



Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.

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Dear families,

Welcome back to school at the start of the summer term. I hope you all had the chance to spend some quality time together as a family.

We began the week with a Stop Day, focusing on mental health and wellbeing. A range of engaging activities was designed to support a smooth return to school.

This week, our children had their photography work proudly displayed in Congleton Library—if you get the chance, please do have a look. They have done amazingly well.

Another highlight has been our Year 5/6 girls' football team. On 14th April, they ended their season in style, with an unbeaten run and a flurry of goals to lift the Vale Tournament trophy. This was their final time playing together as The Quinta, particularly for our two Year 6 players, and they have had an outstanding year.

Looking ahead to next week, we are really excited to welcome a current England international, Eleanor Cardwell, to school next Monday. The Manchester Thunder and England netball shooter will be coaching pupils in Years 4–6, followed by sessions with our A and B netball teams, before leading a KS2 assembly. Her visit will provide pupils with a unique opportunity to learn from an elite athlete through both coaching and an assembly centred on her journey, resilience, and life in professional sport.

Continuing the theme of sport, we have launched our summer extra-curricular clubs timetable and sign-up, which is once again heavily oversubscribed. We aim to confirm successful places by Monday 20th April. Football with Goal Coaching and Drama Club will continue as usual on Monday.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Mr Sharpe
Head Teacher



**Mr Sharpe,
Head Teacher**

Dates coming up next week

Monday 20th April

Eleanor Cardwell, England netballer visit

We are excited to welcome Eleanor Cardwell to the school on Monday 20th April. She will be working with Years 4–6, along with our A and B netball teams, delivering a coaching session focused on developing key netball skills, teamwork, and game awareness. Later in the day, she will also host a KS2 assembly, where pupils will have the opportunity to learn about her journey in elite sport, what it takes to compete at international level, and ask questions about her experiences representing England.

Monday 20th April

Year 6 and Reception group photographs

Tempest Photography will be visiting the school to take group photos of Reception and Year 6, giving families a simple way to capture and keep a record of these important school moments.

Tuesday 21st April

Rearranged Datastore Football Tournament Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a football competition at Congleton High School. We will be walking the children to this event and it is due to finish at 5pm with pickup from CHS. All participating children have been notified and need to remember their shin pads and football boots, kit will be provided.

Wednesday 22nd April

Parents Meeting London Residential

Parents are invited to come into school at 3:20pm (after school pickup) and gather in Classroom 10 for a meeting about the upcoming residential. This meeting will take around an hour. All information will be shared on the London SeeSaw following the meeting.

Celebrating Our Year 5's Photography Entries

We were very proud of our Year 5 entrants into the Congleton Rotary Photography Competition. They enjoyed a lovely walk to the library to view all of their entries on Monday 13th April.



Girls' Football Team Crowned Vale Champions

What a fantastic way to end the season for our incredible Year 5/6 girls' football team on 14th April—an unbeaten run and a flurry of goals saw them lift the Vale Tournament trophy. This marks the final time this group will play together as Quinta, particularly for our two Year 6 players. They've had an outstanding year and shown remarkable talent throughout. Mrs Cope stated "Thank you, girls—it's been a pleasure to witness your positivity, skill, and teamwork."



Informing us of children's appointments

Please inform us of any children's appointments in advance. If your child has an appointment, contact the office a few days beforehand by calling and selecting option 2 to leave a message. You are welcome to inform the teacher as well, but it is essential that the office is notified.

Providing advance notice helps us ensure staff are informed and your child is prepared for departure. Where possible, we encourage appointments to be scheduled outside of school hours to minimise disruption to learning.



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	
<p>Penalty Notices may be issued for</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Per Parent/Per Child</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>First Offence</p> <p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:</p> <p>£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.</p> <p>(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)</p>	<p>Second Offence</p> <p>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</p> <p>£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)</p>
<p>Third Offence</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Local Authority will decide on appropriate next steps which may include:</p> <p>*Prosecution under s444 (1) or (1a) of the Education Act 1996 which may result in a fine of upto £1000 or £2500 respectively.</p> <p>*Referral to other agencies.</p>	



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



Available 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](#)

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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!





Important Dates And Events

April

- 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 - **cancelled**
- 11/05/26 - 14/05/26 - SATs assessments
- 14/05/26 - KS2 Bounce Night - **cancelled**
- 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.