



4TH JULY
2025



Message from Headteacher

Survey – Mobile Phones

Over this academic year, I have become increasingly concerned about the impact of mobile phones on pupils' self-esteem, emotional wellbeing and relationships.

Every year, staff spend an increasing amount of time addressing issues which have arisen due to mobile phone use and communications using technology, such as messaging services or chat functions on games. Nationally, the impact of social media and technology on children's mental health and wellbeing is acknowledged as a growing concern.

Whilst we invest heavily in promoting the safe and respectful use of technology both at home and at school, we understand that we have very limited control on how children engage with each other and the world online. Within our own school family, we are aware of pupils being contacted by unknown adults, including via popular games such as Roblox, which is presented as being child friendly. We understand that many families share our concern.

I am keen to gain parental views on the issue of mobile phones in school. This will support a review of our current approach.

Currently, only children in Year 5 and 6 may bring phones into school. They are collected in the morning on arrival at school and distributed when children leave at the end of the school day. Pupils do not access them during the school day. Over this year, we have worked to reduce phones in school by asking families to consider if bring a phone is necessary, particularly where children are accompanied to or from school on foot or in the car by a parent.

I invite parents/carers to complete a short survey online to give your views about this issue. The survey is available via School Spider. The survey will remain open until 5pm on Monday 21st July. I appreciate that this is a busy time of the school year but I ask as many families as possible to complete the survey so I can obtain a rounded view of parental opinion.

Thank you in advance for completing the survey and contributing to this review.

Message from Headteacher

School Food Group

Representatives from the School Food Group met with Richard Scott from Edsential on Tuesday morning.

Edsential is the company which provides our school meals service. Mr Scott visited our school to meet with the Food Group to provide feedback based on the surveys we have conducted this year regarding school meals. In addition to this, pupils reviewed and discussed the revised menu which will be available from September 2025.

Oscar H (Y3), Molly T (Y4), Eli W, Ivy M and Noah B (Y5) managed the meeting with Mr Scott with maturity, presenting the feedback with sensitivity. Christine Darwen, our governor with responsibility for Food Standards in school, was highly impressed by the manner in which the children represented the wider school family.

The Food Group will present the revised lunch menu to families and to the whole school in an assembly in due course.



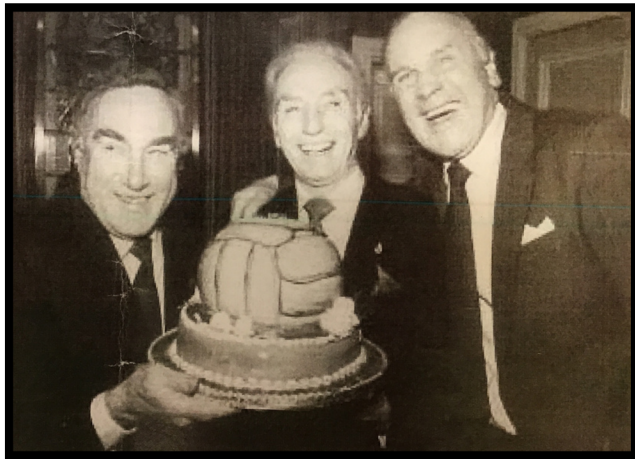
On Thursday, two gifted Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to meet Olympian Oliver Hynds.

Oliver is a British swimmer who competed in the 2012 and 2016 Paralympics, winning three gold medals. He has neuromuscular myopathy and associated limb deformities.

He talked to the children about how he had to persevere and how he had to have lots of determination to reach his goal.

Alice and Jac loved hearing about his journey (especially the competitions with his brother!) They also got the chance to participate in some training with him.

Message from Headteacher



An Amazing Presentation

We were treated to a wonderful presentation by one of our Year three pupils this week. Connie brought in a bag full of exciting things to show us. Connie's treasures relating to her great grandfather, Neil Franklin. Connie told us of this life story and we were enthralled by his experiences playing football for England between 1946-1950.

Neil Franklin is considered one of England's greatest defenders. He played for several clubs including Stoke City, Hull City, Crewe Alexandra, Stockport County and Macclesfield Town. He was capped by England 37 times before he moved to play for a team in Columbia, South America. Connie showed us books which had been written by and also about her great grandfather and his career. She showed us an array of photographs of Neil Franklin in action and during key points in his career, like when he moved to Columbia. Connie had also drawn a picture of him to show us what he looked like in his kit.

Best of all, Connie showed us two of the England caps that Neil Franklin had earned playing in international fixtures against Scotland and Italy.

