are thriving, needing support and also indicate their behaviour so far this year. New this year is the home reading tracker included in the report which provides an overview of home reading engagement so far this year. This report will focus the parents' evening conversations during the first week back.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Mr. Sharpe  
Head Teacher



**Mr Sharpe,  
Head Teacher**

## Dates for the first week back

### Monday 23rd February

#### Face-to-face Parents' Evenings

#### (telephone appointments throughout the week)

These will consist of face-to-face appointments taking place on Monday 23 February and telephone appointments throughout the week.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

#### 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 25th February

#### Sports Hall Athletics Year 4

Sports hall athletics will take place during the afternoon at Congleton High School for pupils in Years 4. 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.

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

#### Macc Football Tournament Years 5 and 6 Boys

Year 5/6 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 26<sup>th</sup> February

#### Netball League Night 2 Years 5 and 6

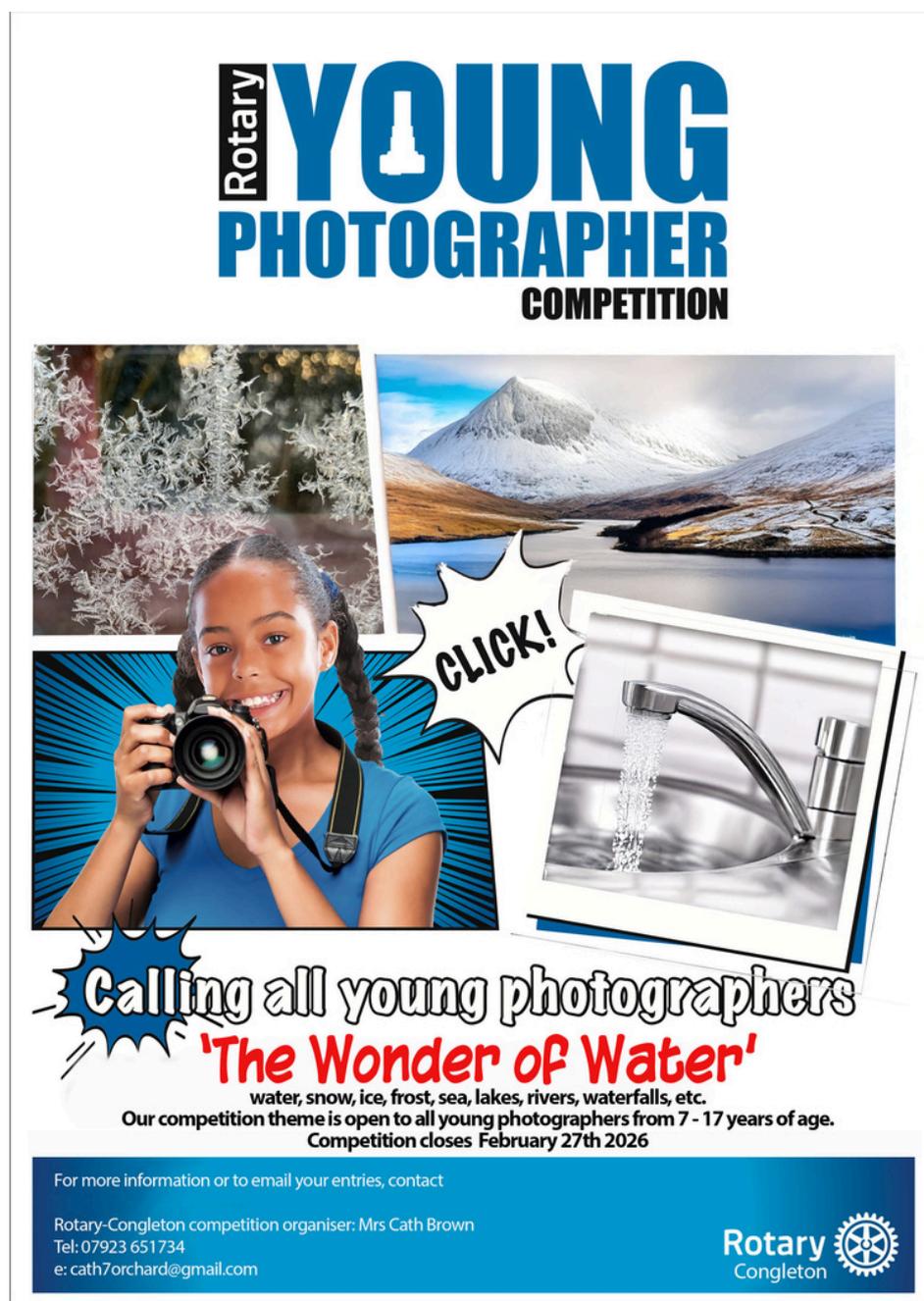
All participating children have been informed. This will take place at Congleton High School and the times will be confirmed.

