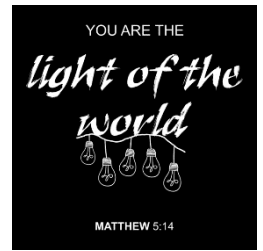


Dear Parents, Carers and friends,

This half term has once again been a fantastic one! We close today for our half term break and return on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you for all your support and engagement with school across the year so far, what we achieve together as parents, grandparents, children, teaching and support staff, governors, PTA and volunteers is truly amazing; so many of us, all wanting a happy childhood that helps our children to SHINE in their learning journey. THANK YOU ALL for making Wybunbury so unique and a special place to be. We all look 'towards the Light'- whatever your personal Light and Life may be!



A huge thank you to ALL the staff at Wybunbury Delves for **lighting the spark for a love of learning and of life** with all our children. So much goes into developing our children. It is a constant and fragile balance to encourage new learning in the right way. Thank you to ALL our staff (teaching and support staff) for their dedication, for the long hours they give and for seeing each child as a person.

**Our newsfeed** gives a wonderful insight into the world of everything Wybunbury Delves! Please check in with it regularly to find out about your child's learning and other enrichment opportunities school provides. Our news feeds directly into our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please acknowledge your read of the news with a like or comment! Questions cannot be answered directly off our Facebook or Twitter feeds so please direct these by email to the office.



Young Voices was an amazing night at Manchester Arena for Year 4 and Year 5. They sung and danced their hearts out and were a huge credit to the school. This week we invited an Interfaith workshop into school, to allow the children to explore, find out and ask questions about other faiths. This was a follow up activity to our Interfaith week.

Year 6 are looking forward to going out next half term on their residential to Edale. Year 1 are looking forward to going to Chester Zoo.



We are planning other visits or visitors for other classes over the rest of the year. The cost of transport has risen a lot during the pandemic. As you will know yourselves from filling up your own cars, the cost of fuel has risen a lot and some places are introducing tolls for coaches to enter certain clean air zone areas, this is reflected in the prices given to school for transport and the choices we make about where we can travel to. You will find visits working out to be more expensive than in the past.



Forest Schools has been a fantastic opportunity for all across the first part of the year.

We say thank you to Mr Hadfield for the activities and experiences given across the year. He now moves onto another school for the rest of the year, we hope to welcome him back next year.



We have had a great sporting term with success in the Netball competition and a visit from Olympian Lauren Quigley.

**PTA and fundraising:** A big thank you to the PTA who are busy organising their next events. They rely on volunteers and help to make events a success, even a small amount of time can make a big difference – if you can help in any capacity please make contact with the committee. Their Facebook page has more details: <https://www.facebook.com/wybunburydelvespta/>



The children enjoyed the Festival of Lights Disco. A big thank you to Mrs Ward for organising and school staff for giving their time to make the event such a success.

Mrs Burns organised the NSPCC Number Day – it was lovely to see everyone dressed in their numbers or as TT Rockstar Avatars. We had amazing success in the TT Rockstars competition in which 2950 schools across the country participated in. Certificates have been given out to our top players in each class.



## School Payments

We thank families for keeping on top of any monies owed to school through using ParentPay.

Our extended school services are run as businesses outside of the school budget. They have to meet their running costs and any profit is used to enhance the services and school resources. We have to monitor non-payment of services and take action if outstanding payments reach a threshold. This will be defined as:

- £25 per child for school dinners debt *or*
- £75 per child for OOSC *or*
- Preschool invoice not paid within 4 weeks *or*
- Total debts to school services (Dinners/OOSC/Preschool) exceed £100 per child

Once the threshold has been reached, school will contact you regarding the outstanding payment. Non-payment towards services used could lead to the use of them being withdrawn for your child.

*Please can you check your ParentPay accounts and settle any outstanding payments in readiness for the new half term. Thank you.*

**Free School Meals / Pupil Premium:** If you qualify for Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of whether you are in Reception, KS1 or KS2, there are benefits to be had both to yourselves and to school. Even if you find yourselves in a temporary situation of low income and at that point meet the Free School Meal criteria, school receives Pupil Premium for the period of receiving FSM and for 6 years afterwards. It is completely confidential if you do qualify. School can use Pupil Premium towards visits/visitors/part payment towards residential – you will have noticed this option on letters and ParentPay. It is only available to those which qualify. Pupil Premium is used in school to further resources and staffing, it cannot be used to subsidise OOSC. Cheshire East website has further information of this very simple process of applying for FSM.

## Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#).

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help. Or access the Cheshire East website:

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

**Food, snacks and lunches** Please may we remind you that school does not allow NUTS OF ANY KIND to be brought into school either as a snack or in lunch boxes. This also includes peanut butter, nutella type products and chocolate sprinkled with nuts etc. Our school supports the Healthy Schools Campaign so we ask that no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks are included within packed lunches. Please do not send in lollipops as they are a hazard if a child is knocked or fall over. Reception, Preschool and Key Stage 1 have fruit available for break time snack, if your child is in KS2 please ensure they bring a healthy snack for breacktime.

We have a growing number of allergies, food intolerances and medical conditions in school which mean some children have to be careful what they eat. It is important we do not share food in order to keep everyone safe. If your child has a condition which means their diet is limited, please ensure you update the office in writing as to any changes in what they can and can't eat and any changes in treatment.

**Water bottles** – we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Water should be a drink of choice for all and a lifelong habit. Water has none of the health problems associated with drinks containing sugar, additives, sweeteners, acids or caffeine. Please only send water into school not energy drinks, flavoured drinks, sodas or fizzy drinks. We also asked that water does not come into school in a reused bottle of such drinks, e.g. Prime bottles.



**Preschool** is now pretty full until the end of the school year. Please do not ask to change your sessions around or for extra unless this has already been agreed, we have a few new starters book to begin after Easter. **We are now registering children for preschool admissions next school year.** Admission to Preschool at can be *from the term before your child turns 3*. We offer places from the beginning of each new term – September; January and April. Parents of a 3 or 4 yr old, are entitled to 15 hours from the start of term after they turn 3 and we also offer 30 hours free childcare for eligible parents. Please follow the link below to check if you are eligible and for details of how to apply. <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf9parent> Please get in touch with the office if you are interested in a Preschool place.



**Reception 2023 Places** – applications have now closed for Reception 2023, the admission process is overseen and organised by Cheshire East. This process is currently taking place and school places will be offered on the National Offer Day of 17 April 2023 by Cheshire East.

**Year 7 High School Places 2023** – the national offer day for our Year 6 to find out about their high school places is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Again this process is via Cheshire East. Any questions or queries should be directed to them, we do not have any input into the process and cannot support applications or appeals.



**Attendance:** It is expected that your child is in school every day and our attendance target is 96%. The government expectation is that every child is now attending school. Averages for this half term are:

**Reception 92% Year 1 98% Year 2 96% Year 3 96%**

**Year 4 96% Year 5 96% Year 6 96%**

Well done to **Year 1 who are our top attenders this half term!**

Any child with attendance below 90% has received a monitoring letter from school. School are working with Cheshire East Attendance monitoring team and their first visit after half term will focus on this group and how attendance can be improved.

We ask that medical appointments are, as far as possible, made outside of school hours. If they cannot be arranged at this time, please provide school with a copy of the medical appointment letter for our records. If you take a sibling out of school to attend their brother/sister's appointment, this is an unauthorised absence as the appointment does not relate to them and should only happen if you genuinely have no alternative.

Sometimes the guide below or their website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> has advice.

In particular, we have seen cases of sickness and diarrhoea over the last few weeks – this does require a 48 hour absence after the last bout. Please do not send your child in if they have been sick at home. This type of bug spreads quickly, we have vulnerable children in school and if staff go down with it, a whole class lose their teacher for at least 2 full days.

**Attendance Ladder**



**When should my child return to school? NHS**

<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*		



**Fixed Penalty Notices** apply to all types of unauthorised absence, not just those accrued through holidays in term time. Holidays within term time cannot be authorised by school.

If 10 or more unauthorised absences (1 absence = ½ day) are accrued over two consecutive terms then school will consult the LA on the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice. The cost of which is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days increasing to £120 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days if remains unpaid will be processed to Court for prosecution. These Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the government's drive to improve attendance. Please see our attendance policy on the website.



