



**12TH SEPTEMBER
2025**



Message from Headteacher

Academy Conversion Update

Parents and carers will be aware that over many years, the Governing Board has worked hard to support the long-term success of our school. During the last academic year, a consultation exercise involving all stakeholders was undertaken regarding a proposal for our school to convert to an academy within a new multi-academy trust being set up by the Diocese of Chester, Chester Diocesan Learning Trust (CDLT).

The Diocese of Chester recognise the strength and success of our school. Over recent years, we have seen the implementation of systems, relentless drive to enrich learning opportunities and the development of leadership capacity which have supported excellent outcomes for pupils and commendations of our work by external agencies including SIAMS and Ofsted.

Families are aware that in our January 2025 inspection, improvement across all areas of the school inspection framework was noted. The inspection validated that the school had significantly improved beyond the Good Ofsted judgement we attained in October 2019.

As a founding school of CDLT, we have been instrumental in developing the vision, and shaping policies and systems for the new trust, alongside several other highly successful schools in Cheshire and the Wirral.

Conversion to academy status will not cause changes to our own school vision and ways of working with our children and their families. Chester Diocese Learning Trust is committed to ensuring that the successful teams, systems and relationships at the schools continue for the benefit of all pupils. Already, increased collaboration between CDLT partners has supported the enhancement of approaches we take to ensure that all children and staff are able to shine brightly.

Following careful consideration of the options available for securing our school's future success and the outcome of the consultation exercise, the Governing Board took the decision to proceed with conversion with the CDLT Trust.

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At the present time, the date for our conversion has not been finalised although I anticipate that this will happen during this term.

I will keep parents and carers posted about the exciting developments which will spring from our collaboration with the other successful schools in our family.

If you would like to discuss this with me, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient meeting.

Thank you for your support, cooperation and for your affection for our school.

National Assessments

Pupils in some year groups will face national assessments during this academic year. It is vital that children are in school every day as fully possible.

Please continue to avoid taking holidays during term-time to ensure that pupils are not missing sequences of learning.

Year 6

Year 6 face the national SAT tests during the week beginning Monday 11th May 2026. The test timetable for this year is as follows:

Monday 11th May - Grammar Punctuation & Spelling Paper 1 & Paper 2

Tuesday 12th May - Reading

Wednesday 13th May - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning – problem solving)

Thursday 14th May - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning – problem solving)

Please ensure that your child is present all week for these examinations which are undertaken under formal examination conditions and are externally marked.

Year 4

All Year 4 children will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June 2026. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

This is an online test which will be undertaken during the two-week period beginning on Monday 1st June 2026.

Parents can help children to prepare for this test by ensuring that they are learning their times tables and using Times Tables Rockstar to practise. If your child has lost their TT Rockstars login, please contact their teacher as soon as possible.

Year 2

Year 2 also take a series of tests during the month of May. These tests are completed in school and are marked by the class teacher.

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The Year 2 tests inform teachers' assessments of the progress your child has made across Key Stage one (Year 1 and 2) in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Year 1 (and Year 2 pupils who did not pass the check last year)

Year 1 pupils will take the national Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning Monday 8th June 2026. This test requires children to use their phonics knowledge to read forty words. The pass mark last year was 32.

Children in Year two who did not pass the phonics screening test last year, when they were in Year one, will retake the phonics test during the same week (beginning 8th June).

Reception

The national baseline assessment is completed within the first six weeks of school.

In addition to this, we also complete our own internal school assessment to identify strengths and areas for development for every child in Reception. These are communicated to parents and carers with an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) developed. Your child's ILP will be shared with you during Parents' Evenings during week beginning 20th October 2025. Information about booking Parents' Evenings appointments will follow in due course.

Information about assessment in Reception has been provided following the Meet the Teacher meetings last week. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Reception team.

