

Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.

Friday 20th March 2026

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Dear families,

This is a very busy newsletter as we have a lot to report on with only one more week until Easter. Please take a moment to read in full including the updates to the Behaviour and Attitudes to Learning Policy which we have worked on in conjunction with The Quinta School Council.

Our sports teams have performed brilliantly and you can read more about their achievements in the pages that follow. We were proud to take part in three Cheshire finals: Sports Hall Athletics, hockey at Alderley Edge, and the Year 3 and 4 girls' football finals at Moss Farm in Northwich. Thank you to our PE team for their hard work in preparing the children, and to all the families who support by transporting and encouraging our players—we really appreciate it.

This week, we also took part in the Congleton Rotary Swimathon. Our Year 6 swimmers, along with a staff team, completed an impressive 445 lengths, raising over £550 so far. We are very proud of their effort and teamwork. There is still time to sponsor them and support both the Quinta Primary charity and local causes—please see below for details.

We have also enjoyed some lovely creative opportunities. World Book Day was a highlight, with a range of activities celebrating reading across the school. Reception and Year 1 were delighted to meet Melanie, a local author of the Polly Pin series. Year 5 and 6 pupils also watched a performance of *The Mask Inside My Head* by About 2 Engage, which gave a thoughtful insight into the experiences of young carers.

Today, we marked Eid al-Fitr with a special celebration morning. Pupils learned about its importance and took part in activities linked to its key themes of kindness, charity, and community. It was a great opportunity for us all to come together as a school.

Have a restful weekend,

Mr. Sharpe
Head Teacher



**Mr Sharpe,
Head Teacher**

Dates coming up next week

Tuesday 24th March

Friends of Quinta PTA Annual General Meeting 2:30pm

The PTA Annual General Meeting is a chance to see how parents help make our school better. The PTA will share what they've done, talk about new ideas, and welcome more families to join. Come along, have your say, and be part of something positive for our children. The event will be held in the school hall at 2:30pm and will finish in time for pickup.

Wednesday 25th March

Rock Kidz Whole School

This is an exciting workshop that children absolutely loved last year. The theme is self-esteem and diversity and children are invited to come to school dressed as a rock star. This could include wearing a rock band T-shirt, dressing up in a rock star costume, or styling their hair with a fun "rock" look. For further information see below.

Wednesday 25th March

Year 3/4 Boys Football Tournament Macclesfield

Year 3/4 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 26th March

Netball league night 2 Years 5 and 6

We will be walking children from Years 5 and 6 to Congleton High School after school for the above tournament. All participating children have been informed. Pick up will be from CHS at 5pm. Children need to remember to come to school in their PE kits.

Friday 27th March

Easter Experience Morning

There will be plenty of Easter-themed activities taking place throughout the morning. We also invite all pupils to take part in our **Easter Egg-stravaganza competition** by showcasing their amazing Easter crafts. Get creative and decorate an egg (or several!) and bring your entry to the school door at the start of the day. Entries will be judged by our School Governors, with egg-citing prizes up for grabs—one winner per year group, plus an overall school winner. Every participant will also receive a chocolate treat.

To top the morning off we are also offering children an **Easter themed lunch menu**, see further details below



Notes from the School Office

Decline in punctuality – your support is required


We have recently noticed a decline in pupils' punctuality to school and would like to remind families that classroom doors close at 8:55am.

When children arrive late, they miss important phonics and reading sessions at the start of the day. This reduces their access to the full curriculum and can leave them feeling unsettled when entering the classroom after learning has already begun. Late arrivals can also disrupt the learning of other pupils and take valuable teaching time away from the class.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day, ready to learn. Thank you for helping us create a calm, positive start to the school day for everyone.

Updated Penalty Notice

Please find below the new penalty notice wording. To view the the attendance policy and the fining information please [click here](#).



Every Day At School Counts

More days in school = more friends, more learning

90% attendance = 19 days missed

80% attendance = 38 days missed

27% of primary pupils miss 10+ days of school

6 days absence = drop in reading and maths

PENALTY NOTICE AND PROSECUTION

Penalty Notices may be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period.

