

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

MESSENGER

Friday 10th May 2024



Dear Overleigh Family,

Although this is a very short term, there is lots to fit in and children across the school have been accelerating their learning. Special congratulations to Y4 this week who have been practicing for their multiplication check. It is very clear they have been working exceptionally hard and many thanks to all the families helping at home. We hear some extra work on the 7s and 9 timetables may be useful!



You won't leave a gap if you
Slip + Slop + Slap!



As the warm weather has started (we do hope it lasts), just a reminder to ensure your child has a sun hat, when needed, and they have sun block applied before school. Ideally the long-lasting sun cream works for most children. If your child will need to reapply this before lunch, they may bring it in a named bottle and need to apply it themselves. Unfortunately, it is one of those areas we are told not to do as professionals but we will certainly supervise the very youngest children to make sure they can manage this appropriately.

Thank you to all our families for ensuring their children are wearing the correct uniform. It is very much appreciated. We know that this time of year can be tricky as children start to grow out of their uniform, especially for those in Y6. However, we have a huge range of spare uniform in very good condition for families to select from, no need to spend additional money.

However, please note that leggings can be part of PE uniform but not daily uniform. They can be worn under skirts, pinafores or shorts but should not be worn separately. In addition, skirts, shorts and pinafores must be of a reasonable length so the child can comfortably bend over without revealing their thighs and underwear.

If possible, please use this weekend to rename sweatshirts and cardigans, as the warmer weather comes children tend to take them off outside and then it is tricky to reunite them with the correct owner. If your child brings home the wrong clothes or shoes after PE, do return them to school so we can make sure they are given back to the correct child.

Red and white school dresses are permitted uniform in the warmer weather. Sandals can also be worn but must hold the foot securely in place so e.g. crocs and flip flops are not suitable for school.

Also please remind your child that pencil cases are NOT permitted in school. We have all the equipment they need and it causes clutter on the tables and issues around sharing and jealousy.

GO FOR IT !



GOOD LUCK !

Y6 will sit their SATs tests next week. They have been working really hard to prepare and are setting a really positive attitude to the rest of the school with their positive attitudes and behaviour. Good luck Y6, you will be great and, as we always say, *as long as you have tried your best then that is good enough!*

Y6 parents - do please

ensure your child has an early and device free bedtime on Sunday. They have a long week ahead of them and need to be at their best to be able to cope. Thank you.

GOOD LUCK
TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS

Don't get stressed.
Just do your best.
Remember you've been blessed
With skills that SATs don't test.

Pot Hole Saga - You may have noticed the pot holes on the entry road have either been filled already or have been marked out ready for this.



However, when questioned, we got the usual unhelpful response from the road team regarding the holes outside of school - *That's not us mate!* Equally unhelpfully, like Cheshire West, they don't seem to be able to identify who does have responsibility. Do keep sending in your complaints.

We would like to up the pressure on the council to address this issue so if your child has a rubber / plastic duck, they could bring to school on Monday we would be very grateful. Do name them please. We would like to recreate the picture as above and take photos of the children looking cross. If they won't listen to adults - perhaps the voices of our children will be heard!!

DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM: _____ (Please see later on for upcoming Class Assemblies)

Friday 24th May Last Day of Spring 1 3.20pm Finish

Monday 3rd June INSET Day for Staff

Tuesday 4th June First Day Spring 2 Values Day: Trust

Week of 24th June Sports Day Events

Day Date	Year Groups	Timings	Amount of events
Monday 24th June	Year 5	9.30am Start approx. 1 hr 30	8 to 9 events
Tuesday 25th June	Year 1/2	9.30am Start approx. 1 hour	5 to 6 events
Wednesday 26th June	Year 3/4	9.30am Start approx. 1 hr 30	8 to 9 events
Thursday 27th June	Year EYFS/Nursery	9.30am Start approx. 1 hour	5 to 6 events
Friday 28th June	Year 6	9.30am Start approx. 1 hr 30	8 to 9 events