The Early Years foundation profile assessment is undertaken towards the end of this academic year. Information from this assessment supports the transition of pupils into Year one.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The closing date for applications for secondary school places is 31st October 2025. Applications for secondary schools are made online via the link:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/secondary-admissions

General information can be found at

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/general-information

A parents guide to applying for secondary school can be found at

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/asset-library/secondary-booklet-sep252.pdf

Thin Cardboard

I am still collecting thin cardboard (cereal boxes are ideal) for an exciting development coming soon. Any donations can be dropped off at the School Office for my attention.

Message from Headteacher

Parking around school

Parents and carers may have noticed a team from Cheshire Police patrolling the roads around school at the end of the day on 9th September.

I was informed by the officers who attended that there have been several complaints about parked cars on the double yellow lines.

Please may I continue to encourage families to park responsibly around the school site. I am not informed in advance when traffic enforcement officers are attending school and I suspect that we may see more of them in the near future.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Curriculum Newsletters

We are fully committed to providing our pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum at Hoole Primary. We include regular trips and high quality learning experiences to enrich the curriculum and provide opportunities for children to explore learning beyond the classroom.

For more in-depth information of the annual and termly curriculum for your child's year group, please visit the relevant Class pages on our website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk.

Copies of the Curriculum Newsletters have also been sent home to families.



Year 6 Bikeability

Bikeability is a national cycling training programme for children and adults in the UK. Bike Right will be visiting us in November to carry out the level 1 and level 2 training to those children who sign up in Year 6. Bikeability training is encouraged for those pupils who cycle to school already or who will be when they move on to High School.

Level 1 training consists of off-road, basic skills like preparing for a ride, controlling the cycle, and pedalling with confidence.

Level 2 training takes place on quiet roads, teaching more confidence with turns, passing parked vehicles, understanding road signs and signals, and negotiating junctions.

Letters and sign up forms were sent home before we broke up for the summer holidays. If your Year 6 child would like to participate in the training and you haven't already returned your completed form, please do so before the end of September so that we can coordinate the lessons. If you have misplaced yours, spare forms are available at the the School Office.



RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP



TUESDAY
30TH SEPTEMBER
4.30PM - 5.15PM

Join us to learn all about the Little Wandle, the phonics programme that we use in Reception to support your child with learning sounds and reading!

During the workshop, parents and carers will gain an overview of Little Wandle and learn some techniques to support your child with their reading and phonics at home.

Book your place on School Spider today!



HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn Fair

We are gearing up for our Autumn Fair on Friday 26th September!

We urgently need donations of the following items:

- Bric-a-brac in good condition (toys/games/household items etc)
- Adult and children's books
- Gifts for the tombola stall (i.e unused gift sets, wine, chocolate)

Any donations may be handed in at the school office. Thank you for anything you can donate.

We also need some wonderful volunteers to help make our Autumn 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 by signing up on the volunteer form on School Spider!

We will need volunteers to help set up, run stalls and tidy up after the fair.

- Set up will begin at 1.30pm
- Fair will run between 3.30-5.30pm
- Tidy up will finish around 6pm

Parents and carers can now buy an Autumn Fair Voucher Card to use at the special event!



Available to purchase from the School Office or on School Spider!



Voucher Cards contain different amounts (eg 20p, 50p and £1) which will be stamped by the Stall Holders and will save you or your child having to carry the cash around during the fair. The voucher card can be used on any of the stalls.

Voucher Cards can be pre-purchased on School Spider (under the Bookings and Payments tab) until 12 noon on the day of the Autumn Fair. After that, Voucher Cards can be purchased from the School Office on the afternoon and throughout the Autumn Fair.

Autumn Term Clubs

Please see below for our school clubs and activities for the Autumn Term, which went live for booking on Wednesday. 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.

