

## Message from Headteacher

### **Huge Congratulations**

A massive thank you to our school Kurling team for their dedication and enthusiasm in the county Kurling finals last Friday. Our team arrived in Warrington in style in our new school minibus. The team were awarded second place! Massive congratulations and a huge thank you to Gabriel, Mollie-Ann, Ethan and James, not just for doing so well in the finals but also for their sporting attitudes and conduct during the event. We are so proud of you all!

### **Another busy week!**

We have enjoyed another busy week!

Monday started with Mrs King presenting a summary of our celebration of British Science Week. The theme of Science Week this year was Change & Adapt. As usual, Mrs King and the Science Ambassadors did a wonderful job of planning a series of engaging and interesting activities, including visits to Hoole Food Market.

There has also been lots of sport, with our cross country and netball teams in action and martial arts workshops. We certainly never stop!

Shakespeare Club are busy rehearsing for their performances of Romeo & Juliet and Macbeth. The Macbeth show will take place on 21st and 23rd May, and the Romeo & Juliet show on 14th and 16th May. Coming to see the shows with your children is a great way to introduce them to Shakespeare. I always think that this gives children great confidence for secondary school, as if and when they encounter Shakespeare's work in the future, it seems much less daunting and strange!

### **Dropping Children Off**

Please can I respectfully ask that parents/carers do not let children out of the car as they are waiting on the road outside of school. I have seen families who have stopped at the zebra crossing with pupils rushing out of the car.

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## Mobile Phones

I have spoken to pupils this week regarding mobile phones in school.

**I am keen to ensure that mobile phones are only brought to school where this is absolutely unavoidable, where children are walking to and from school without adult accompaniment.**

I do not want it normalised that children bring phones into our school. **They should only do this where extenuating circumstances apply, such as walking a greater distance on their own.**

**Where children are driven to school and only have to walk a short distance from the car to the school gate, they do not need their mobile phones in school.**

I would be grateful if parents and carers would discuss with this with children and help us to reduce the volume of mobile phones brought into school.

Children have also been reminded today that if they do bring their phones to school, they must be switched off and put away on arrival at the school gate.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

## Superstar Alert!



Did you know that Year 5's Daryna, is a world-class Iceskater!

She participated in a competition in Blackburn last week, which was a qualifying round for the National British Championships! The championships will take place in April in Sheffield.

We are so incredibly proud of her achievements and delighted that she had the opportunity to showcase her skills at such an important stage.

What a superstar!

## Thank You All!

We raised over £85 for Comic Relief with last week's Non-uniform Day! Thank you all so much to for your generosity!



# Summer Term Clubs

We are delighted to announce our after school clubs and activities for the Summer Term.

We hope that your child will find something to enjoy in the range of clubs we are offering. Clubs are being offered by school staff and in partnership with external providers.

## Free clubs run by school staff

Free clubs can be booked from 10am on Monday 31st March.

- Please book your child's club by logging onto the school website/school spider and filling in the relevant club registration form. Please be aware that places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis, so ensure you book as soon as possible to secure your child's place.
  - Please note that the Key Stage 2 Choir Club is combining with the Reception/Key Stage 1 Choir Club and will run on a Monday. Members of the Choir Club do not need to rebook each term as their membership rolls over during the terms in an academic year.
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  - Please let the School Office know if your child registers for a club and then changes their mind, so that we can pass the place onto another child.
- If you have forgotten your password for School Spider, please click on the forgotten password option to reset it.



## Clubs run by external providers - charges apply

To register, please follow the instructions on the letters emailed to parents last week or find them on the school website, [www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/clubs/45640](http://www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/clubs/45640). Paper copies of the booking forms can also be collected from the School Office.

If you have any queries or difficulties, please contact the School Office and the team will be happy to help you.