Monday 8th July Healthy & Safe Week Includes Relationship & Sex Education

Tuesday 23rd July Last Day of Term 2.15pm Finish

Dates For 24-25

Monday 2 nd September	INSET Day for Staff
Tuesday 3 rd September	First Day of Autumn 1 Values Day: Christian Love
Wed 4 th -Fri 6 th Sept	PSHE Themed Days Begin Again
Mon 14 th -Thurs 24 th Oct	Zoom Parents Meetings
Thursday 24 th Oct	Last Day Autumn 1 3,20pm Finish
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY SCH CLOSED
Monday 4 th Nov	INSET DAY SCH CLOSED
Tuesday 5 th Nov	First Day Autumn 2 Values Day: Hope
14 th & 15 th Oct	Anti-Bullying & Anti-Harassment Focus Days
Friday 20 th Dec	Last Day Autumn 2 2.15pm Finish
Monday 6 th Jan	INSET Day for Staff
Tuesday 7 th Jan	First Day Spring 1 Values Day: Respect
Friday 14 th Feb	Last Day Spring 1 3.20pm Finish
Monday 24 th Feb	First Day Spring 2 Values Day: Integrity
Friday 4 th April	Last Day Spring 2 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 23 rd April	First Day Summer 1 Values Day: Service & Stewardship
Friday 23 rd May	Last Day Summer 1 3,20pm Finish
Monday 2 nd June	First Day Summer 2 Values Day: Thankfulness
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day Summer 2 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 23 rd July	INSET SCHOOL CLOSED

Attendance

As you will be aware excellent attendance and punctuality have always been the goal for all children at Overleigh.

Holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless there are EXCEPTIONAL circumstances. According to the DFE, exceptional does not include affordability, limitations placed on parents by their employers or distance away of the destination. These are not rules set down by the school, they are national expectations.

From September, the government will be tracking the attendance of all pupils remotely and the systems and procedures for monitoring and addressing lateness and poor attendance are going to be even more rigorous. We will adjust our local policy accordingly. We have put two inset days either side of autumn half term to support families and staff in being able to take a holiday in the usually, slightly cheaper time of year. Please do consider this when booking for next year. We do not wish to fine anyone but the penalties are increasing and the criteria for avoidance of them will be very narrow.

It is important all children start the school year with their classmates. We know, from experience, that children who are habitually late and or are away for the first days of term, find friendships harder to maintain and consequently are less happy in school. Children who are happy, learn better and consequently secure better progress.

We have a wide range of tried and tested strategies to support children and their families with punctuality and attendance and urge anyone who recognises their child's attendance or punctuality is an issue to reach out via the school office. Mrs Redmayne, Mrs

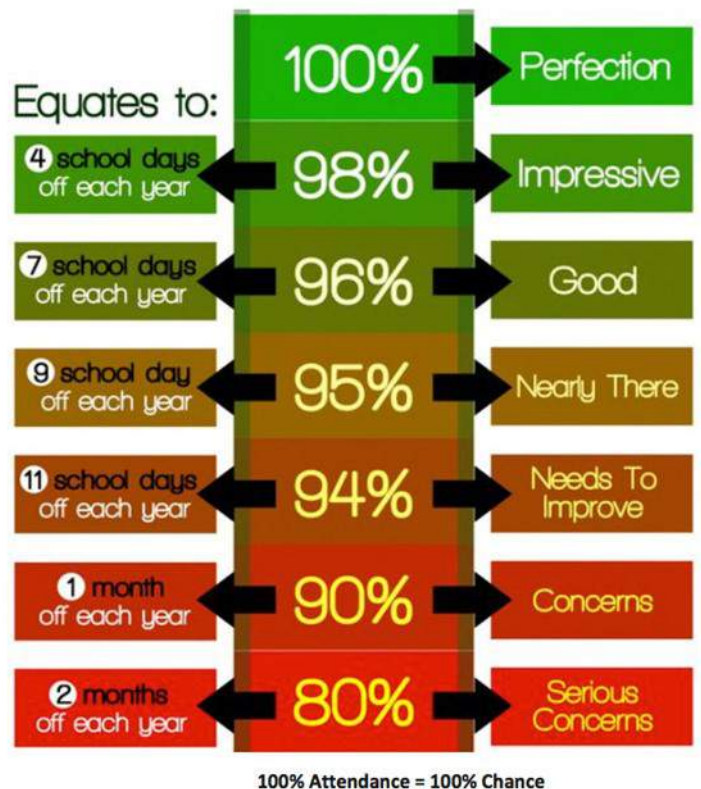
Martell and Miss Drew are always keen to support.

