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Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.

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Dear families,

I would like to start with a huge thank you to the staff who attended the London and Robinwood residentials over the past few weeks. Year 4 developed their self-management skills during their two-night stay at Robinwood, building independence and teamwork in equal measure.

During the London trip, our Year 5 staff were spoken to on a number of occasions by members of the public and staff at the venues we visited, who commented on how well the children represented the school. London gives our children the opportunity to experience West End theatre, visit significant sites across the capital and explore a number of national museums. Staff give their time voluntarily to stay away from their own families so that our children can enjoy making these lifelong memories.

The Congleton Rotary team also came into school last week and could not speak highly enough of the school and our contribution to Rotary events. This time, it was the town photography competition. The Quinta pupils were very successful, claiming a number of awards. Special congratulations go to Michele in Year 3, who achieved third place overall, and Millie in Year 5, who achieved second place overall out of 105 entries.

As part of the school's work on sustainability and the environment, we came together to celebrate the incredible centenary of Sir David Attenborough. Through creative artwork inspired by the natural world, a beautiful whole-school display has been created to celebrate wildlife and the importance of caring for our planet. This amazing piece will be shared later in the month once we have put the finishing touches to it.

Staying with this theme, we were delighted to welcome The Big Clothes Movement into school this week. They delivered an inspiring assembly to the children about the importance of recycling clothing. A clothing recycling bin has now been installed on site, offering a convenient way for our school community to donate unwanted garments and support the school's ongoing efforts to become more sustainable.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Mr Sharpe
Headteacher



**Mr Sharpe,
Head Teacher**

Dates coming up next week

Monday 18th May

Year 5/6 Girls Cricket at the Congleton Cricket Club

Our Year 5/6 girls will be attending a cricket competition at Congleton Cricket Club during the school day. We shall be walking there. If you wish to pick your child up from the Cricket Club and to not return to school please contact Mrs Cope. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit.

Monday 18th May

Year 3 Trip to Trentham Gardens

Our Year 3s are visiting Trentham Gardens to learn about bees and pollination first hand with experts. Children will need to wear their PE kits, wear a cap and bring a packed lunch including plenty to drink. No spending money will be required and they will return to school before the end of the school day.

Tuesday 19th May

Year 3 Bee Day

Year 3 will be taking part in a special Bee Day to learn all about the important role bees play in our world. The children will enjoy a range of exciting activities linked to bees, nature, and pollination. We are also delighted to welcome visiting bee keepers, who will share their knowledge and experiences with the children and give them the opportunity to learn more about caring for bees.

Tuesday 19th May

Year 3 Cake Sale

Our year 3 pupils will be selling cakes outside the Year 3 classroom at break-times. If your child wishes to purchase cakes we suggest to bring in approximately £1. All proceeds will go towards making our school more bee friendly.

Wednesday 20th May

Year 5/6 Boys Cricket at the Congleton Cricket Club

Our Year 5/6 boys will be attending a cricket competition at Congleton Cricket Club during the school day. We shall be walking there. If you wish to pick your child up from the Cricket Club and to not return to school please contact Mrs Cope. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit.

Big Clothes Movement Bin

We are excited to announce that we are now working with The Big Clothes Movement. They visited school this week to deliver an engaging assembly and spark enthusiasm among the children about the importance of recycling clothing. A clothing recycling bin has now been placed at the school entrance, where families are welcome to drop off any unwanted items to support this important sustainability initiative. One thing we do ask is that if you are donating uniform is that you remove your child's name from the label.

Year 5 Residential – Forever Memories in London!

At the beginning of the month, our Year 5 children enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to London filled with fun, adventure and amazing experiences.

Highlights included visits to Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter, London Eye, Shrek's Adventure! London and the Science Museum, where the children explored Power Up and Wonderlab. They also enjoyed the Thames Path, a tour of London, a Pizza Hut buffet, a meal at Hard Rock Cafe London and an incredible performance of Matilda The Musical.

The sun shone, they walked miles, saw incredible sights and made many forever memories.



Robinwood Adventures for Year 4

Our Year 4 children had an amazing time at their residential visit to Robinwood last week. Throughout the trip, the children took part in a wide range of exciting activities and embraced many new challenges with enthusiasm and determination.

From adventurous outdoor tasks to team-building activities, the children showed fantastic resilience, independence, and teamwork. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they encouraged one another and stepped outside of their comfort zones.

Most importantly, everyone returned with huge smiles, wonderful memories, and a real sense of achievement. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their positive attitudes and excellent behaviour throughout the visit.



Celebrating Our Rotary Photography

Winners

Congratulations to our Rotary photographic competition winners, who were presented with their prizes during assembly last week. We were delighted to welcome members of the Rotary in to officially award the students and celebrate their fantastic achievements.