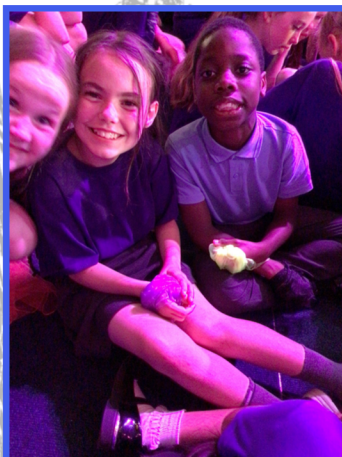
She told us that, although he had played for his country 37 times, 11 of these games were during the war. As the silk was needed to make parachutes for the war effort, he did not receive caps for these 11 games. Year six were able to link this information to their work on World War two and how supplies were rationed during the war.

Pupils were so interested to see Neil Franklin's caps that Connie ended up visiting every class so that children could have a closer look.

Thank you, Connie, for your wonderful presentation and for sharing your family treasures with us all!



AmaSing Concert at Chester Cathedral



Earlier this week, a wonderful group of choir pupils represented our school at this year's Amazing concert at Chester Cathedral. They danced their feet off and sang their hearts out. Miss Carter was thrilled to watch their smiling faces while they were performing the huge audience! We are extremely proud of you all.



Class Worship

This week's class based worship was based on the news that Uber are exploring using cars in London that can drive themselves. Children explored what the benefits of this might be, and also possible drawbacks.

We looked at the protected characteristic of disability, as companies that develop these taxis need to ensure everyone can access them and we looked at the British value of democracy as we know it is important that people will have different opinions and everyone's opinion should be heard.

Our Bible verses came from Exodus 31 where God tells Moses that he has chosen Bezalel, equipping him with wisdom, knowledge and understanding to complete work for God. We discussed the fact that we are creative people who are able to make amazing things.

Questions you might ask your child:

How would you feel riding in a car with no driver?

How might driverless cars affect people who drive for work?

Why do you think God gave people the ability to invent things?

Can technology go too far? What do you think?

Superstar Alerts

Solomon in Year 5, participated in his first Autograss Rally Car Race in North Wales recently!

At the tender age of 10, he is already driving a converted Nissan Micra!



SUPERSTAR



SUPERSTAR

Year 6's Harri has been specially selected to be part of Cheshire Phoenix U12 Basketball Squad next season! His hours of practice at the park with his older brother (and fantastic former pupil), Iwan, have certainly paid off. It's been a long trial process but his dedication and hard work has shone through.

What an incredible achievement - we're so proud of him. Well done Harri!

Our very own talented Lioness, Alice, has secured a place in the squad for a full season 25/26 at Crewe Alexandra Football Club!

After a very competitive trial process, her hard work and dedication has brought her incredible success. She is certainly one to watch - congratulations Alice!



SUPERSTAR



SUPERSTAR

Year 4's Arianwen team, Chester Netball Club have got through to national finals which take place this weekend.

She was also awarded Player of the Year award and played incredibly well at a regional tournament, qualifying the team for the National England Cup next weekend! Amazing effort Arianwen!

We have a Winner!

Well done to Samson in Team 2C -
June's winner of the prize draw for all
children with a school bank account!

To be in with a chance of winning next
month, pop into school to collect a
Cheshire Credit Union Application
Form to open an account.



Community Clothing Cabin

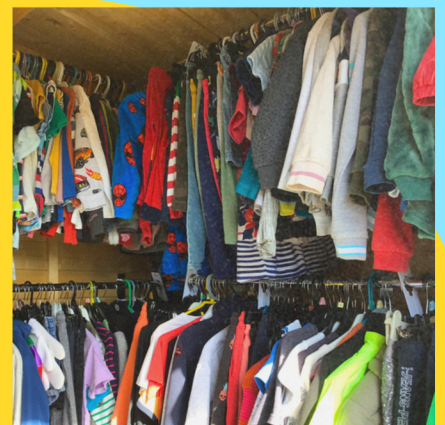
**KIT YOUR CHILD OUT FOR THE
SUMMER SEASON FOR FREE WITH A
TRIP TO THE CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY
CLOTHING CABIN!**

Our Community Clothing Cabin is the blue building
located next to the school bike sheds at the front of
school, nearest the main playground and the staff car park.

The cabin contains pre-loved clothing and footwear for children
of all ages. All items are clean and in good condition. There is a wide selection of ready to wear
clothing and footwear in a range of sizes. There is no charge for any items.

The Community Clothing Cabin is open every school day from 8am to 4.30pm.