Day	Year Group	Club	When	Places	Notes
Monday	5-6	Science FULL	3.20-4.20pm	10	Starts 22 nd September
	5-6	Netball FULL	3.20-4.20pm	16	Starts 22 nd September
	5-6	Boys Football	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 22 nd September
	R-6	Family Running Club	3.30pm onwards	Any	Starts 22 nd September
Tuesday	1-2	Football & Active Play FULL	3.15-4.10pm	25	Starts 23 rd September
	1-2	Lego FULL	3.20-4.ppm	16	Starts 23 rd September
	3-4	Netball FULL	3.20-4.20pm	20	Starts 23 rd September
	5-6	Badminton FULL	3.20-4.20pm	12	Starts 23 rd September
	5-6	Zentangle Art	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 23 rd September
Wednesday	3-4	Arts & Crafts FULL	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 24 th September
	2-6	Beacons	3.15-4.20pm	30	Starts 24 th September Provided by All Saints' Church
	1-6	Street Dance	3.20-4.20pm	20	Starts 24 th September Provided by Victoria Condliffe. 12 sessions, £78
	5-6	Girls Football FULL	3.20-4.20pm	18	Starts 24 th September
Thursday	3-4	Lego Club FULL	3.20-4.20pm	20	Starts 25 th September
	3-4	Football FULL	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 25 th September
	1-2	Art & Stories FULL	3.15-4pm	15	Starts 25 th September
	1-6	Choir FULL	3.15-4.10pm	60	Starts 25 th September
	5-6	Imaginative Art FULL	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 25 th September
Friday	4-6	Dodgeball FULL	3.20-4.20pm	30	Starts 19th September Provided by PK Sports. 8 sessions, £36

Free clubs, run by school staff, can be booked on School Spider. Club Confirmations will be sent out next week. If the club is full, please email admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk to go on to waiting list.

Clubs provided by external providers must be booked directly with the company. Please visit www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/clubs or contact the School office for specific letters and booking information.

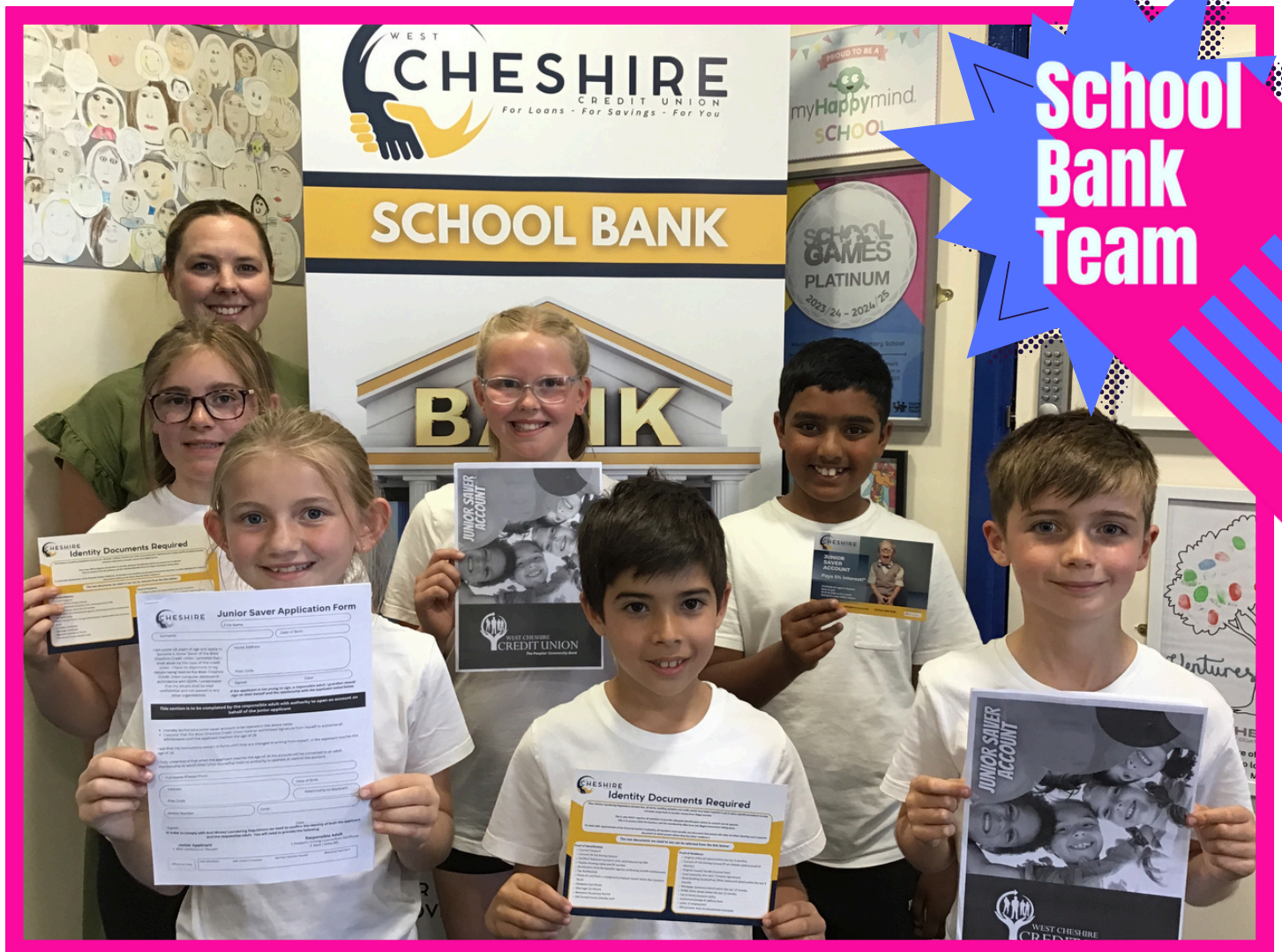
JOIN OUR SCHOOL BANK!



