Rode Heath Primary School

"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."

November 2026





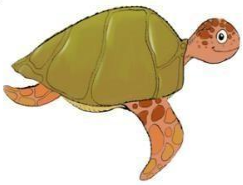
Curiosity



Teamwork



Fairness



Resilience

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half-term break and were able to spend some quality time with your families. As we begin the second half of the autumn term, we have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead as we look towards Christmas, with plenty of opportunities for learning, celebration, and coming together as a school community.

I look forward to welcoming many of you into school over the coming weeks for our parent/carer consultation evenings. These meetings provide an important opportunity to celebrate your child's successes, discuss their progress, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

At the end of this term, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Wiskow as she retires from the teaching profession after an incredible 27 years at Rode Heath Primary School**.**

Throughout her time with us, Mrs Wiskow has made an extraordinary contribution to our school community. She has inspired generations of children through her passion, expertise and commitment to education. An expert in so many areas, she has been a true pioneer in developing engineering, STEM and science across the school, creating exciting opportunities for pupils that have enriched their learning and sparked curiosity. Her dedication, professionalism and unwavering support for children have had a lasting impact on countless young lives.

On behalf of the entire Rode Heath community, we would like to thank Mrs Wiskow for her hard work, dedication and the care she has shown to so many children and families over the years. We wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement and every success and happiness for the future.

In order to ensure continuity of learning in Year 4, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Pecora will be joining the class on a full-time basis as the Year 4 teacher. We are also currently in the process of recruiting an experienced Year 6 specialist to work one day per week in Year 6, helping to maintain the high-quality provision and expertise that Mrs Wiskow has brought to the school. We look forward to updating parents once this appointment has been made.

Harvest

A huge thank you to our Year 6 children, Mr Scott, Mrs Yates, and the staff team who helped organise and support this year's Harvest Fayre. We are also very grateful to everyone who donated items and attended the event. Thanks to your generosity, we raised valuable funds for Dougie Mac Hospice.

We were equally delighted by the many household goods and food donations received, which have now been passed on to Alsager Food Bank to support local families within our community.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Our Autumn Term parent/carer consultation evenings will take place on Wednesday 25th November and Wednesday 2nd December**.**

Booking will open via School Spider on the evening of **Friday 13th November** and will remain available until **Sunday 22nd November**. We encourage all families to book an appointment and take the opportunity to discuss their child's learning and development.

Christmas Productions

Preparations are already beginning for our Christmas performances. This year, our Year 1 and Year 2 children will come together to present their Christmas Nativity, while our Reception and Pre-School children will share a special Christmas Celebration.

Both performances will be open to parents and carers, and we know the children will enjoy learning their songs and practising for these memorable events. Before long, those festive tunes will no doubt be making their way into homes too!

Further information regarding tickets will be shared in due course. In the meantime, please refer to the calendar below for advance notice of performance dates.

School Tours

We are now welcoming prospective families for Pre-School places from April 2027 and Reception places for September 2027**.**

If you know anyone looking for places, tours can be booked through the school office by emailing admin@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk or calling 01270 314414**.**

PTFA Events

A sincere thank you to our fantastic PTFA for organising the recent school disco and pumpkin sale. Both events were extremely well supported and provided wonderful opportunities for children and families to enjoy time together. We are very grateful to everyone who volunteered their time and helped make these events such a success.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th November		Year 1 and Year 2 Falconry Visit (in-school)
Wednesday 11th November		Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11th November		Y6 Chester Military Trip
Friday 13th November		Individual & Sibling photographs (Tempest)
Tuesday 17th November		Online Safety Parent Workshop 9 -10 (more information will follow) Online Safety Year 5 and 6 Workshops
Wednesday 18th November		Year 5 Jodrell Bank visit
Wednesday 25th November		Parent Consultation Evening (by appointment via School Spider)
Friday 27th November		Y4 Egyptian Day
Wednesday 2nd December		Parent Consultation Evening (by appointment via School Spider)
Wednesday 2nd December	2:15pm	EYFS (Pre-School and Reception) Christmas Celebration (Ticketed Event)
Thursday 3rd December	2:15pm	EYFS (Pre-School and Reception) Christmas Celebration (Ticketed Event)
Friday 4th December		Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 9th December	2pm and 6pm	Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Production (Ticketed Event)
Monday 14th December		Christmas Jumper Day / Whole School Panto: (Kindly funded by the PTFA)
Wednesday 16th December		Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 17th December	Morning	Year 5 lead our Carol Service at All Saints' Church, Odd Rode Year 1 to Year 6 children to attend (Year 5 parents, carers and grandparents are welcome)

Our school website is regularly updated with school information. This monthly newsletter, parent letters and school holiday dates can all be found on our website: Rode Heath Primary: Welcome to our school...

Our school Facebook feed is also updated regularly: Rode Heath Facebook page

Kind regards,

John Frankland