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 absence in a 10-week period.

However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent/carer per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer 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/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, 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/carer 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 Local Authority will decide on appropriate next steps which may include:

*Prosecution under s444 (1) or (1a) of the Education Act 1996 which may result in a fine of upto £1000 or £2500 respectively.

*Referral to other agencies.

Team Quinta Makes a Splash at the Swimathon!

[DONATE](#) 

On Wednesday, 18th March, Team Quinta took to the pool like fish to water, swimming an incredible 445 lengths in support of charity! Our fantastic swimmers –including two teams of Year 6 pupils and a staff team—gave it their all, showing amazing determination and team spirit.

It's not too late to donate! If you'd like to support our swimmers and these great causes, simply click the JustGiving link above.

All money raised will be split accordingly:

- 50% will be donated to the local charities listed below

- 50% will go towards supporting our school charity

Friends of Leisure – a local voluntary organisation that helps disabled children and young people enjoy friendship and leisure activities. The organisation provides a range of opportunities that help young people build friendships and participate in everyday activities.

Beartown Rickshaw – this initiative offers leisure rides around Congleton for people who are normally unable to get out and enjoy the fresh air. Donations will help with updating the rickshaw and supporting its running costs.

We would be incredibly grateful for any donations to support our Year 6 pupils and staff. Your generosity will help make a real difference in our local community.



Rock Kidz Return to The Quinta



We are thrilled to announce that Rock Kidz will be returning to school on Wednesday 25th March!

All children are invited to come to school dressed as a rock star. This could include wearing a rock band T-shirt, dressing up in a rock star costume, or styling their hair with a fun “rock” look. Rock Kidz merchandise is also available to purchase in advance from <https://rockkidz.bigcartel.com/>.

The theme of this special event is self-esteem and diversity, delivered through a series of high-energy, interactive workshops. Using music, engaging activities and inspiring messages, Rock Kidz will encourage children to explore the importance of valuing themselves and others, helping them to build confidence and develop positive relationships. For any children who may feel overwhelmed by such activities, quieter sessions and additional adaptations will be available to ensure that everyone can take part comfortably.

This exciting opportunity comes at a cost to the school, and we would greatly appreciate a £2 donation per child to help support the event – payment can be made via Scopay.

At the end of the school day, Rock Kidz will also be available at the back of the hall for any children who wish to purchase merchandise. For further information and to explore their full range, please visit <https://www.rockkidzuk.com/>.

We can't wait for a fun-filled day of music – let's rock out and celebrate how self-esteem and embracing diversity can make a big difference!



DONATE NOW



So Many Sporting Successes so far this month!

On 3rd March, our hockey team had a fantastic afternoon competing in the partnership finals on home ground. They finished as runners-up, securing their place in the Cheshire finals. So proud of the team!



On 3rd March, congratulations to both of our Year 3/4 football teams who played at Eaton Bank—there was some fantastic play and plenty of enthusiasm on show. A special well done to the A team for going all the way to the finals and finishing as runners-up. Go girls!



On 4th March, huge congratulations to our very talented Year 5/6 girls' team who played at the Leasing.com Stadium in Macclesfield. They finished top of their group to reach the semi-finals, which they won in a thrilling penalty shootout with three fantastic saves. Although they narrowly lost the final by a single goal, we are immensely proud of their performance and positive attitude. Go girls!



On 12th March, we hosted the annual Congleton Hockey Tournament here at Quinta Primary School, with teams competing bravely despite heavy rain throughout the event.

Both of our teams showed great determination and skill in challenging conditions, progressing through the rounds to reach the semi-finals. After a series of impressive matches, our A team went on to win the tournament—a fantastic achievement for the school and a real highlight of the day!

So Many Sporting Successes so far this month!

On 17th March, our Year 5/6 girls' football team played brilliantly at Eaton Bank, shooting their way to victory in the tournament—so impressive, girls!