One of our central aims of our school vision is to develop our children into resilient learners who are well equipped for their next phase of education. Part of this is coping with ups and downs in relationships with friends. If a child has had a falling out with friends on line or at school, they should be brought to school as usual to help them overcome this and resolve any differences. Parents who enable their children to stay home in such circumstances, may feel they are being compassionate. However, in the longer term it makes it harder for the child to return and disables, rather than enables, their resilience.

Ultimately it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child(ren) attend school every day and are punctual. We will do all we can to ensure a warm welcome and support as well as celebrating success.

How much school is my child missing over the academic year?

What does this mean for my child?



Penalties for poor punctuality are also increasing. We all understand that a family may experience an emergency or car failure etc that could arise in a morning of late arrival to school. However, we have a number of children who are late almost EVERY DAY. If this is due to the distance, they live from school we will be asking the parents to consider a school more local to home. We love having families with us that we have long connections with, and enjoy being a popular school. However, if you have moved further away and cannot ensure you reach school on time i.e. - leave earlier - then it is unfair for the child(ren) who do not enjoy the social interaction with peers at the start of the day and often miss the beginning of lessons.

Anything below 96% attendance is considered below expected standards nationally. Classes are rewarded when they have collectively achieved 98% average across the week. Overall, our aim is for everyone to achieve 100% and to be on time every day.



We are also aware that the vast majority of children arrive on time and attend school every day that they possibly can. THANK YOU AND WELL DONE!

Overleigh St Mary's Music Festival 01.07.24

Entry is free and the festival is open to all children in the school. Children can perform with their voice – i.e. sing or play an instrument. Classes will also organise themselves to make a group contribution. Everyone who takes part will receive a small token of recognition and those that are highly commended will be invited to perform again in a final at the end of the day. We look forward to listening to our talented Overleigh performers!



Secret To Success Award

There are 6 challenges set across the year and if your child completes all of them, they will be invited to a special celebration. This will take place on Wednesday 10th July from 2.30pm.

There is still time for children to go back and complete challenges from earlier in the year. Perhaps a half term challenge!

**In Love & Peace,
Emma Drew**

Class Assembly Dates:

All at 2.30pm on Tuesday (unless stated) in the main school hall.

Tuesday 21st May:- Y1 High Note Class

Tuesday 11th June:- YR Minim Class

Tuesday 18th June:- YR Crotchet Class

Thursday 11th July:- Nursery Graduation Day Assembly 2.00pm in the Nursery Outdoor Area.

Friday 17th May



**Wear It
Green
Day**

Wear something green:

- As much or as little as you wish!
- This could be your entire outfit, or an accessory (hair band/bobble/badge/ribbon etc.)

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week.

The theme in 2024 is Movement: moving more for our mental health. Being active is one of the ways we can support good physical and mental wellbeing.

Movement can have positive effects on our mental health by reducing stress and anxiety, improving mood, and enhancing our sleep quality and cognitive function. Moving more has many benefits for our mental health and wellbeing including:



- To raise awareness of mental health in school, we are holding a 'Wear it Green' day on Friday 17th May. Children are encouraged to wear something green—this could be their entire outfit or just an accessory and bring in an optional donation. Money raised will contribute towards new resources in school to support mental health and wellbeing.

PTA Event



Cake Sale




Friday 24th May


3.15pm until 4pm

prices from 50p, cash only.

**We would be grateful for any
cake donations, homemade or bought,
for our half-term cake sale.**

 Please ensure bought cakes are in their original packaging so ingredients are listed.

 If you are bringing homemade cakes please provide an ingredients list.