We sustain our Community Clothing Cabin by collecting pre-loved items of clothing or footwear
from our families so that this facility remains well-stocked. Providing this service also enables us to
promote a positive message about sustainability, recycling and reusing items to our school family.



Parents' Evenings

Our Summer Term Parent's Evenings will take place before we break up for the summer holidays.

Parents Evening slots can be booked through our website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk or the School Spider App. Parents and Carers will need to login to the school website or the app to be able to book a slot. If you have forgotten your login details, please click on the "forgotten password" link to reset it.

The slots are available on a first come first served basis. We emailed step-by-step instructions of how to book a slot to all parents and carers earlier this term.

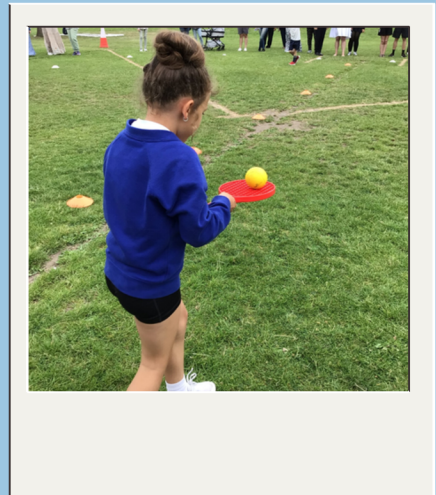
If you would prefer a telephone consultation at the time you have booked, please make contact with the School Office via email to admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk, so we can check contact details and update records where needed. Unless we hear from families, we will assume that parents or carers are attending in person.

Year group	Class teacher	Date of Parents' Evenings
Reception	Mrs Walsh – Team RW	Tuesday 15th July Thursday 17th July
	Miss McDonald – Team RM	Tuesday 15th July Thursday 17th July
Year 1	Mrs Jeffs – Team 1J	Monday 14th July Tuesday 15th July
	Miss Hildebrandt – Team 1H	Monday 14th July Tuesday 15th July
Year 2	Miss Carter – Team 2C	Monday 14th July Wednesday 16th July
	Mrs Inns & Mrs Elston – Team 2EI	Monday 14th July Thursday 17th July
Year 3	Mrs Jones and Mrs Stirk – Team 3SJ	Tuesday 15th July Wednesday 16th July
	Mr Underhill – Team 3U	Monday 14th July Tuesday 15th July
Year 4	Mrs King – Team 4K	Monday 14th July Tuesday 15th July
	Miss Cotgreave – Team 4C	Tuesday 15th July Wednesday 16th July
Year 5	Mrs Salisbury – Team 5S	Tuesday 15th July Wednesday 16th July
	Miss Rennocks – Team 5R	Tuesday 15th July Wednesday 16th July
Year 6	Mrs Millington – Team 6M	Monday 14th July Tuesday 15th July
	Miss Buckley – Team 6B	Monday 14th July Tuesday 15th July

Sports Days



Year 2 Sports Day



FINISH



Year 6
Sports
Day



103

Our friend Audrey turned 103 years young this week and we made her some birthday cards to celebrate her special day. Julie, the Community Manager at Audrey's care home send us a lovely message to thank us and tell us all about Audrey's party celebrations and how she fulfilled her life-long dream of feeding the penguins at Chester Zoo. What a lovely way to spend her day!

Happy birthday Audrey!

Thank you for all my amazing cards. Julie read them out to me and described the pictures
Audreyx



Good morning to all the Children and Staff at Hoole C of E Primary School, I would like to say thank you on behalf of Audrey for the wonderful cards she received for her birthday. Audrey was absolutely amazed by the amount she received.

She absolutely adored the cards the handmade cards from the children. We have decorated her room with over 103 birthday cards.

We had a wonderful celebrating with a big afternoon tea party, serving fresh cream scones and a huge birthday cake. We were entertained by a singer who sang some of her favourite songs.

Audrey had a wish to go and feed the Penguins at the Zoo. Well dreams do come true!! especially at Oak Grange Care Home. In her own words were 'I've have fed a penguin. I didn't think it would happen, Julie'

Once again, thank you for making a lady's wish come true, I cannot thank you enough.

Kind Regards,

Julie

Community Manager
Oak Grange Care Home



Safety First!



On Wednesday, Year 5 welcomed 'Red Watch' from Cheshire Fire Brigade into our classroom to deliver an 'Escape to Safety' session.

The children learned about how to stay safe and escape safely if their homes have a fire. We even got to look inside the fire engine at the different equipment on board!

