

Dear Parents, Carers and friends,



This has been a short but busy half term! There have been lots of amazing things happening across school and the children have been super busy with their learning. A huge thank you to all the Wybunbury Delves team and community for making it such a special place to be. Our light does really shine strong!

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.

Science Week – Thank you to Miss Haynes for organising Science week this half term. We had great fun all week across school! A big thank you to the parents who came into school to support this week, we really enjoyed you coming in and being a part of our Science week – thank you for giving up your time!

PGL residential – Year 6 and Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic 3 days at PGL Boreatton Park. A huge thank you to Mrs B, Mrs Whittingham, Miss Welch, Mrs Pointon and Miss Roux for taking them, giving up your own time away from your families and looking after them all so well – it is a huge commitment by staff to take the children away overnight and it is very much appreciated by us here at school. Also our thanks go to Mrs Lawlor for all the hard work in organising it!



Year 1 enjoyed a great day at Chester Zoo and Year 2 are off to the farm on Tuesday this week. Year 3 and Year 5 had enjoyed theme days in school.

Year 5 have begun their work with Natural England centred around Wybunbury Moss and it's stewardship. They are working their way towards the John Muir Award.



World Book Day – Thank you to Miss McCurrie, Miss Haynes and the teaching staff for thinking of some great ways to promote our love of books and reading! It was lovely to see the whole school dressed up for the day!

Comic Relief was organised by our Y6 fundraisers. Thank you for your support for this event.

Easter has been celebrated this week in school. Year 1 started our focus on Easter with their class worship last Friday. Our Reception, and Year 2 children and parents enjoyed their Messy Church sessions at school on Monday. KS2 (Y3-Y6) led an Easter Service at Church on this morning. They spoke well and sang beautifully to take us through the Easter story and think about the symbolism of the cross.




We wish Hope, Peace and Love to the world this Easter time.



Reverend Alison has been a regular visitor to school, leading worship once a fortnight. You are all warmly invited to St. Chad's, their All Age Worship is the first Sunday of the month and to the services over Easter. Every child has received a Palm Cross from St. Chad's – they were distributed last week when Rev. Alison came to lead worship.





Class Worships these have been very special this term. They have focused around the Fruits of the Spirit – Galatians 5: 22-23 Next term we are planning for our class worship focus to be centred around our school vision and aims. These worships are not performances, we are written by the children, guided by the adults and bring their work/focus from the term together with a Christian rooted focus.

Website Calendar as well as the class worship dates, other key dates for next term can be found on there too.

Preschool Preschool has some limited availability for the Summer term and we are taking bookings for September. We will be holding a Preschool open evening in May – more details to follow after Easter.

Reception 2024

We are looking forward to finding out who will be joining our Reception class for September 2024! Primary Offer day is 16th April this year. Once the offers have gone out to parents/carers, you have 10 days to accept/decline places offered. We will send out our new starter information pack after that point.

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 residentials – 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



Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Through government funding Cheshire East have a programme of free activities for children who are in receipt of income related free school meals across the school holidays. More details and how you book places can be found on their website: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/community-activities/School-Holiday-Activities.aspx>

Attendance: It is expected that your child is in school every day and our attendance target is 96%. We appreciate we have struggled with illness in school this term and many children have been unwell for extended periods of time.

We do have to monitor attendance and ensure parents know when attendance is of concern – even if the answer to this is legitimate illness and recovery. The government are really pushing schools on this and have updated their requirements from September 2024 again.

We are celebrating the top three classes attendance each week in Monday’s celebration worship. This half term we has seen Reception win; year 3 win twice; a year 5 win and this week Year 6 won with 100% attendance. As for the class with the best attendance to date this school year is Year2. Well done to all!

Our whole school attendance stands at 95.5%

Attendance Ladder



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. This also relates to appointments for the parent, we cannot authorise a child’s attendance as it is not their appointment. Sometimes when your child is ill it is difficult to decide whether or not to send your child into school, the NHS have produced this useful guide.

When should my child return to school?

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

This information is based on the Public Health Agency guide - full copy here *No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.

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. From September 2024, the government have increased the costs and updated the guidance as to when FPNs will be issued. Further information will be sent in readiness for September. School receives no money from these FPNs.

I'm sure, like the staff at school and myself, you're looking forward to the Easter holidays and some much needed family time, rest and enjoyment of our local area or beyond!

Kind regards

Mrs Chesters and the Wybunbury Delves Team



Term Dates for 2023-2024

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
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	Thursday 23rd May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	

INSET DAYS (Included):

- Friday 24th May
- Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 23rd July

These holiday dates are in line with Cheshire East School Holiday dates.

Term Dates for 2024-2025

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Autumn Half Term 2024	Friday 25th October 2024	Monday 4th November 2024
Christmas 2024/2025	Friday 20th December 2024	Monday 6th January 2025
Spring Half Term 2025	Friday 14th February 2025	Tuesday 25th February 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 4th April 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day 2025	Friday 2nd May 2025	Tuesday 6th May 2025
Summer Half Term 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025	Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18th July 2025	

INSET DAYS (Included):

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Monday 24th February 2025 (This is a change in date from the original)
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025
- One further INSET day to be added



LET YOUR LIGHT
Shine
 Matthew 5:16