 No nuts please.

**Bought donations can be dropped off at school
week commencing 20th May.**

**Please bring homemade donations on the day of
the cake sale.**

Many Thanks





Bottles, Lotion and Sun Hats.



It is lovely to see the warmer weather arrive at last. Please could you make sure that your child is bringing a water bottle and sun hat to school to protect themselves from the sun during the Summer Term. Sun hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name to help prevent loss and to be able to quickly return any hats left around to the correct owner. Can you also make sure that your child's water bottle has their name on it for similar reasons and hygiene purposes. We would encourage sun lotion to be applied in the morning before school. Sun lotion is not to be shared by children with their peers.



School Photos June 6th

Our school photographers will be in on June 6th to take class/year group photos. Please can you ensure that your child is dressed in the correct school uniform, including footwear, on this date.

Amazing Memory

Aamira in Year 5 has been a superstar out of school. She has been awarded two trophies by her local mosque where she has been learning chapters from the Qur'an and then not only had to learn the chapters, but also had to recite them from memory. This is an amazing achievement, Aamira, you should be really proud of yourself.



We currently have vacancies in school that have been advertised that we would like our local community to be aware of:-

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge, Chester CH4 7HS
Tel: 01244 267525
Email: admin@overleighstmarysce.cheshire.sch.uk
Website: www.overleighstmarysce.cheshire.sch.uk
Headteacher: Emma Drew



Teaching Assistant – Grade 4 and Grade 5 positions available

Grade 4 £23114-£23893 pro rata

Grade 5 £23893-£25979 pro rata

32.5 hours per week, 39 weeks per year 8.30 am-3.30 pm

Are you a dedicated and passionate individual with a strong motivation to make a positive impact on the lives of pupils with complex needs? We are seeking several committed Teaching Assistants to join our dynamic team and contribute to the transformative journey of our pupils.

If you are ready to embrace a rewarding challenge and contribute to the success of our pupils, we invite you to apply for the position of Teaching Assistant at Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School.

Please return your application form with a supporting letter, indicating which position(s) you are interested in, to Mrs Katie Jones by email senco@overleighstmarysce.cheshire.sch.uk.

Closing Date: Monday 3 June 2024 @ 12 noon

Interviews: Week Commencing 10 June 2024

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undertake pre-employment checks including: Enhanced DBS, Right to Work in the UK, references and health.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that members of our staff, Emma Drew (Headteacher) & Sheila Edwards (Designated Safeguarding Lead), known as a Key Adult, have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures, allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/children in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Miss Emma Drew

Head Teacher



We have been asked to share the following opportunity for Girls who are interested in football with you:-



**CGFL
CHESTER**

CHESTER GIRLS FUN FOOTBALL FESTIVALS

**Cheshire Girls Football League - Chester
In conjunction with Cheshire FA**

**Perfect for Beginners!
Skills, Drills and Mini matches.**

EVENT DETAILS:

School years 2/3/4 (U7/8/9)

DATES:

15th, 22nd, 29th June 2024

TIME: 9-10am

LOCATION: Blacon, Chester

COST: £2.00 per session

CONTACT: Sue - 07748185423

TO BOOK:

**CLICK HERE TO
FILL OUT THE FORM**



OR YOU CAN EMAIL:

accounts.chester@cheshiregirlsleague.co.uk
to register, location and further details will be
provided on registration.

No experience necessary, fun sessions to
introduce girls to football, with a pathway to
grassroots.

Players will need shin pads, comfortable
clothes, no special equipment.