As a school, we recognise that children's attitudes towards money are largely formed between the ages of 3 and 7 and we want children to learn the importance of managing money well. To this end, we have partnered with the Credit Union in Chester and offer all pupils the opportunity to open a bank account in school. They can **deposit money in our school bank every Thursday morning (from 25th September)** and this will be credited to their bank account.

The bank is run by pupils from the school and overseen by Miss Rennocks. Should children wish to withdraw money this can be done at the Credit Union in Chester. Over the last two years we have seen children's understanding of the choices money offers them increase, children can talk about why they are saving and know that by saving now, they will have more to spend later. It is our hope that by doing this, we are helping children develop habits that will serve them well as adults.

All children at school are welcome to open a bank account. If you would like more details, pop into the school office and Mrs Watling will be able to give you an application form.



Junior Safety Officers



Meet our incredible Junior Safety Officers for this academic year, Daryna and Elin!

Our Junior Safety Officers work in partnership with the Senior Leadership Team and organisations such as the Cheshire West & Chester Council Road Safety Team and Chester Constabulary, to promote awareness and deliver important messages in a fun and innovative way, regarding road, community, and personal safety to the school community.

They will be launching an exciting competition soon so keep your eyes peeled!

Birthdays

**HARRIET,
SHARON, LEON,
MARIECLAIRE,
IRE, ERIC, EVIE,
GENEVIEVE,
MALAIKA, JACK W,
MIRAJ, TAHER,
HARRY M,
INDIA-GREY AND
JAMES!**

**Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!**

**We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!**

LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE!



Daryna came 1st in a National Ice-skating Competition. In fact, she has been placed 1st in the last 3 competitions she has skated in!! How incredible!

George D was the mascot at a recent Chester FC match!

Oliver and Heath play for Upton Juniors FC and were both awarded Players of the Tournament!

Martha had a busy summer holiday; she passed her level 2 swimming and made an incredible scrapbook of her holiday!

Grayson achieved his Green and White Belt at Family Martial Arts!



George L was awarded a medal for some super swimming and Maya and Demi moved up a grade in their swimming lessons!