# Summer Term Clubs

Day	Year Group	Club	When	Places	Notes
Monday	R-6	Choir (Reception/KS1/ KS2)	3.10-4.15pm	-	<b>This club is currently full.</b> If your child would like to join the waiting list, please contact the School Office. Restarts on 28 <sup>th</sup> April.
	R-6	Family Running Club	3.30-4.30pm	Lots!	Please collect a form from the School office to join this club – please note that parents/carers need to accompany their children at this club.
	1-2	Lego	3.15-4pm	20	Starts 28 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
	5-6	Netball	3.20-4.20pm	18	Starts 28 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
	5-6	Boys Football Skills	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 28 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
Tuesday	R-1	Football & Outdoor Games	3.15-4pm	28	Starts 29 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
	3-4	Lego	3.20-4.20pm	18	Starts 29 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
	3-4	Netball	3.20-4.20pm	18	Starts 29 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
	5-6	Zentangle Art	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 29 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
	6	SATs Boosters	3.20-4.20pm	-	Continuing from Spring Term. Starts 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Wednesday	3-4	Arts & Crafts	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 30 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
	2-6	Beacons	3.15-4.20pm	30	Starts 30 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website) Provided by All Saints' Church
	1-6	Street Dance	3.20-4.20pm	20	Starts 30 <sup>th</sup> April Provided by Victoria Condliffe. 11 sessions, £71.50. Collect letter from School Office
	5-6	Girls Football Skills	3.20-4.20pm	18	Starts 30 <sup>th</sup> April (free – book on School Spider/website)
Thursday	R	Lego Club	3.15-4pm	20	Starts 1 <sup>st</sup> May
	1-2	Recycled Art	3.15-4.15pm	10	Starts 1 <sup>st</sup> May for half a term only
	3-4	Mixed Football	3.20-4.20pm	25	Starts 1 <sup>st</sup> May Provided by PK Sports. 10 sessions, £40 Collect letter from School Office
	3-4	Dance	3.20-4.20pm	25	Starts 1 <sup>st</sup> May (free – book on School Spider/website)
	3-4	Shakespeare	3.20-4.20pm	-	Already full – continuing from Spring Term. Restarts 1 <sup>st</sup> May
	5-6	Imaginative Art	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 1 <sup>st</sup> May (free – book on School Spider/website)
	6	SATs Boosters	3.20-4.20pm	-	Continuing from Spring Term. Starts 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Friday	4-6	Dodgeball	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Provided by PK Sports. 9 sessions, £38 Collect letter from School Office
	5-6	Shakespeare	3.20-4.20pm	-	Already full – continuing from Spring Term. Restarts 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
	2	Spanish & Stories	3.15-4.10pm	25	Starts 6 <sup>th</sup> June (free – book on School Spider/website)
	1-6	AmaSing	3.15-4.20pm	20	Starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Provided by AmaSing 11 sessions, £57.75



# PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

We are keen to explore how we can offer more help to families where punctuality causes stress.

If you would like to discuss how school may support, please contact Mrs Williamson, our Attendance Officer, or Mrs Robertson, our Learning Mentor.

Some of the ways we can help include developing reward charts to support children's organisation in the morning and, for example, bedtime routines.



If your child has arrived after the gates have closed, please accompany them to the school office. If they arrive after 9am, we may ask the reason for them arriving late. Please do not be offended. Our rationale for asking is so that we can think about how we can develop our approaches in school to help children and their families.

## Punctuality Codes

We use two main codes to show punctuality. These are the U Code and the L Code.

The L Code is used when children arrive between 9–9.19am. This is shown as an L on the child's attendance record to show that they arrived after registers have closed. The L code does not reduce the child's overall percentage. When children arrive after 8.50am when gates are closed, they come into school via the main door by the office.

The U Code is used from 9.20am. The U code does affect the child's overall attendance percentage. The overall percentage is reduced by the U code which indicates that a child has arrived significantly after registers have closed.

In the same way that we track attendance on a daily, weekly and half termly basis, L and U codes are also reviewed to ensure that we are doing all we can to support children to attend on time.

## Medical Appointments

We appreciate that medical appointments are often issued with no flexibility on the time families are given. We understand that this is particularly the case where children have hospital or specialist appointments.

If your child has a medical or dental appointment, if they come into school beforehand, they are marked as present and then the parent/carers signs them out. This does not affect their overall attendance percentage.

Where a child has a medical appointment at, for example, 9.30am and does not come into school beforehand, the M Code is recorded. This means that the child's overall attendance is reduced.



For more information:

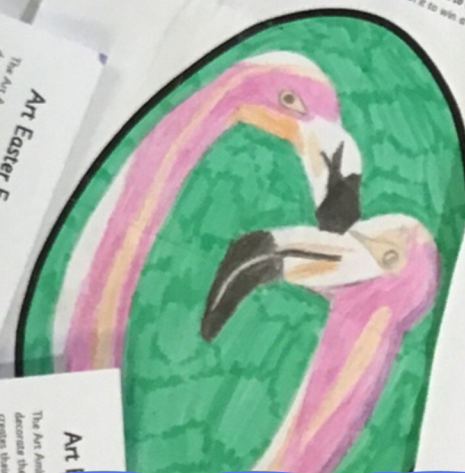
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# Art News

Just a reminder about the Easter Egg Competition! All entries must be in by the end of the day of Wednesday 2nd April.

Winners will be announced in the Friday assembly on Friday 4th!



Last shout for the Pablo Picasso art work for the Art From the Heart Wall - your entry needs to be in by end of the day on Thursday 3rd April.