Friday Certificates 3.05.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet Miss Evans	Respect	Aryan - for showing respect to everyone around school, both adults and children. He has been trying hard in his phonics which has resulted in him moving up a reading group. He is always focused during the teacher input and has enjoyed learning about our new writing topic Silly Doggy. Well done Aryan
Minim Miss Burns	Compassion	I am delighted to announce that Seth in Minim class will be receiving the SOTW award this week for Compassion - for his selfless acts of kindness throughout the school day. Seth makes everyone feel included in the things he does and games he plays. Well Done Seth, you superstar!
Ballad Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Wisdom	Eva Sebastian for a great start to the term. Eva has really enjoyed learning all about the human body in Science and particularly enjoyed finding out about our eyes and how they work. Well done Eva, for your amazing effort.
High Note Miss Hunter	Service and Stewardship	Elliott has been super helpful this week and very enthusiastic about helping out around class in any way he can. He has been taking care of our classroom environment and making sure all the tables have everything they need and helping Miss Hunter set up PE equipment. Additionally, Elliott has been coming up with some great ideas in science and is very knowledgeable about the world around him - Well done Elliott!
Melody Miss Morgan	Wisdom	This week's nomination is to Elias for Wisdom. Elias has been working hard in school and making good progress in his phonics. He has a great attitude towards his learning and I am extremely proud of him. Well done Elias!
Glissando Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Service and Stewardship	Arjuna has been nominated for the value of Service and Stewardship. Juna was a superstar in the class assembly and spoke with confidence, he even picked up an extra line last minute. He has also been working really hard in school recently and showing great integrity and perseverance. Well done!
Harmony Miss Holdstock Miss Odunaiya	Peace	My star of the week is for Alma for the value of peace. Alma has joined Harmony class and has settled in beautifully! She has made lovely friendships and found confidence to engage in lesson discussions. Keep up the hard work. Well done, Alma!
Maestro Miss McFaul	Wisdom	Archie has been trying his best to take his time with his learning this week, making sure to read questions carefully and use his best handwriting. He always joins in during class discussion and works wonderfully with his partner. His love of learning is wonderful to see! Keep up the hard work Archie!
Note Miss Noakes	Friendship	Arlo is the star of the week in Note class for the Christian value of friendship. Arlo's kind and fun personality can always bring a smile to people's faces. He works well with lots of children and is always polite and friendly to grown-ups in school. Thank you, Arlo, for keeping us all smiling!
Maestoso Mr Mander	Integrity	My nomination this week is for Nicole for integrity. Nicole has been trying her best in all her work, learning her times tables and trying to include all the essential parts of sentences in her writing. This is really starting to pay off. Keep up the hard work
Pizzicato Mr Pillow	Integrity	The nomination for Pizzicato class this week is Neave Morris. I am really pleased to see she has been listening more carefully in lessons and she is being more focused in completing her work in class.
Joyeux Miss Jones	Wisdom	Nuriyah: Wisdom. Nuriyah is an exceptional pupil to have in our class, who has really come out of her shell since joining Overleigh. She will always use her Wisdom in lessons, whether this be to complete a task or to share her knowledge during class discussions. Well done Nuriyah, it is a pleasure to have you in the class and be your teacher.
Heptatonic Mrs McGoldrick Mr Skinner	Compassion	Please can we nominate Connor Pritchard for compassion. Connor is such a kind, empathetic boy, who is always thinking of others. His kind, fun nature makes him a popular friend and a joy for us teachers to have in class. In recent weeks, Connor has been trying really hard - staying focused to achieve more in lessons and putting his hand up to share his ideas and answers in class. Keep it up Connor!
Finale Mrs Dickson Mrs Flanagan	Respect	Phoebe - Respect - We are very lucky to have Phoebe in our class! She is always ready to learn, puts 100% effort into everything she does and perseveres during challenging tasks. In addition to this, she is a fantastic friend, who is always very caring and thoughtful towards her peers.

