



Dates for Next Week

Monday 21st September

Year 4 Cheshire Cricket

Cheshire Cricket are coming in to school to teach our Year 4s, some will also be staying after school for their club which has been communicated previously and is full. Please make sure that all children come to school in their PE kits.

Wednesday 23rd September

Year 6 'Young Hearts Happy Minds'

Cheshire East Young Carers are coming into school to conduct 'Young Hearts Happy Minds' a wellbeing /mental health programme. These sessions focus on managing feelings, improving mental health, and supporting transition.

Wednesday 23rd September

Preschool and Reception Open Day 9:15 - 10am

Join us for our Open Day and discover our welcoming learning environment, meet our dedicated staff, and explore our engaging facilities. Families will have the opportunity to learn about our curriculum, ask questions, and see how we help children thrive through play and learning.

Wednesday 23rd September

Boys Football League Night 1 Years 5 and 6

All participating children have been informed. We will be walking to Congleton High School after school for this event. Please ensure that all children come to school in their PE kit and bring their football boots and shin pads with them. Collection will be from Congleton High School at 5:15pm.

Wednesday 23rd September

Boys Football Friendly at The Quinta Years 3 and 4

All participating children have been informed. Please ensure that all children come to school in their PE kit and bring their football boots and shin pads with them. Collection will be at 4:30pm.



Quick Links

Below are some quick links to our website that you may find helpful for day-to-day school life.

[Extra Curricular Clubs Information](#)

[School Meals Autumn 2026](#)

[Free School Meals Information](#)

[2026 - 2007 Term Dates](#)



Applying for a School Place

For further information please see below

Apply Online For a school place

It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027.

If you do not have web access

Call 0300 123 2012



You can apply from 1st September 2026 at
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2026 Secondary

15th January 2027 Primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged



Applying for a Secondary School Place



Cheshire East Borough Council
Children and Families Service
School Admissions, Floor 1
c/o Delamere House
Delamere Street
Crewe
CW1 2LL

Tel: 0300 123 5012 – select option 1
e-mail: admissions@cheshireeast.gov.uk

To parents of pupils in Year 6

Date: September 2026

Dear Parent

PUPILS STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2027

According to our records, your child is due to start secondary school in September 2027. I am writing to inform you that the application process opened on 1 September. To apply, you need to complete your 'home' local authority's application form (i.e., the authority where you live), even if you plan to apply for a place in a school in another local authority. **It is very important to remember to submit your application by the closing date of 31 October 2026.**

Please Note: If your child has an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** you should have received a separate letter from the SEND Team explaining the secondary transfer process. Therefore, please disregard this letter. If you have any queries, please contact the SEND team by email to senteameast@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Most Cheshire East residents choose to **apply online at** <https://schoolsparentportal.cheshireeast.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>. Applying online is quick and easy. Feedback has shown that one of the main advantages is that you can view your offer online on the published offer date of 1 March 2027, rather than waiting for a letter to be received in the post. We would suggest that you follow @CE_Admissions or @FISCheshireEast on X (Twitter) and / or Family Information Service (Cheshire East Council) on Facebook for information and reminders.

We would strongly advise you to apply for 3 schools. These should be ranked on your application form in order of preference. Most Cheshire East parents do receive their first preference school but if we are unable to offer your first preference school then we will seek to offer your second or third preference. All preferences are treated equally, and no priority is given to applications simply because only one preference is given. If you are applying for a place at a faith school, you may need to complete a supplementary information form (SIF). Please check the school website for information about this or contact the school.

If an application is received **after the closing date of 31 October 2026**, it will be considered late and processed after all on-time applications and can therefore be disadvantaged. Only in exceptional circumstances can we consider late applications alongside those received on-time. You must therefore provide reasons for consideration at the time of the application.

If there are any changes in circumstances that may affect your application, for example, a change of address please contact the admissions team as soon as possible.

Full details about the application process and information booklets are published online at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>. Parents are asked to think about how their child will travel to school when making their preferences. Cheshire East is committed to working with schools to encourage pupils to walk, cycle, use public transport or car share where possible. For information about the Council's school transport policy and eligibility for families on low incomes, please visit our website at https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_transport/school-transport.aspx.