**CDAT Links:** We are meeting up once again with our colleagues from the other CDAT schools and some of our children are beginning to get the opportunities to meet with other children from our family of schools. There has been a girls football match at Brereton; some Y6 children visited Utkinton to discuss Fairtrade and there has been a virtual discussion for Safer Internet Day across the schools.

The Trust now comprises 12 schools across the Diocese of Chester. We are all very different and can learn a lot from each other and the context of where we are. The schools in our trust are:

Astbury St. Marys CE Primary; Bredbury St. Mark's CE Primary; Brereton CE Primary; Bosley St. Mary's CE Primary; Christchurch Moreton CE Primary; Dawpool CE Primary; Little Bollington CE Primary; St. Georges CE Primary Hyde; St. Matthews CE Primary Stockport; Utkinton St. Pauls CE Primary and ourselves. We have made a display by the office for the children to see where the other schools are. More information about CDAT can be found on their website: [ww.cdatschools.co.uk](http://ww.cdatschools.co.uk)



**Church School:** This term we have continued our journey through the Old Testament learning about some of People of God. We have enjoyed finding out about Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, Samson, David and Solomon. We have shared with school and our families some beautiful class workshops showing how we can make a difference. Year 6 have enjoyed leading their regular 'Let your light SHINE' worship on a Monday. Reverend Alison has visited us regularly and Year 6 have been to church to look for signs of salvation. Our Christmas tree, by the conservatory, has become our value tree and this month the focus is Love, you will find prayers and thank yous attached.



**Lost property:** Please may we ask that you check all your child's belongings they bring to school to ensure they are clearly named. Being young, children leave their uniform, drinks bottles, shoes etc ... all over the school premises and we can only return lost property if we know who it belongs to. Property that comes into school, is at your own risk – there is a high chance of damage or it going missing. Please do not send into school anything which is expensive or important to your family.

**Parking:** Please park responsibly, have patience and use the car park whenever possible. We would encourage you to park in the village and walk up to school.



**Parents Evening Reception to Year 6** – bookings have now closed to allow teachers to prepare for our parent evenings which are just after half term on **Tuesday 28th February** or **Tuesday 7th March** after school in the hall. Please only arrive 5 minutes before your booking appointment time and if possible please do not bring your children to the appointment, the hall gets very busy - if they do come they must be with you at all times. Each appointment is 10 minutes only.

Parents/carers of **children in Years 1 to 6**, we would like to invite you to **share your child's Maths and English book** with your child. This will take place in the classroom. The classrooms will be busy so we ask only 1 adult attends. **Year 1 and Year 2 Monday 27th February 2:45pm-3.15pm**; entry via the conversation if before 3pm  
**Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Monday 27th February 3pm -3.25pm**; entry via the playground doors directly to the classroom. This will not be an opportunity to discuss anything with your child's teacher but an opportunity for your child to share their books. You can take your child home early after viewing their books. You do not need to book for this event.

Thank you for your support throughout the half term.

School closes today for half term and reopens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We wish you all a lovely half term break!

Kind regards

Mrs Chesters and the Wybunbury Delves Team



## Term Dates for 2022/2023

These dates follow the Cheshire East pattern of holiday dates, they do not necessarily match the dates of other local school who may have made different decisions about their holidays.

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Spring Half Term 2023	Thursday 16th February 2023	Monday 27th February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31st March 2023	Monday 17th April 2023
May Day 2023	Friday 28th April 2023	Tuesday 2nd May 2023
King's Coronation	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Summer Half Term 2023	Friday 26th May 2023	Monday 5th June 2023
Summer 2023	Thursday 20th July 2023	--

### Inset Days 22/23 (already included in calendar above):

- Friday 17th February; Friday 21st July

## Term Dates for 2023-2024

### INSET DAYS (Included)

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2023	Thursday 20th July 2023	Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 20th October 2023	Monday 30th October 2023
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 22nd December 2023	Monday 8th January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Thursday 15th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	

- Friday 1st September
- Friday 16th February
- Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 23rd July
- 1 further INSET to be confirmed