Friday Certificates 10.05.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet Miss Evans	Friendship	Winter-Rose for being a fantastic friend with everyone not only in Crotchet class but in Minim class too. She includes everyone in her games at break time and never lets anyone play on their own. She is kind to everyone and this is shown in her lovely friendships. Well done Winter-Rose, you should be so proud of yourself.
Minim Miss Burns	Integrity	Zian has been an absolute superstar this week. He has been listening well to instructions and sat quietly on the carpet during learning time. He has offered great ideas to our learning and I am especially impressed with his fantastic counting to 20! Not only has Zian been choosing to make great choices this week, he has been a great role model pupil for the rest of the class. A huge well done, Zian, let's keep up the great work!
Ballad Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Integrity	Elsie for having an amazing 'can do' attitude to learning. Elsie always gives 100% to every task given and tries her very best. Elsie has enjoyed our new topic of fractions in maths and has a good understanding of a half and a quarter. Well done Elsie.
High Note Miss Hunter	Respect	Henry is a respectful member of High Note class. He always sits nicely and listens during lessons, putting his hand up to answer questions and give thoughtful ideas. Henry loves books and listening to stories. This week Henry has shown great enthusiasm for our new story 'Bloom' in English and is working on being able to retell the story in his writing. Keep up the great effort Henry - well done!
Melody Miss Morgan	Respect	This week's nomination is to Isabelle Williams for Respect. Isabelle has really impressed me with her good manners and attentiveness in lessons. She always puts an enthusiastic effort into her learning and is making great progress as a result. Well done!
Glissando Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Integrity	Samuel is such a sensible and hardworking member of our class. He ALWAYS makes the right choices, listens to the teacher and asks questions to check he is doing the right thing. We are so lucky to have you in our class Samuel. Well done!
Harmony Miss Holdstock Miss Odunaiya	Wisdom	Since joining Overleigh, Tudor's progress has been outstanding. He puts in an excellent amount of effort in all he does and this is shown in the work he produces. He has also made superb friendships with other children in school. Well done, Tudor!
Maestro Miss McFaul	Wisdom	Julian has been trying his hardest to use his wonderful neat handwriting in every lesson he does. He asks intuitive questions that engage discussion help his everyone in the classroom to get involved in the learning taking place. His love of learning is wonderful to see! Keep up the hard work, Julian!
Note Miss Noakes	Hope	Ned is the Star of the Week in Note class for the Christian Value of Hope. Ned works hard in all lessons and always puts 100% effort into his learning. He takes pride in his presentation and is careful with his handwriting. Ned is hopeful of achieving his pen licence this term. Fingers crossed he achieves it!
Maestoso Mr Mander	Integrity	Leo always works sensibly and quietly and has been working really hard on his writing this week. He has impressed me with his can-do attitude and his willingness to have a go at answering whole class questions. Well done Leo.
Pizzicato Mr Pillow	Integrity	The nomination for Pizzicato class this week is Owen for Integrity. Owen has noticeably increased his concentration and effort in lessons in recent weeks. It has been a pleasure to see, keep it up Owen.
Allegro Miss Axam	Integrity	Sheryl has been really focussed on her work, working without distraction from others. She has presented all of her work beautifully. Her positive attitude has been admirable. Well done Sheryl.
Joyeux Miss Jones	Integrity	Greta is a fantastic pupil to have in the class, she really does underestimate herself and her ability! She is always one that you see doing the right thing and encouraging others to do the right thing. Her attitude to everything is always impeccable and she really is a lovely pupil. Well done Greta, keep believing in yourself and being you!
Heptatonic Mrs McGoldrick Mr Skinner	Wisdom	Please can we nominate Harry for wisdom - for trying particularly hard with his writing. He has impressed us recently by listening to techniques to improve his writing and trying them out in his own story. Well done Harry!
Finale Mrs Dickson Mrs Flanagan	Wisdom	Will puts 100% effort into all lessons. We have been particularly impressed by the perseverance he has shown in recent maths lessons; his confidence is growing daily and he has been working incredibly hard to solve tricky word problems. Keep it up Will!

Forest School

It's the Summer Term!

That means (hopefully) nicer weather for us in Forest School!
 This is also the time of year, when we remind you all to put an all day sun-cream on your children before they come to school and to bring in sun hats.

Ideally children will be wearing old clothes, that you don't mind getting dirty. These can just be some old joggers or leggings and a t-shirt.

Uniforms or PE kit are not suitable for Forest School!!!



Hedgehogs!

This week it's **Hedgehog Awareness Week**. Please check out the following website for lots of information about our hedgehogs:



<https://www.britishhedgehogs.co.uk/hedgehog-awareness-week-5th-11th-may-2024>

Also, for those who want to take part, Chester Zoo are holding their annual Hedgehog Watch. Sign up through their website, it is completely free of charge!

