



Dates for Next Week

Monday 12th October

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.

Tuesday 13th October

KIN and Dodgeball Key Stage 2

Our KS2 children will be taking part in KIN and dodgeball workshops during the school day. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit.

Tuesday 13th October

Cross Country Competition Years 3 and 4

All participating pupils have been informed. Please can all children come to school in their PE kits. Parents/Carers are required to take children to Eaton Bank Academy and be ready to start by 3:45. Parents/Carers are able to watch this event and take their children afterwards or collect from EBA, we envisage this will finish by 4:45pm.

Halloween Disco

Event Details

- KS1 (Reception – Year 2): 4:00pm – 4:45pm
- KS2 (Years 3 – 6): 5:00pm – 5:45pm
- Admission: £4 per child, including a drink and a bag of sweets.

Important Information

 Drop-off and collection: Please use the rear of the hall for both drop-off and collection.

 Fancy dress: Children are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite Halloween costume. Dressing up is optional, but we'd love to see your spookiest, silliest and most creative costumes!

 FOQ Halloween Shop: The Halloween Shop will be open during the event, with lots of spooky toys and treats available to buy. Don't forget to bring some pocket money!

 After-school clubs and wraparound care: If your child attends an after-school club or wraparound care, a parent/carer will need to collect them and bring them to the disco. We can't wait to see everyone for an afternoon of spooktacular fun!  

Preschool Stay and Play 9am – 10am. Friday 16th October

Each half term, we love welcoming the parents and family members of our preschool groups to join us for a special morning of play, fun and getting involved in the children's learning.

This half term, it's the turn of **Team Moss and Team Hall!** We look forward to welcoming you on **Friday 16th October, from 9am to 10am.**

Parents and carers are welcome to come into preschool straight after drop-off. Simply sign in at the office, and a member of the team will come and collect you when we're ready.

A little reminder: All families with children in Team Moss and Team Hall are welcome, including those whose children attend preschool on other days of the week.

Children who normally attend on Fridays will continue to enjoy their usual PE session in preschool.

We can't wait to welcome our Team Moss and Team Hall families for a lovely morning together!



Important Reminder: Road Safety Around Our School

Following a recent near-miss involving a child, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of safe and responsible driving and parking around our school.

Parents have raised concerns about dangerous and, in some cases, illegal driving and parking that puts children and adults at risk. While enforcement is the responsibility of the police and local authority, we all have a duty to help keep our school community safe.

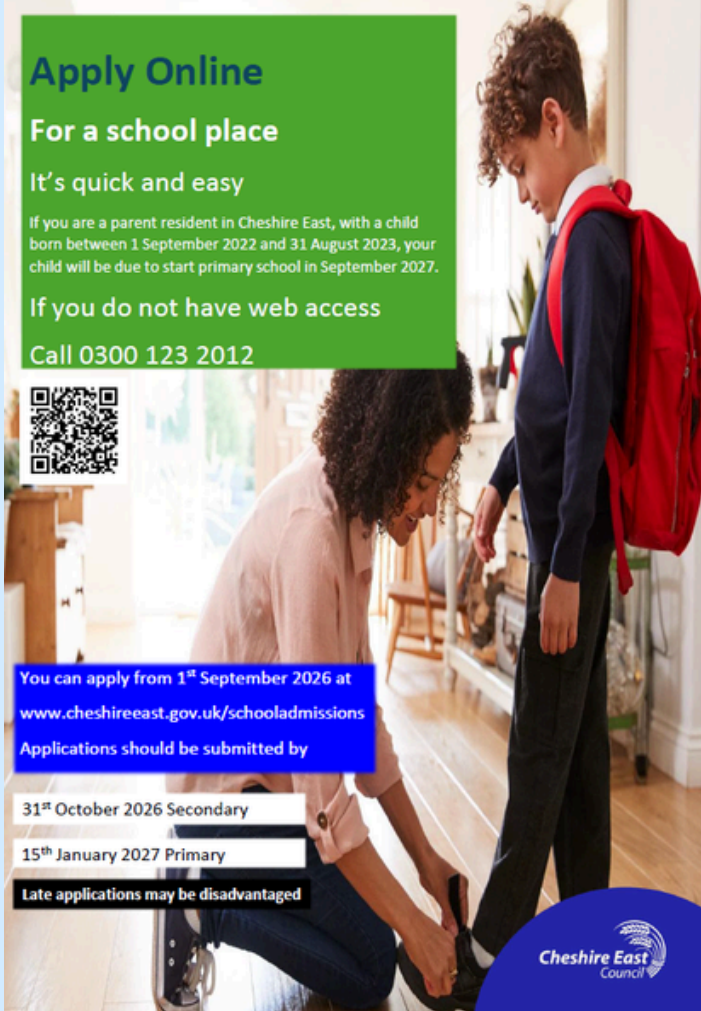
We urge anyone witnessing dangerous driving or parking to report it to the police on 101 and to Cheshire East Highways, quoting reference 3460938. These reports will help build a case for improved traffic patrols, systems and road markings.