On 18th March, we were beyond proud of our netball superstars at the annual Congleton tournament. Both the A and B teams topped their group stages and progressed to the semifinals. After winning their semifinals, they faced each other in an exciting final, with the A team emerging as champions by a narrow margin.

Both teams impressed with their talent, determination, speed, slick passing, and fantastic shooting—simply outstanding!

A sensational sporting week at The Quinta – many county conquests!



On 10th March, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented Quinta Primary School at the Cheshire finals for Sports Hall Athletics, held at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. It was an exciting and highly competitive event, with 24 events in running, jumping, and throwing.

Our team showed fantastic skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the morning, with several standout individual performances. After a morning full of action, we were thrilled to achieve an impressive 6th place across all of Cheshire—a remarkable accomplishment given the high standard of competition.

Adding to the celebration, our team was awarded the Spirit of the Games Award in recognition of the pupils' positivity, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

We are extremely proud of every child who took part and the way they represented Quinta with enthusiasm and determination. A huge thank you also goes to the parents who supported the team on the day—their encouragement and help were very much appreciated.



On 12th March, our Quinta hockey team competed in the Cheshire finals in Alderley Edge and put in an outstanding performance throughout the tournament. The pupils showed great determination, teamwork, and skill against some very strong opposition. They progressed impressively through the rounds and reached the semi-finals, where they were narrowly defeated in extra time after a closely fought match. Finishing among the top four teams in Cheshire is a fantastic achievement and really reflects the hard work and commitment of all the players.

A sensational sporting week at The Quinta - many county conquests!

Also on 12th March, our Year 3 and Year 4 girls' football team took part in the Cheshire finals at Moss Farm in Northwich, competing against some of the strongest school teams in the county.

The girls put in an excellent series of performances, showing great teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the competition. Their hard work paid off with an impressive top-six finish across Cheshire—a fantastic achievement for the team.



Engaging Drama for Year 5 and 6

On 19th March, About 2 Engage, a theatre company working with Cheshire Young Carers, performed *The Mask Inside My Head* for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Inspired by the experiences of young carers who contributed to creative workshops, the play gave a powerful insight into their lives. The children were completely engaged from start to finish, enjoying the performance and its important message.



#LetGirlsPlay Day – Inspiring Girls Through Football

On 6th March, thank you to Goal Coaching for hosting our #LetGirlsPlay day at school in celebration of International Women’s Day. Our girls had a fantastic time, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence throughout.

It was brilliant to be part of the wider #LetGirlsPlay campaign, helping to inspire more girls to get involved in football and enjoy being active.



World Book Day - always a favourite!



World Book Day - even our teachers embraced!



Still on the theme of books - author visit!

On 6th March, following on from World Book Day, Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful morning meeting Melanie, a local author of the "Polly Pin" series.

She shared her story beautifully, and the children listened so carefully, eagerly joining in with discussions and learning songs inspired by the book. Melanie also brought along a bag of special items, which some of the children helped to reveal, using them to demonstrate basic hand sewing techniques and how a sewing machine works—something that truly fascinated everyone!

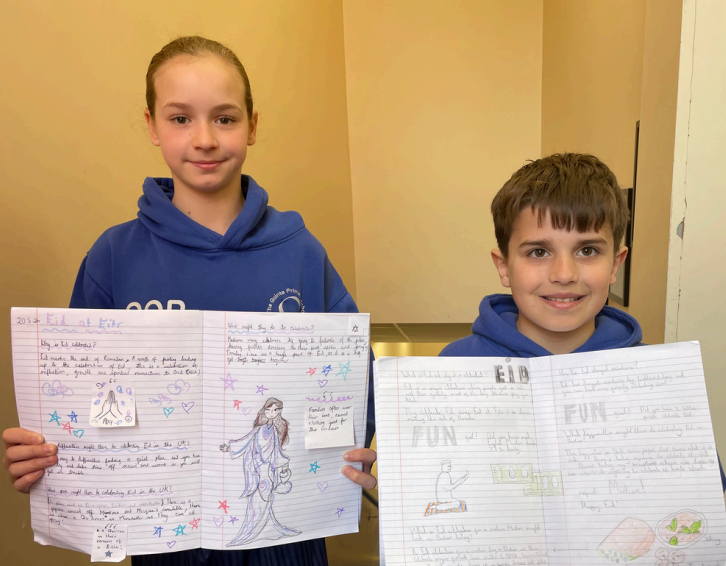


Eid Celebration Day

Just today, Friday 20th March, our school celebrated Eid al-Fitr with a special Eid Celebration Morning, marking the end of Ramadan. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to come together and share in the joy of this important occasion, with vibrant activities, games, and a real sense of community.