## What you need to do...

- Reflect on Pablo Picasso's art and create your own piece of artwork in response to this.
- You might want to try and recreate a piece of art that he has painted, experiment with his style by painting a picture of yourself or even your pet.
- You might be inspired to write a poem or song about what you've found out about him.
- Hand in your art for Pablo Picasso to the School Office.

Work will be displayed on our new Art from the Heart Wall and there might even be a prize or two!





## Martial Arts

On Monday, years 2-6 were really lucky to have some sessions with Andrew from Matt Feddes Martial Arts Academy.

The children completed a warm-up and learnt the basic skills involved in this discipline. The children and teachers really enjoyed the sessions.

If your child is interested in joining a martial arts club, please speak to Mrs Millington who can find out some details for you.

The martial arts experience was a precursor to the sports festival where all the children will engage with a variety of sports opportunities.

## Cross Country

Our cross-country teams took part in the Chester Schools' tournament on Monday evening. All the children performed really well and persevered until the end. A special mention for Arianwen and Niall who both came 3rd in their races!

## Kurling

On Friday, four children went to Warrington to compete in the Kurling County Finals. They did so well and came 2nd overall. Miss Taylor was really proud of them and couldn't praise them enough for their sportsmanship. Well done!

## Netball

Some of our year 5 and 6 netball team played in a tournament on Tuesday at Blaenau High School.

The team were absolutely brilliant and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship!

We won two matches and drew one. Some great netball was played. Well done everyone!





# The Countess Charity Duck Race

We are very proud to present our finished duck for The Countess Charity Duck Race!

It has gone through the process of design, make and build with collaborative work from Mr Quayle, The Art Ambassadors and Mrs Elston. Our historical duck is based on the Wright Flyer 1, which was built and flown in 1903 by Orville and Wilbur Wright.

If you would like to come along to the duck race and witness our duck flying in first position at the finishing line (fingers crossed) then head to the band stand on the River Dee, Saturday 5th April at 12 noon. Top tip - it can get very busy so if you want a good viewing spot, please arrive early to avoid disappointment.





# Help Needed!



Our wonderful PTA really need some volunteers to help make our **Summer Fair** magical!

There will be lots going on to keep everyone entertained, including lots of stalls and games!

Please help us to make it the best day possible! We will need volunteers to help set up, run stalls and tidy up after on Friday 4th July.

Set up will begin at 1.30pm.

Fair will run between 3.30-5.30pm.

Tidy up will finish around 6pm.

There is a survey on School Spider for volunteers to sign up on. Alternatively, you can contact the PTA by emailing your details to [hoolepta@yahoo.com](mailto:hoolepta@yahoo.com).

## Friday Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to Friday Assembly when their child's class is presenting. If you are able to join us, please refrain from parking in the visitors' car park as the gates will close during the assembly.

Day	Time	Class
Friday 25th April	2.25pm	5R (Miss Rennocks)
Friday 2nd May	2.25pm	4K (Mrs King)
Friday 9th May	2.25pm	2C (Miss Carter)
Friday 16th May	2.25pm	3SJ (Mrs Jones/Mrs Stirk)
Friday 6th June	2.25pm	1J (Mrs Jeffs)
Friday 13th June	2.25pm	6M (Mrs Millington)
Friday 27th June	2.25pm	4C (Miss Cotgreave)
Friday 4th July	2.25pm	3U (Mr Underhill)
Friday 11th July	2.25pm	2EI (Mrs Elston/Mrs Inns)
Friday 18th July	2.25pm	1H (Miss Hildebrandt)

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LIGHT SHINE!

Sophia and Elsie passed their dancing audition with Infinity Dance and will be performing at Disneyland Paris in October! How incredible!



## Curriculum Showcase

# CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

*at All Saints' Church*

Parents and carers are invited to our spectacular year group  
Showcases at All Saints' Church (Hoole Road) \*

**RECEPTION** 3rd July 2.15pm  
(\* in school)

**YEAR 1** 2nd July 1.45pm

**YEAR 2** 19th March 1.45pm

**YEAR 3** 7th May 1.45pm

**YEAR 4** 14th May 1.45pm

**YEAR 5** 30th April 1.45pm

**YEAR 6** 18th June 1.45pm

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# Parentalk

## THE PRIMARY YEARS

4PM-5PM IN SCHOOL WITH MRS BOWES (HETTY),  
MRS CHESTER (HETTY), MRS JEFFS AND MRS COOPER

~~WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH - BEHAVIOUR AND BOUNDARIES~~

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL - IT'S NOT JUST ME

TUESDAY 13TH MAY - LOVE THEM AND LET THEM KNOW

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE - IT'S GOOD TO TALK

TUESDAY 8TH JULY - CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING

[www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)





# Times Tables Rockstar Champions

The exciting Times Table  
Rockstars Competition continues!