Please drive and park responsibly. Our children's safety must come first.



Deadline for Applying for Secondary School – 31st October

For further information about applying for a secondary school place please [click here](#) to view our website.



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 1012



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

31 st October 2026 Secondary
15 th January 2027 Primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged



Cheshire East
Council



Halloween Disco

The poster has a purple-to-blue gradient background. At the top left is a black spiderweb. In the center, a friendly ghost wearing sunglasses holds a colorful disco ball. Two black bats with yellow stars on their chests are flying on either side of the ghost. The background is decorated with various colorful starburst and sparkles. The FoQ logo is in the top right corner.

 **HALLOWEEN
DISCO**

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
KS1 (REC - YR 2) 4.00 – 4.45
KS2 (YR 3 - YR 6) 5.00 – 5.45

£4 ENTRY

Come and join us for some spooky fun! Costumes are encouraged but not essential. Includes a free drink and sweets. Entrance and exit via the rear hall doors. FOQ Shop will also be open for children to purchase items.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND WRAPAROUND CARE: IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB OR WRAPAROUND CARE, A PARENT/CARER WILL NEED TO COLLECT THEM AND BRING THEM TO THE DISCO.



Halloween Menu



HALLOWEEN MENU

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Join us for our spooktacular themed menu. We have some fang-tastic items for your children to get their teeth into...

MAIN

Monster beef burgers and creepy chips plus spooky sweetcorn.

ketchup, BBQ sauce, mayonnaise.

(Vegan burger available)



DESSERTS

Spider chocolate brownies.

A variety of fruit.

DRINK

Ghostly Water or Milk

ORDER VIA SCOPAY BY
Monday 19th October





Bonfire Night Menu

BONFIRE NIGHT MENU

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

MAIN

Hotdogs, skinny fries and
baked beans.

DESSERTS

Chocolate crunch and a variety of fruit.

DRINKS

Milk or water.

**ORDER VIA SCOPAY
PRIOR TO MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**



Congleton Gang Show

We're so proud to see so many of our current and former pupils taking part in this amazing show! 🌟 Book your tickets now and show your support!



Scouts and Guides
of Congleton present
their 27th variety show

28 NOVEMBER – 5 DECEMBER 2026
DANESIDE THEATRE,
CONGLETON

Evening Performances curtain at 7:15pm, Matinee (5th Dec only) curtain at 2:15pm

Tickets available online from:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/daneside-theatre-trust-ltd
(booking fee applies)

www.congletongangshow.co.uk



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BOOKING FORM

DAY	DATE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
SAT EVE	28 th NOV	£12.00		£
TUES	1 st DEC	£10.00		£
WED	2 nd DEC	£10.00		£
THUR	3 rd DEC	£10.00		£
FRI	4 th DEC	£10.00		£
SAT MAT	5 th DEC	£12.00		£
SAT EVE	5 th DEC	£15.00		£
CODE:		TOTAL PRICE TO PAY =		£

Please advise if wheelchair space is required when booking

Tickets on sale from 1st October 2026

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____

EMAIL: _____

(Please ensure email is correct and legible as this is the address your eTickets will be sent to, no tickets are sent via post)

TEL No.: _____

(Information is retained to inform you of future Congleton Gang Show productions. No information passed on to any third parties)

For card payments please book your tickets online via TicketSource:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/daneside-theatre-trust-ltd *(booking fee applies)*

Send completed booking form and remittance to:

CONGLETON GANG SHOW TICKET TEAM
46 Sandbach Road, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 4LW
Cheques payable to "OUR GANG"

All tickets will be sent by email upon receipt of payment

STRICTLY NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

☐ I am happy for my contact information to be retained and used to keep me informed about this and future Congleton Gang Show productions.