The most exciting part of the visit was experiencing a smoke tent to understand, that if a room is full of smoke, dropping to the floor and crawling makes it easier to see and breathe.



Red Watch told us that it is important to check the smoke alarms in our homes every month as these can alert us to danger and potentially save our lives. If you are unable to install your own smoke alarm, the Fire Service can do this for you. You need to complete an online form on www.cheshirefire.gov.uk or call 0800 3890053.

Before Red Watch left, they told Mrs Salisbury that they were impressed with the exemplary behaviour of our children.

Well done Year 5!

Sports Fortnight



Our Sports Fortnight will take place between Monday 30th June to Friday 11th July. We will be promoting healthy lifestyles, and the importance of exercise and healthy food choices. There will be a number of activities taking place during the event, including our year group Sports Days. These will take place on the following days (weather permitting):

EYFS- Tuesday 8th July (1.45PM)
Year 1- Monday 7th July (1.45PM)
Year 2- Tuesday 1st July (1.45PM) ✓
Year 3- Thursday 10th July (9.30AM)
Year 4- Friday 11th July (1.45PM)
Year 5- Thursday 10th July (1.45PM)
Year 6- Wednesday 2nd July (9.30AM) ✓

Parents and carers are welcome to join us on their children's Sports Days and cheer along.

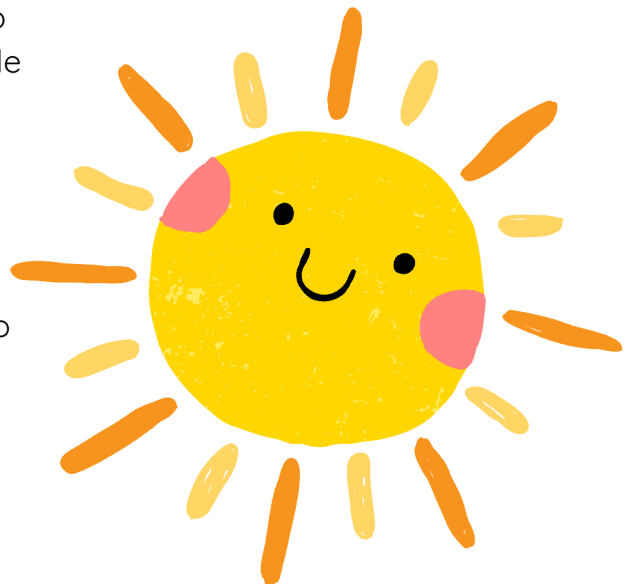
Please ensure that all children come to school every day with a water bottle, cap and wearing sun cream (weather dependent).

Be Summer Safe

Please can families ensure that they apply sunscreen to children prior to arriving at school and provide a suitable sun hat on very sunny days.

Children should also have a water bottle with fresh water each day. Also, if your child suffers from hay fever, please drop off suitable antihistamine medication and the School Office Team will be happy to administer it when your child requires it, with your written consent.

Please fill an Administering Medicine consent form (available from the school website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/forms and return to the School Office along with the medicine.



LETTING THEIR

LIGHT SHINE!

Morgan has been a busy bee! He participated in the Christleton 5k and finished in just over 20mins!

He has also started running for West Cheshire and has competed in the last three Youth Development Leagues. When he competed in Macclesfield last Sunday, he gained a PB in his 800ms after a full day of cheer leading on Saturday where his team, Saber, came 5th and his other team Leopards came 3rd - Phew!



Faya was awarded the Chester Cathedral Choir Star of the Week!



Alex achieved his purple belt in Karate!



Casi made a spectacular paper mache peacock!

Matthew and Ihsaan got crafty and painted a moneybox!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Many happy returns
to all our
birthday buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!

Helena,
Thea,
Tahsin and
Logan!

Save the Date

Non-uniform Day Friday 18th July

To support the Autumn Fair in September, we are inviting pupils to come to school wearing their own clothes on Friday 18th July in return for a donation to a raffle.

We would warmly welcome donations such as unused toiletries, boxes of chocolate/confectionery or wine. Donations can be brought to the school office on the day



Times Tables Rockstar Champions

The exciting Times Table Rockstars Competition continues!