Students also took part in lessons about Eid, exploring its significance, traditions, and values such as kindness, charity, and togetherness. Through discussions, storytelling, and engaging activities, they gained a deeper understanding of what makes this holiday so special.

The morning was a meaningful time for reflection and sharing, reminding us of the importance of unity and understanding. We are proud to have celebrated together and look forward to many more moments of learning and celebration ahead.





Easter Menu

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Easter MENU

Friday 27th March

MAIN COURSE

Chicken Nuggets, Fries
and Beans | Vegetable
Nuggets, Fries and Beans
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DESSERT

Crackolates
Goey but Crunchy Cornflake Easter Nests
Complete with Mini Eggs.

DRINKS

Assorted Drinks

[ORDER VIA SCOPAY](#)



Friends of Quinta – PTA AGM



The Quinta
Primary School

PTA AGM



TUESDAY
24
MARCH

The PTA Annual General Meeting is a chance to see how parents help make our school better. We share what we've done, talk about new ideas, and welcome more families to join. Come along, have your say, and be part of something positive for our children.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Discuss important information

**SCHOOL HALL
24TH MARCH AT 2:30PM**





Enter our Easter Egg-stravaganza

ENTER OUR EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA


 Date: Friday 27th March

 Get creative and decorate an egg (or eggs)

 Judging by our School Governors

 Egg-citing prizes to be won!

 One winner per year group

 Plus an overall winner across the whole school

 A chocolate treat for every entry

We can't wait to see your egg-straordinary designs!



Easter Holiday Club!

The Easter Bunny is bringing more than just chocolate this year – our Easter Holiday Club is back! Join us for eight days of fun from Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April and Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April.

Booking Information – last chance to book!

To make sure your child doesn't miss out, please complete the [booking form](#) by Friday 20th March. We will confirm bookings by Wednesday 25th March, depending on demand, so please return forms as soon as possible to secure a place.

Club Times & Prices

- 8:00am – 1:00pm: £16 per day
 - 8:00am – 5:30pm: £26 per day
- (Children will need a packed lunch. A light tea will be provided at 4:30pm.)

Discounted Weekly Rates (4 days)

- 8:00am – 1:00pm: £57.60 for the week
- 8:00am – 5:30pm: £93.60 for the week

Don't wait – hop to it and book your child's place today!

We can't wait to welcome everyone for another fantastic holiday club!

Best regards,

The Quinta Holiday Club Team



EASTER
Holiday Club
Week 1

Session times
8am-1pm
8am-5:30pm

Monday
30th March

Spring Discoveries
-Scavenger Hunt and flower planting
-Trip to Quinta park

Tuesday
31st March

Big Art Day
-Bubble Art
-easter Crafts
-Weaving Art

Wednesday
1st April

Movement Day
-Easter themed outdoor games
-Bring your wheels day

Thursday
2nd April

Outdoor Adventures
-Easter themed forest school
-Easter sports day games



EASTER
Holiday Club
Week 2

Session times
8am-1pm
8am-5:30pm

Tuesday
7th April

Baking and Decoration
-Chocolate Easter Nests
-Easter Biscuits

Wednesday
8th April

Egg-citing Fun!
-Egg painting
-Egg Hunt

Thursday
9th April

STEM and Build Day
-Marshmallow Tower Building
-Egg drop challenge

Friday
10th April

Celebration and Party Day!
-Party Games and Disco
-Easter Bingo

Let's PARTY!



Family Support



You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st 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](#).