<https://www.chesterzoo.org/what-you-can-do/hedgehog-watch/>



Summer 1 Timetable

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<i>Morning</i>	Reception Minim Reception Crochet Year 5 Pizzicato	Year 1 High Notes Year 3 Maestro	Nursery Quavers Year 3 Harmony
<i>Afternoon</i>	Year 5 Allegro Year 1 Ballad	Year 2 Glissando Year 4 Note	Year 2 Melody Year 4 Maestoso

Sports Days

Please see the school dates in Miss Drew's introduction for the dates of Sports Days for each year group.

& Out of School Sporting Achievement

Kriti in Crotchet class has been working hard outside of school too! She has received certificates for gymnastics and football. Well done!



Nursery

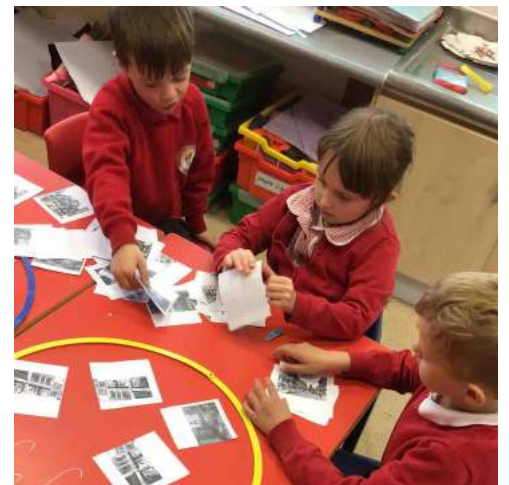


This week we have really enjoyed the weather outside!



Year R

Reception have been enjoying looking at how different Chester looked a long time ago. We used sorting hoops to compare images of Chester into 'Long ago' and 'Now'. We have also been identifying features of a map and well known landmarks in Chester!



Richard the vet came to visit Reception classes to talk to them all about what its like to be a vet. We learned all about how vets help animals that are unwell and looked at special equipment they might use such as x-rays, bandages, stethoscopes and special gowns for operations.



Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed their PE session in the sunshine. We were practising our throwing, catching and sprinting skills through group activities.



This term in Science we have been learning all about the human body and our senses.

This week in Science we learned about our sense of taste. |We got to explore the flavours of different foods Yummy!



Year 2

We've really been enjoying going outside in our maths lessons because we've been learning all about Volume and Capacity.



We have been able to predict, measure and explore in a range of ways.

Year 3

During our learning about early civilisations, the children explored the Ancient Sumerians and their development of 'the wheel'. They looked at how they improved their design and replicated them to discuss the strengths and weaknesses.



Our art focus this half term is sculpture, using clay. The children have practised carving, rolling and slab building.

Year 4

In Art, we have been looking at Roman mosaics, the patterns they used and the types of pictures they included in them. We have then had a go at creating our own mosaic patterns using a stick printing technique.



In Science, we have looking at different animals and their habitats. We have looked at how animals are adapted to their habitats and have had a go at sorting them by different criteria.



Year 5



On Tuesday we started off the week with an active maths lesson—a competition between right angles and 45 degree angles and parallel and perpendicular lines.

In D.T. we taste tested typical Viking foods. Miss Axam was surprised to hear how popular the mackerel was!



WALT TASTE AND EVALUATE TYPICAL VIKING FOODS



Year 5

We have also received a visit from the Fire service to learn more about fire safety. It was a lot of fun looking at the fire engine.



Year 5 have also recently visited Queens Park High School. We went to take part in dance, music and drama workshops based on the show we went to see there earlier in the year.



Year 6

As artists, we have started to analyse the different techniques used by Alberto Giacometti. One of these techniques is the use of a continuous line to create pictures. We then discussed the technique in more detail before having a go ourselves.



After researching the life of Giacometti, we then were able to put this information into a non-fiction piece of writing. As writers, we produced a non-chronological report all about the life and work of Alberto Giacometti!