This week's winners are:

Individual winners:  
1st - George P  
2nd - Ariel L  
3rd - Gaby L

Battle Winners  
this week

5R

## Next Week's Menu

Week 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork/Quorn Sausages with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Beef/Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken/Quorn Fillet served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Fruity Chicken/Quorn served with Rice, and Seasonal Vegetables or Hot Pizza Baguette with carrot & cucumber sticks	Battered Fish (MSC) or Vegetable Bake with Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with either Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans
Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Tuna, Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Tuna or Cheese Sandwich
Apple & Cinnamon Muffin	Chocolate Cookie	Fresh Fruit Salad	Jelly & Fruit	Golden Crunch Cookie



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many happy returns  
to all our  
birthday buddies!

We hope you enjoy  
your birthday book!

Connor,  
Ivy,  
Emma and  
Arthur!

Let's Celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Jake E

George P

Pixie M

Anna P

Lyla-May I

Maisie G

Sharon V

Elsie-Blu C

Faith B

Grayson T

Oscar H

Poppy L

# Key Dates

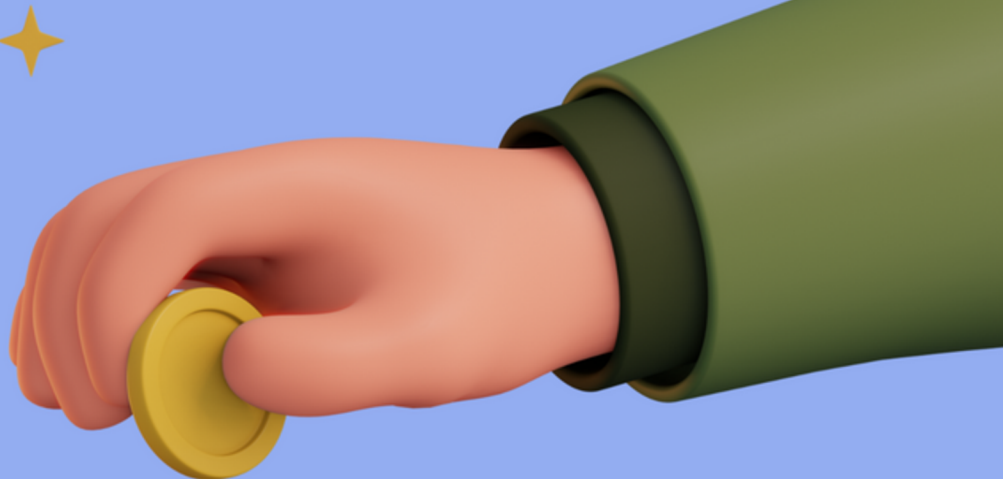
31st March	Ethos Ambassadors Meeting 3.30-4.30pm
31st March	R-2 Choir Parent Showcase 4pm
2nd April	Easter Service (Pupils only)
3rd April	Make and Take (invited pupils only)
7th - 22nd April	Easter Holidays (School closed)
23rd April	School reopens - children return to school
25th April	Team 5R Assembly
28th April	R-6 Choir Club Starts
28th April	R-6 Family Running Club Starts
28th April	1-2 Lego Club Starts
28th April	5-6 Netball Club Starts
28th April	5-6 Boys Football Club Starts
29th April	R-1 Football & Outdoor Games Club Starts
29th April	3-4 Lego Club Starts
29th April	3-4 Netball Club Starts
29th April	5-6 Zentangle Club Starts
29th April	Year 6 SATs Boosters Resume
29th April	Parenttalk Workshop 4pm



# Key Dates

30th April	2-6 Beacons Club Starts
30th April	1-6 Streetdance Club Starts
30th April	5-6 Girls Football Club Starts
30th April	Year 5 Showcase at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
30th April	3-4 Arts & Crafts Club Starts
1st May	3-4 Mixed Football Club Starts
1st May	3-4 Dance Club Starts
1st May	3-4 Shakespeare Club Resumes
1st May	5-6 Imaginative Art Club Starts
1st May	Year 6 SATs Boosters Resume
1st May	1-2 Recycled Art Club Starts
1st May	Year R Lego Club Starts
2nd May	Team 4K Assembly 2.30pm
2nd May	2-6 AmaSing Club Starts
2nd May	4-6 Dodgeball Club Starts
2nd May	5-6 Shakespeare Club Resumes
5th May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
7th May	Year 3 Showcase at All Saints' Church 1.45pm

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## CHESTER'S Spring Sing Along

The official launch of our **Creative Health Partnership: Living Lives Together** with Live The Beat, Ready Generations, Live Cheshire & Healthbox CIC.

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