This year's competition theme was "The Wonder of Water", with entries submitted in February. The photographs showcased a wonderful range of creativity, imagination, and technical skill, with students capturing the beauty and importance of water in many unique ways.

We are especially proud to share that, out of 105 entries, Michele from Year 3 achieved third place overall, while Millie from Year 5 was awarded second place overall – an incredible accomplishment in such a competitive field.

We are incredibly proud of all our winners and everyone who took part. A huge thank you to the Rotary for their continued support and for taking the time to recognise and encourage our talented young photographers.



Remembering your child's items

Please make sure that you deliver children to school with all of their belongings for the day. Forgetting items can cause your child to worry unnecessarily.

Further to this, if the office are requested to take your child's items down to the class room this disturbs their lessons and ultimately their learning.



Slurp and Chirp

Your chance to get your online safety questions answered...

PCSO Andrew Cornall will be in attendance to speak with parents about online usage and safety. The session will focus on helping young people stay safe online, including guidance around social media, gaming, online communication, privacy, and recognising potential risks such as scams or inappropriate content. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns relating to children's online safety and digital wellbeing.

Tuesday 19th May 2026

In the School hall

9:00-10:00am



Cheshire Constabulary



Holiday Forms Must be Completed!

We have observed that some parents and carers have been taking children out of school without completing the Leave of Absence Form. Please be reminded that it is a legal requirement for the school to know the whereabouts of pupils at all times. Without prior notification, we will be required to contact home, which could result in unnecessary fines. If you require a holiday form please pop the office and pick one up.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM

NAME OF PUPIL(S) _____
 TEACHER(S) NAME (S) _____
 REASON FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE _____
 FIRST DAY OF LEAVE _____
 DATE OF RETURN TO SCHOOL _____
 NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL _____
 SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN _____
 SIGNATURE OF HEAD TEACHER _____
 OR
 NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVE _____

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (SAB) / HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED
 PLEASE NOTE: Schools must conform to DfE regulations concerning leave of absence for holiday purposes during term time.
 TAKING YOUR CHILD ON HOLIDAY WITHOUT THE SCHOOL'S AUTHORIZATION MAY RESULT IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUING A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE TO EACH PARENT/CARER FOR EACH CHILD FOR WHOM THE HOLIDAY REQUEST HAS BEEN REFUSED.
 The Council is reviewing its practice with regards to the issuing of Penalty Notices for term time holiday absence as a matter of priority and is seeking urgent guidance from the DfE.

Updated Penalty Notice

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



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 align="center">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 align="center">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 align="center">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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Prosecution under s444 (1) or (1a) of the Education Act 1996 which may result in a fine of upto £10000 or £2500 respectively. *Referral to other agencies. 	

Join Team Quinta...



The Quinta Primary School

- Everyday Excellence
- Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

The Quinta Primary School

OPAL and Wraparound Club Manager

Full role, job share or split-role applications considered

Salary: NJC Scale Point 12–17, depending on experience

Hours: Up to 32.5 hours per week

Working pattern: Usually between 11:00am/11:30am and 6:00pm/6:30pm, Monday to Friday

Contract: Initial one-year contract, with a strong intention to extend subject to pupil numbers, budget and ongoing provision need

Start date: September 2026 or sooner if available

Headteacher: Mr W Sharpe

The Quinta Primary School, Congleton, is looking for a practical, positive and well-organised person to help lead our OPAL, lunchtime play, after-school and holiday club provision.

This is a key role in the life of our school. We are looking for someone who can help create a safe, happy, well-run and exciting experience for children beyond the classroom.

The successful candidate will lead staff, organise routines, support behaviour, manage resources, communicate with families and help us continue to develop high-quality play and wraparound care.

You do **not** need to be a qualified HLTA to apply. We are interested in hearing from people with relevant experience in schools, childcare, playwork, wraparound care, nurseries, holiday clubs, sports coaching, youth work or outdoor learning.

OPAL experience would be welcome, but it is **not essential**. Training will be provided for the right candidate.

Flexible role options

We recognise that this is a broad role, and we are open to discussing different ways of structuring the post for the right candidate or candidates.

Applications are welcomed for:

Option 1: Full OPAL and Wraparound Club Manager role

Working across lunchtime play, OPAL development, after-school provision and agreed holiday club provision.

Option 2: OPAL / Lunchtime Play Lead

Approximately 11:00am–1:30pm or 11:00am–2:00pm, Monday to Friday, term time.

This role would focus on leading OPAL, developing high-quality lunchtime play, supporting staff and pupils, managing resources and helping embed a positive play culture across the school.

Option 3: Wraparound Club Manager

Approximately 2:30pm–6:00pm, Monday to Friday, term time.

This role would focus on leading after-school provision, organising staffing, planning activities, supporting safeguarding and behaviour, communicating with families and ensuring children have a safe, happy and engaging end to the school day.