LET'S CELEBRATE

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

Eleanor T

Daisy P

Alex M

Maya L

Maisie H

Elliot W

Jayden-Lee M

Nihan I

Demi R

Miraj C

Ruby R

Faith B





IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

MEET OUR TEAM AT OUR OPEN DAYS!

WEDNESDAY
8TH OCTOBER
4PM

During the Open Evenings, you will see how learning is developed across subjects, discover how our curriculum is enriched by engaging resources and enjoy our extensive outdoor environment. You will meet our teaching and support team and find out about how we support children to shine brightly and achieve well!

WEDNESDAY
12TH NOVEMBER
4PM

At Hoole Church of England Primary School,
learning is active, exciting and out of this world!

We are also hosting tours of the school for small groups of families on:

Wednesday 24th September 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 14th October 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 21st October 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 4th November 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 5th November 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 19th November 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 3rd December 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 8th January 9.30-10.30am & 1.30-2.30pm

Tours will be hosted by senior staff along with our Early Years and Key Stage One leader.

Please pre-book your tour by emailing us at
admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk or calling us on 01244 323890



Key Dates

17th - 19th September	Year 6 Residential Trip
19th September	Year 4-6 Dodgeball Club begins
22nd September	Year 5-6 Science Club begins
22nd September	Year 5-6 Netball Club begins
22nd September	Year 5-6 Boys Football Skills Club begins
22nd September	Family Running Club begins
23rd September	Year 1-2 Football & Active Play begins
23rd September	Year 1-2 Lego Club begins
23rd September	Year 3-4 Netball Club begins
23rd September	Year 5-6 Zentangle Art Club begins
23rd September	Year 5-6 Badminton Club begins
24th September	Year 1-6 Street Dance Club begins
24th September	Year 2-6 Beacons Club begins
24th September	Year 3-4 Arts & Craft Club begins
24th September	Year 5-6 Girls Football Skills Club begins
25th September	Year 1-2 Art & Story Club begins
25th September	Year 1-6 Choir Club begins
25th September	Year 3-4 Football Club begins

Key Dates

25th September	Year 3-4 Lego Club begins
25th September	Year 5-6 Imaginative Art Club begins
26th September	Autumn Fair 3.30-5.30pm
30th September	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop 4.30pm
20th-23rd October	Parents' Evenings
24th October	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
27th-31st October	School Holidays
3rd November	School re-opens for pupils
3rd-12th November	Year 6 Bikeability
12th November	Whole School Flu Vaccination
16th December	Y1-2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
17th December	Y3-4 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
18th December	Y5-6 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 1.45pm
20th December-4th January	School Holidays

Contact us



01244 323890



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Queens Park High School

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 17th
September 6.00pm - 8.00pm

OPEN MORNINGS

18th, 19th & 22nd September
8.50am - 12pm

To book a tour on one of our Open Mornings, please contact us:

 openevening@qphs.co.uk



Upton High School

Open Evening

Thursday 25th September 5:30pm to 7:30pm



Learning to
shape the future.

www.uptonhigh.co.uk

Headteacher's Presentation at 5:30pm and 6:30pm - No booking necessary

Christleton High School

Open Evening

24th September 2025

17:00 - 19:00



Booking not required



left to their OWN devices?

Tech-savvy kids and how to raise them

Left To Their Own Devices, an event by national charity Care for the Family, is coming to Chester on the evening of 9 October.

Are you fed up with seeing the back of a phone more than your child's face?
Do you feel every conversation you have about technology is a battle?
Are you concerned about the impact it's all having – bullying, screen time, lessening attention span, the rise of AI and VR?
Do you want to help your child navigate the online world safely?

Care for the Family have designed this event specifically with parents of 8 – 14-year-olds in mind. But even if you're not there yet, this event will help you be on the front foot for when those days come.

Date: Thursday 9 October

Time: 7.30pm to 10.00pm

Venue: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Spa Chester, Warrington Road, Hoole, CH2 3PD

All events 7.30pm

cff.org.uk/owndevices