# KS2 Capture the Moment this half term!

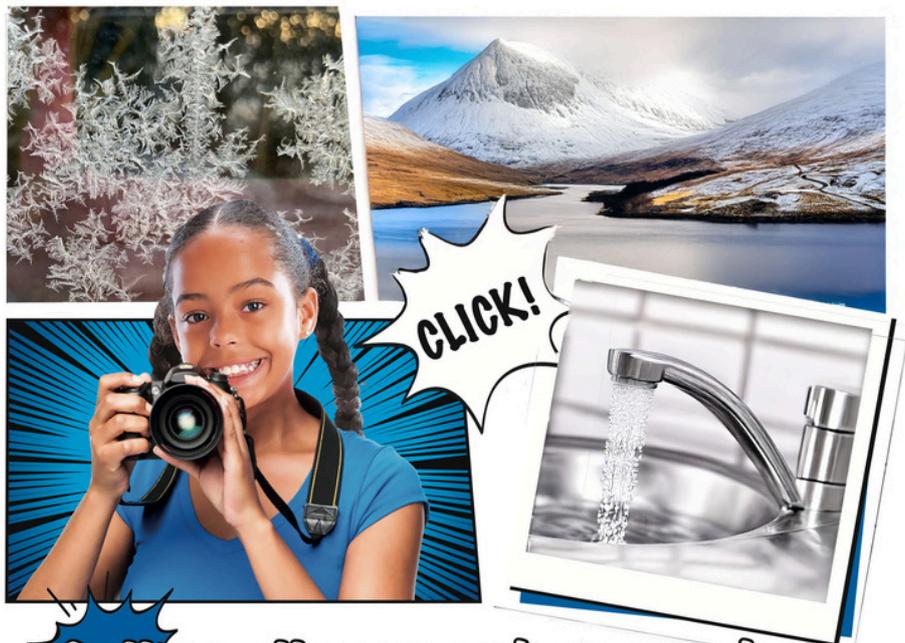
KS2 pupils are invited to take part in the exciting Rotary Young Photographer Competition! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to get creative, showcase their photography skills and share their unique perspective through a single powerful image.

All the information about the competition has been posted on Seesaw, so please take a look at the slides for full details. Each entrant may submit one photograph, and the deadline to upload entries to Seesaw is Tuesday 24th February. This will give us time to collate and submit all entries.

We can't wait to see the wonderful photographs our talented pupils capture! 🌟



**Rotary** **YOUNG**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**COMPETITION**



**Calling all young photographers**  
**'The Wonder of Water'**  
water, snow, ice, frost, sea, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, etc.  
Our competition theme is open to all young photographers from 7 - 17 years of age.  
Competition closes February 27th 2026

For more information or to email your entries, contact  
Rotary-Congleton competition organiser: Mrs Cath Brown  
Tel: 07923 651734  
e: [cath7orchard@gmail.com](mailto:cath7orchard@gmail.com)

Rotary  
Congleton 

## Parents Evening week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February

We are pleased to let you know that parents evening appointments are now available to book on School Spider up until Sunday 22nd February at 6.00pm.

These will consist of face-to-face appointments taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and telephone appointments throughout that week.



## Irresponsible Parking

Irresponsible parking and driving by some members of our school community is a serious problem. Whilst the duty to patrol outside of the school lies firmly with the police and local authority, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that we do everything possible to keep our children safe.

Parents have raised with the school on a number of occasions, incidents where children and adults have been put at risk due to careless, negligent and often illegal driving and parking practices. I urge you to log and inform the non emergency police (101), as well as Cheshire East Highways using the following reference number so we can build a case for better traffic patrols, systems and markings as this may in future save a member of our community being seriously injured. REF: 3460938

## Safer Internet Week

This week, we focused on online safety in recognition of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, with a particular look at the use of Artificial Intelligence. Pupils participated in whole-school assemblies with our local PCSO, Andrew Cornell, and took part in engaging online safety activities during their PHSE lessons, learning how to stay safe while using AI.