If you do not have access to the Internet or have an enquiry about the application process or school transport, please contact us on 0300 123 5012. The Family Information Service offer support with applications.

Yours faithfully

School Admissions

If you would like to view this letter and all of the included links please visit our website [here](#).



Taking Children out of School

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 into the office and pick one up.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM

NAME OF PUPIL: _____

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: YES / NO (If YES, please state the reason for absence on the back of this form.)

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 FINE 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."

Penalty Notice

Please find below the 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

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 up to £1000 or £2500 respectively.

*Referral to other agencies.



The Quinta Primary School Open Day



THE QUINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Everyday Excellence, Authentic Care, Opportunity, Independence

WEDNESDAY
23RD SEPTEMBER 2026
9:15AM - 10:00AM

JOIN US AND TAKE A LOOK

We're excited to be holding an open day for families considering a place in our Reception or Preschool. If you are wishing for your child to start during the 2027/28 academic year, we would love for you to come along and find out more about our school. To book a visit, just get in touch with the school office using the contact details below.

What you'll see...

- The stimulating learning environment within school
- A chance to chat to Staff
- Some of the current children's work and the curriculum followed
- How we live our values each day in school

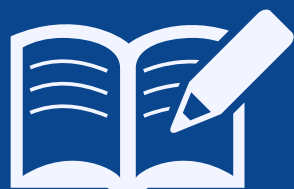
TO BOOK

Call on 01260 221640

Email admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk

For more information visit www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk





Congleton High School Open Day

"A warm, welcoming place to learn and work." Ofsted Feb 2023



Year 5 and 6 Open Evening

5.00pm - 8.00pm on Thursday 24th September 2026

All Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are warmly invited to join us to find out more about our vibrant school and the many academic, extracurricular and careers opportunities available to you.

Ms Thurland, our Headteacher, will give a brief introductory talk at 5.15pm, repeated at 6:15pm and 7.00pm.

To find out more, or to book your place at our Open Evening, scan the QR code or visit congletonhigh.com



We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

"Together in the Pursuit of Excellence"



Important Dates And Events

September

24 September – Congleton High School Open Evening

October

5 October – Individual & Sibling School Photographs

6 October – Flu Immunisations

13 October – KS1 Kinball/Dodgeball Day

16 October – Halloween Disco

20 October – KS2 Kinball/Dodgeball Day

21 October – Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability

22 October – Whole-School Music Tuition Assembly

26–30 October – Half-Term Holiday

November

2 November – INSET Day

3 November – INSET Day

5 November – Gunpowder Plot Experience Day

9 November – Diwali Experience Day

9–10 November – Reception–Year 6 Parents' Evenings

11 November – Whole-School Remembrance Experience

13 November – Children in Need

16 November – Odd Socks Day

16–20 November – Anti-Bullying Week

16–17 November – Year 5 Bikeability

19 November – Year 5 Clonter Performance

26 November – Christmas Merry Market (Provisional)

27 November – FOQ Santa Shop (Provisional)

December

14–15 December – Year 2 Standon Bowers Residential

18 December – Christmas Experience & Christmas Dinner



Important Dates And Events

January

4 January – INSET Day

February

8–9 February – Parents' Evenings

15–19 February – Half-Term Holiday

March

4 March – World Book Day

19 March – Comic Relief

24 March – Rock Kidz Whole-School Event

26 March–9 April – Easter Holiday

April

22 April – Earth Experience Day

28–30 April – Year 5 London Residential

May

10–13 May – Year 6 SATs Week

20 May – Year 3 World Bee Day Experience

31 May–4 June – Half-Term Holiday

June

7 June – INSET Day

14 June – Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

28 June–2 July – Year 6 Residential

July

16 July – School Reports Sent Home

19 July – Year 6 Leavers' Performance (Provisional)

20 July – School Closes for Summer

21 July – INSET Day

Please save these dates. Provisional dates will be confirmed as soon as possible, and further year-group events will be added throughout the year. They will be in bold the week they are added to draw your attention.