Optional holiday club hours

Holiday club hours may be offered separately or built into the Wraparound Club Manager contract, depending on candidate availability and the needs of the school.

We are also happy to consider a **job-share arrangement** or a combination of the above options.

Please state clearly in your application which option you are interested in.

For the full job description and further information please [click here](#)

Support our Year 3s

YEAR 3

BEE DAY

CAKE SALE

TUESDAY
19TH MAY

 **CAKES WILL BE SOLD AT BREAK TIMES**
OUTSIDE THE YEAR 3 CLASSROOMS.

 **RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**
CAN BRING IN MONEY TO BUY A CAKE.

 **ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO**
TOWARDS MAKING OUR SCHOOL
MORE BEE FRIENDLY!



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



Cheshire and Merseyside

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

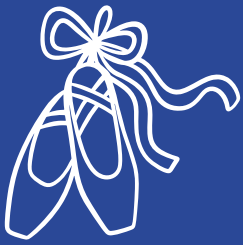
Because everyone needs a friend

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](#)



Dance lessons after school

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? 2nd June – 7th July, **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



Daneside Theatre Fun - this weekend!

Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre Presents



DANESIDE THEATRE - CONGLETON

Music by **Alan Menken**

Book by **Doug Wright**

Lyrics by **Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater**

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

Music Adapted and Arranged by **David Weinstein**

Directors
Olivia Gill & Mathilda Gill

Musical Director
Alex Williams

EVENINGS: Weds 13th to Sat 16th May 2026 at 7.30pm

MATINEE: Saturday 16th May 2026 at 2.30pm

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS AND OVER

TICKETSOURCE/DANESIDE

CONGLETON INFORMATION CENTRE 01260 270350

Group Bookings ticketscayt@gmail.com



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Milk in School

Is your child registered for **SCHOOL MILK?**

**Child
UNDER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



**Child
OVER 5**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.


Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

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Dance with
Sophie Moores

CREATIVE MOVERS RAMBERT GRADES



**An introduction to the fundamentals
of Contemporary dance technique,
through imaginative and explorative
methods**

Suitable for children ages 2-7

**Fridays, Mossley Village Hall,
5:00-5:30pm, £5.50 per class**

First class free trial!

sophiemooresschoolofdance@gmail.com



Sustainability Initiative

**Her –
Place**
Charitable Trust



Fairy Prom Mother Event *2026*

Join us for an event to make all of your prom dreams come true!

Location: St Mary's Caritas centre, 65 Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX

Date: Saturday 16th May

Time: 1-3.30pm

No booking or referral needed, free to attend, pop in any time.

Pre-loved prom dresses, suits, accessories, shoes all available for a small donation.

Plus support, styling tips, and advice for hair and make-up to help you feel confident and prom-ready!

For more information contact us at...

Hub@Her-Place.co.uk

01606 557 666



Important Dates And Events

May

- 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 - Mixed Cricket Cricket Club Yr 5/6
- 22/05/26 - colour raffle non-uniform
- 23/05/26 - 01/06/26 - Summer half term

June

- 01/06/26 - Inset day
- 02/06/26 - Stop Day - Clay experience and Art Rotary competition
- 03/06/26 - Padel tennis Yr5
- 04/06/26 - Padel tennis Yr6
- 08/06/26 - Diamond cricket Yr 3/4
- 10/06/26 - Quad Kids
- 10/06/26 - Padel tennis Yr5
- 11/06/26 - Padel tennis Yr6
- 12/06/26 - Tempest class photographs
- 12/06/26 - Empathy Day
- 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 - Non-uniform day for raffle prizes
- 19/06/26 - Summer Fair
- 22/06/26 - Year 3 Water Sports at Astbury Mere
- 25/06/26 and 26/06/26 - Transition Days - whole school move up 2 days. preschool stay and play days.
- 26/06/26 - Quinta Quest books returned to school
- 29/06/26 - Year 5 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

July

- 01/07/26 - Town Sports 5pm
- 1/07/26 - Swimming pool in use until Mid July
- 02/07/26 - Bee Active Commonwealth Games KS1
- 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
- 06/07/26 - 10/07/26 - Preschool taster days for new starters
- 07/07/26 - Preschool sports day 9.15am and Mrs. Connor's stay and play
- 13/07/26 - Girls' cricket Y5/6
- 14/07/26 - Boys' cricket Y5/6
- 14/07/26 - Preschool graduation 2pm
- 16/07/26 - Leavers assembly 9:30am-11:30am
- 17/07/26 - Break up for Summer

October

- 05/10/26 - Tempest - Individual and sibling photographs
- 06/10/26 - Flu Nasal immunisation spray

[School term dates for 2026/27](#) are now on our website.