# A Special Return Visit

It was a real pleasure to welcome Nya back to school, one of our former pupils who now attends The Hammond Performing Arts School. Our Year 4 children absolutely loved learning dances with her and were inspired by her talent and enthusiasm.



# Basketball Team Shine in Partnership Finals

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 basketball team on competing in the partnership finals earlier this month. The team showed fantastic skill and teamwork, securing an impressive third place overall in the area. Well done to everyone involved!



# Outstanding Season for Our Year 5/6 Football Team!

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team! With an undefeated record all season and exceptional teamwork, they secured an impressive 2nd place in the local league—just one point shy of the top spot. Well done to everyone involved—you've played brilliantly and made us incredibly proud!



# The Primary Times

Helping families have fun together – the most comprehensive local FREE What's on Guide for families and teachers.



**Cheshire & The Wirral**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**HALF TERM ISSUE**

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# Family Support



## You Are Not Alone Drop-in

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

### Monthly Drop-in for Autism and PDA

A free monthly online drop-in for parents and carers. This is a safe space run by Erik and Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism plus PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations. For further information please [click here](#).



### Little Stars Support Age 0-5

If you have a child with diagnosed or undiagnosed additional needs, come along to our Little Stars groups for messy play, sensory circuits and more! Running weekly at our family hubs! For further information please [click here](#)

### ADHD and Autism Support Resources for Children and Young People in Cheshire East



### ADHD and Autism Support Resources

Access resources, strategies and advice for each area of your child or young person's needs that have been designed to support development and wellbeing at every age. For further information please [click here](#).

## 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!

**In the School hall  
9:00-10:00am**

**@TheQuinta**

### Tuesday 24th February 2026

Two members of the Family Hub team will deliver a short presentation at the start of the coffee morning, then they will be available to share what the Hub offers, answer questions, and provide support to parents.





## 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](#)

**BOOK NOW** 

### 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](#)

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# Local Activities for Half Term

## Join Megan Toft at Sophie Moores Dance for a Street Dance workshop this Feb Half Term



**BOOK NOW**



**Where?** – Mossley Village Hall

**When?** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Who?** – Age 6+ 10 – 11am

**How Much?** £9

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

### ROMAN WEEK | Roman military costume

Try on elements of a Roman military outfit and discover how soldiers looked — and why uniform and equipment mattered so much in the Roman army.

#### Did you know?

Roman soldiers were instantly recognisable by their equipment, which helped maintain discipline and authority across the empire.

- 📅 18–21 February | Congleton Museum
- 🕒 Open from 10.30am
- 🕒 Last entry to activities: 3.00pm
- 🆓 FREE entry | Drop-in activities (no fixed time slots)

👉 To take part, please register via the museum website — you'll find the booking form on the homepage.

Every day: 7+ hands-on activities plus a special daily activity

### ROMAN WEEK | The Roman kitchen

Experience the hard work of feeding a family by grinding grain to make flour, just as many Romans did every day.

#### Did you know?

Bread was a staple of the Roman diet, and making flour by hand could take hours.

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**CM ROMAN WEEK II**

**ROMAN MILITARY COSTUME**

**DAILY ACTIVITY**

**CONGLETON MUSEUM 18th - 21st FEBRUARY**  
Your Roman Adventure Awaits at Congleton Museum!

**CM ROMAN WEEK VI**

**THE ROMAN KITCHEN**

**DAILY ACTIVITY**

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# Important Dates And Events

## February

14/02/26 - 22/02/26 Spring half term holiday  
w/c 23/02/26 - Parents evenings  
Anti-bullying week - 23rd - 27th 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 Reception and Year 1  
06/06/26 - #letgirlsplay - girls football day  
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  
27/03/26 - Easter Experience Morning

## 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  
20/04/26 - Eleanor Cardwell England netballer in all day KS2  
21/04/26 - Datastor football - rearranged  
22/04/26 - Ability Day CHS  
29/04/26 - 01/05/26 - London residential Year 5

## May

01/05/26 - BeeActive KS1 Team Building  
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 - Reception and KS1 Sports Day  
17/06/26 - KS2 Sports Day  
19/06/26 - BeeActive KS2 Last Man Standing  
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 Games  
03/07/26 - KS2 Bee Active Commonwealth Games  
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.

# 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 Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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