Friends For Leisure

Because everyone needs a friend

Helping children and young people with disabilities in Cheshire East enjoy friendship and leisure.

Trying new things, making friends, and joining in are all important parts of growing up—but with a disability, they can be much harder. Our volunteers support young people to take part in activities, try new experiences, and have fun, because everyone deserves to enjoy being young. For further information [click here](#).

Friends for Leisure Drama Group

A fun drama group based in Congleton for children with disabilities aged 10 and above. For further information [click here](#)



Extra Curricular Activities...



Join Sophie Moores for Ballet and Creative Dance

Where? – The Quinta Primary School

When? – 14th April until 19th May 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](#)

Learn an instrument at school!



Join Chanel Evans-Coates at Sophie Moores Dance for a Musical Theatre and Jazz Technique workshop this Feb Half Term

Where? – Mossley Old School

When? – Wednesday 18th February

Who? – Age 6+ 10 - 11am

How Much? £9.50pp

More information – [click here](#)

BOOK NOW





Important Dates And Events

March

- 24/03/26 - Girls football league night 2 EBA
- 24/03/26 - PTA AGM 2:30pm
- 25/03/26 - Year 3/4 Boys Macc Football Tournament
- 25/03/26 - Rock Kidz
- 27/03/26 - Easter Experience Morning

April

- 14/04/26 - 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
- 07/05/26 - KS1 bounce night
- 11/05/26 - 14/05/26 - SATs assessments
- 14/05/26 - KS2 Bounce Night
- 15/05/26 - Year 6 Water Sports at Astbury Mere
- 18/05/26 - Yr 3 Trentham Garden Trip
- 18/05/26 - Cricket all day Girls
- 19/05/26 - 19th May Yr 3 Bee Day
- 20/05/26 - Cricket mixed Cricket club
- 23/05/26 - 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
- 19/06/26 - Summer Fair
- 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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of an update to our behaviour systems for pupils in Years 1–6. At The Quinta, we are committed to ensuring that all children can learn in a calm, safe and purposeful environment. As part of this, we have refined our approach to supporting pupils whose behaviour is not meeting expectations over time or where more serious incidents occur. This updated approach is called our **Pathway to Positive**.

What is changing?

We are implementing a Pathway to Positive. A structured, stepped system of support used when:

- A pupil demonstrates continuous low-level disruptive behaviour, or
- A pupil is involved in a more serious incident.

This approach replaces unstructured time, with guided, supportive opportunities and is not intended as a punitive punishment but as a short-term intervention to help pupils succeed .

What does this look like in practice?

Pupils move through clearly defined stages:

- Universal Support – where most pupils remain
- Behaviour Monitoring (5 days) – additional support, reduced unstructured time, temporary removal of privileges.
- Pathway 1 (5 days) – increased structure and targeted strategies, potential for permanent removal of privileges.
- Pathway 2 (10 days) – more intensive support and further adjustments, permanent removal of some privileges.

At each stage:

- Support is increased
- Expectations remain clear and consistent

The aim is always to return pupils to universal provision as quickly as possible

What happens if a child needs this support?

We will send parents an email if their child reaches 5 behaviour points lost and is 'At Risk' of moving to monitoring. Parents may not always receive an 'At Risk' email for example if their child moves from less than 5 points to 6+ points in a single day.

Parents will always be informed if their child:

- Moves onto Behaviour Monitoring
- Moves onto Pathway 1 or Pathway 2

We will work in partnership with you at every stage.

Why are we making this change?

- Expectations are clear and consistent for all pupils
- Behaviour is addressed early before it escalates
- Pupils are supported to make positive changes quickly
- Learning time is protected for all children from low-level disruptive behaviours.
- Children are safe from big behaviours or constant low level behaviours.

Where can I find more information?

You can view the full Behaviour and Attitudes to Learning Policy (which includes the Pathway to Positive) [here](#).

We are confident that this clear and consistent approach will support all pupils to be Ready, Respectful and Safe, and enable every child to succeed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,
Mr W. Sharpe