Join the movement—do your bit for the environment while being kind to your wallet.

CHILDREN'S PRE-LOVED CLOTHES EVENT (AGES 5+)

Wednesday 21st October

7:00pm - 8:00pm

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Belgrave Avenue, CW12 1HT

Cash
& card
accepted

FREE
ENTRY

£2 per
standard-size reusable
shopping bag
(fill a bag)

On the day
donations
accepted



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](#)



"the opportunity to learn an instrument offers something very special that can last a lifetime"



Music Lessons in School

Big news! Instrumental and Singing lessons are available with Music for Life at school, and your child could be part of something amazing.

At Music for Life, we believe music should be inspiring, accessible and fun. That's why we provide outstanding tutors who deliver weekly lessons, individually or in small groups, to help your child discover the joy of music and develop a lifelong passion.

Your child can choose from a wide range of instruments (including voice) and, when they join Music for Life, they'll unlock incredible opportunities: ensembles, theory classes, workshops, performances and more!

With over 30 years of experience, we know how to make learning music exciting and rewarding. Our dedicated team ensures everything runs smoothly so your child feels supported every step of the way.

Here's what you need to know:

- Weekly 20 or 30 minute lessons in school, individual or small group
- Lessons start from just £31.95 per month (pupil premium subsidies may be available)
- Access to our multi award winning, not-for-profit organisation that invests in students through performances, ensembles, tutor training and workshops
- Easy instrument purchase through one of our partners such as 'Gear 4 Music' or hire with 'Musical Instrument Hire'.

Booking is simple: visit our [online portal](#), complete your details, and we'll confirm lesson times with one of our fantastic tutors. For more info, check out the accompanying e-information along with our [website](#) for advice on choosing an instrument, up-to-date fees, and all the extra Music for Life magic.

We can't wait to help your child start their musical journey. If you have any questions, email us at info@musicforlife.org.uk.

"I honestly think music plays a crucial part every day in my daughter's life. It gives her something that is in the here and now, not online, something she can excel at and feel how her practise helps her make tangible improvements".

To begin lessons in school to start soon, please book via our portal accessed via our website, www.musicforlife.org.uk



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.

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 upto £1000 or £2500 respectively.

*Referral to other agencies.



Important Dates And Events

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.

October

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
22 October – Year 1 Harvest Service 1:30
23 October – School closes for half term at 3:20pm
26–30 October – Half-Term Holiday

November

2 November – INSET Day
3 November – INSET Day
4 November – Y5 Rugby + Y6 boys' football competition
4 November – Children return to school
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
11 November – Y5 Rugby + Y6 football
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
20 November – Non-uniform day and Merry Market donation
20 November – Christmas Merry Market
27 November – FOQ Santa Shop (Provisional)

December

7 December – Y2 Christmas performance dress rehearsal
8 December – Y2 Christmas performance afternoon + evening
10 December – KS2 Carol Service at Astbury Church in the evening
14–15 December – Year 2 Standon Bowers Residential
18 December – Christmas Experience & Christmas Dinner
18 December – School closes for Christmas holiday at 3:20pm
18 December – 4 January – Christmas holiday



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January

4 January – INSET Day

5 January – Children return to school

February

8–9 February – Parents' Evenings

12 February – School closes for half-term at 3:20pm

15–19 February – Half-Term Holiday

22 February – children return to school

26 February – Polly Pin author / illustrator visit – Reception

March

4 March – World Book Day

19 March – Comic Relief

24 March – Rock Kidz Whole-School Event

25 March – School closes for Easter holiday at 3:20pm

26 March–9 April – Easter Holiday

April

12 April – School opens after Easter holiday

22 April – Earth Experience Day

28–30 April – Year 5 London Residential

May

3 May – bank holiday

10–13 May – Year 6 SATs Week

20 May – Year 3 World Bee Day Experience

28 May – School closes for half term at 3:20pm

31 May–4 June – Half-Term Holiday

June

7 June – INSET Day

8 June– Children return to school after half term

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 at 3:20pm

21 July – INSET Day