This week's winners are:



Next Week's Menu

WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef/Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Beef/Quorn Cottage Pie with Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken/Quorn Korma, Rice and Seasonal Vegetables or Cheese and Tomato Pizza slice with carrot and cucumber slices	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 Pie & Custard	Iced Wacky Chocolate Cake	Fresh Melon Wedge	Fruit Mousse	Vanilla Biscuit

Key Dates

7th July	Year 1 Sports Day (1.45PM)
7th July	Year 6 Production 6pm
8th July	Reception Sports Day (1.45PM)
9th July	Year 2 Graduation Service At All Saints' Church
9th July	Year 6 Production 6pm
10th July	Year 3 Sports Day (9.30AM)
10th July	Year 5 Sports Day (1.45PM)
11th July	Year 4 Brass Band Concert (10.45AM)
11th July	Year 4 Sports Day (1.45PM)
11th July	Team 2EI Assembly 2.30pm
14th July	Team 1H Parents' Evening
14th July	Team 2EI Parents' Evening
14th July	Team 3U Parents' Evening
14th July	Team 4K Parents' Evening
14th July	Team 6B Parents' Evening
14th July	Team 6M Parents' Evening
14th July	Team 2C Parents' Evening
14th July	Team 1J Parents' Evening

Key Dates

15th July	Team 1J Parents' Evening
15th July	Team 1H Parents' Evening
15th July	Team RW Parents' Evening
15th July	Team 3U Parents' Evening
15th July	Team 3SJ Parents' Evening
15th July	Team 4K Parents' Evening
15th July	Team 5R Parents' Evening
15th July	Team 5S Parents' Evening
15th July	Team 6M Parents' Evening
15th July	Team RM Parents' Evening
16th July	Team 2C Parents' Evening
16th July	Team 3SJ Parents' Evening
16th July	Team 4C Parents' Evening
16th July	Team 5S Parents' Evening
16th July	Team 5R Parents' Evening
16th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service at All Saints' Church
17th July	Team RM Parents' Evening
17th July	Team RW Parents' Evening

LOCAL ADS



SUMMER FITNESS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

 King George V Sports Hub  £5 per adult Children attend for FREE but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Booking is required

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR	WEEK FIVE
Circuits Tues 29th July 11am - 11:45am	Circuits Tues 5th August 11am - 11:45am	Firm & Burn Tues 12th August 10:30am - 11am	Circuits Tues 19th August 10:30am - 11:15am	Zumba Thurs 28th August 3pm - 3:30pm
Wellbeing Walk Thurs 31st July 10am - 11am	Wellbeing Walk Thurs 7th August 10am - 11am	Wellbeing Walk Thurs 14th August 10am - 11am	Wellbeing Walk Thurs 21st August 10am - 11am	
	Firm & Burn Thurs 7th August 1:30pm - 2pm	Zumba Thurs 14th August 3:30pm - 4pm		

Booking link: community.chesterfc.com/book **Contact:** anna.price@chesterfc.com



FREE
TICKETS FOR
ARMED FORCES
& VETERANS

**ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

A FUN FAMILY EVENT CELEBRATING OUR ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES | STALLS | FOOD & DRINK

12pm-3pm, Saturday 19th July
Deva Stadium, Chester CH1 4LT

Followed by
CHESTER FC vs SALFORD CITY
Pre-season fixture, 3pm kick-off



Westminster Park Football Club (WPFC)



Player Recruitment – 2025/26 Season

Westminster Park FC (WPFC) is currently recruiting players for our U9s squads (current school year 4), who will move up to U10s for the 2025/26 season. We have two teams, the WPFC-Gladiators and the newly established WPFC-Spartans, who will be competing in the 2nd and 3rd tiers of the Chester & District Junior Football League.

Open Training & Trial Sessions

We welcome all abilities — our sessions focus on development, teamwork, and having fun!

Details

-  Purpose: Open Training & Trial Sessions for player recruitment
-  Every Tuesday
-  17:30 – 18:30
-  Dodleston Sports Field, Church Road, Dodleston, Chester, CH4 9NH
-  No previous playing experience required

Why Join WPFC?

-  UEFA-Qualified Coaches
-  Excellent Onsite Facilities
-  Friendly, Inclusive, and Respect-Driven Environment
-  A Strong Emphasis on Development and Enjoyment

For more information about player trials or the coaching vacancy, please contact:

 **Stephen Hughes – 07881 301136**
(Head Coach / Manager, WPFC Gladiators)

 **Ross McGuinness – 07471 893385**
(Head Coach / Manager, WPFC Spartans)



UNITING GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

Storyhouse Garret Theatre

Wednesday 30th July
6pm



To book visit:
www.storyhouse.com/whats-on/tell-tale-kids-charlie-and-the-chocolate-factory/

A new production by Tell Tale Kids.
InstaGRAM: [telltalekids_chester](https://www.instagram.com/telltalekids_chester)