



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Another packed week here at school, with Early Years, Year 2 and Year 6 all taking part in school trips and of course our PTA Colour Run event this afternoon, read on to find out more.

## Early Years Visit to Thurstaston Beach - Tuesday 24th June - A Report From Mrs Rowland

On Tuesday this week our Early Years children had their best adventure yet... a trip to Thurstaston Beach! We all boarded the coach, bucket and spade in hand, ready for our adventure. The coach journey was very exciting, and the children all tried to see if they could be the first to spot the sea! On arrival we made our way through the sand dunes, down some steps and were welcomed by the most wonderful sight (see picture below). Our trip was linked to our prior Pathways text - Clem and Crab, and there was great joy when we discovered a family of crabs, some of us were even brave enough to pick them up! We enjoyed a picnic lunch and an ice lolly before returning to the coach for a quieter, sleepier journey home. Thank you to all the parent helpers and Miss Hall for planning such a wonderful experience for our youngest children.



#### **Year 2 Burwardsley Residentials**

Year 2 had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Burwardsley Outdoor Centre this week. This was the first time the children had been away for the night with school, and they were very well behaved and represented our school brilliantly. The staff at the centre commented on how well the children listened and how everyone took part so enthusiastically. The children participated in lots of activities including pond dipping where they caught and held newts, they went on a walk up Willow Hill, took part in team building games and toasted marshmallows around the campfire. They also did jungle camp where they learned how to tie knots, put up hammocks and made shelters - the best bit was when the teachers threw water over the shelters to test if they were waterproof! The children are a bit tired today, but they have been busily writing thank you letters to the staff at Burwardsley, and some children have asked if they could go again!

## Year 6 Visits to The Odiyana Buddhist Centre

Year 6 visited the Buddhist Centre today as part of the school's place of worship visit programme. Year 6 were greeted by a Buddhist nun, who has been a Buddhist for over 30 years, and she invited us into one of the meditation rooms there. The children were told the story of the Buddha and taught about different forms of worship and meditation - the children and staff even took part in some peaceful meditation. Year 6 were incredibly respectful during the entire visit and asked some fabulous questions. In just KS2, these children have visited our local church, a synagogue, a gurdwara and now the Buddhist Centre - we hope these experiences and the understanding and respect gained will stay with our children for many years to come.





## **Year 5 Staying Safe Online Talk**

This week Year 5 had a visit from our PCSO, Simon Donnelly, who talked about staying safe online. We learned about who uses the internet and why, how we can keep ourselves and others safe online and which apps are appropriate ages for us to use.

Year 5 all listened carefully and thought Simon shared important messages that would help us make sensible choices to keep ourselves and others safe.



### A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

Mr Cairns has just returned from a rugby competition that was held this morning at Moss Farm involving children from Years 3, 5 and 6. He'll give a report on this and the recent New Age Kurling Competition in next week's newsletter.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July/Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Whole School Transition Days

Monday 7th July – Year 1 visit to Bridgewater Gardens

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Sports Day (afternoon)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Early Years and KS1 Sports Day (afternoon)

Tuesday 15th July – Year 6 Bubble Football in school

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' performance 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' performance 6pm

Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Bowling trip

Wednesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers' assembly 2pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School finishes at normal time for the Summer holidays

Monday 1st September – Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – School reopens for the 2025/26 academic year

## Executive Functioning Meeting – Tuesday 1st July 2pm

A reminder that Mrs Ireland (our Family Support Worker) and Mrs Rowland are holding a meeting about Executive Functioning next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Mrs Ireland will go into detail about how our brains work and continue to develop until 24 years of age. We will look at the problems that children can face when they struggle with their functions - behaviour, sleep, working memory etc. This also works well alongside the My Happy Mind programme which we have just launched. All our teachers and teaching assistants had training last term around this and found it very interesting and insightful.

The meeting will take place in Mrs Moore's Hall. It will only last an hour, so you will be ready for pick up at the end of the day. Please can you email our admin team if you are interested and would like to come: admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk





#### **PTA News**

**Colour Run Event – Friday 27**<sup>th</sup> **June:** We're really looking forward to our inaugural colour run this afternoon! Sponsorship money has been steadily coming in, thank you so much for your support. We hope the children have a great time! If your child would like to keep their t-shirt as a memento here's some advice on how to 'fix' the colour.



#### **Picture News Assemblies**

During assemblies each week the children are learning about a current news topic. This week we've been talking about how divers have found the wreck of the SS Nantes nearly 140 years after it sank. We've asked the question: "Why do people explore the past?" Here's a summary and some suggested discussion points for you at home:







## Free Superstars Holiday Club Sessions For Children In Receipt of Free School Meals

Superstars Holiday Camp bookings have opened for Cloughwood Academy and will run from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August delivering Multi Sports, Football and Dance from 9.00am – 3pm from Monday to Thursday for 4 weeks along with the following activities:

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Jul - Archery Tag
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 7th Aug - Lego Sessions
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Aug - Card making
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Aug - Large Obstacle Course
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Aug - Laser Tag
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Aug - Learn how to Crochet

Children will receive a choice of a hot meal or sandwich option along with snacks and fruit. Only families that are in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Dinners are eligible for these FREE sessions. If you wish to be book on please follow this link: <a href="https://eequ.org/book/superstars-cloughwood-academy-with-superstars-holiday-club-limited-16961">https://eequ.org/book/superstars-cloughwood-academy-with-superstars-holiday-club-limited-16961</a>. Any further information please email <a href="mailto:info@littlesuperstars.co.uk">info@littlesuperstars.co.uk</a>

## Summer Holiday Club - Cuddington Youth Club

Please see the attached flyer for another holiday club with free spaces for children in receipt of Free School Meals.

## **Cheshire Forest School Holiday Club**

Please see the attached flyer for details.

## Chester Festival Of Ideas - 3rd - 6th July

Bookings are now open for the University of Chester's <u>Festival of Ideas 2025!</u> The Festival will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and all of the 90+ events are FREE to the public. The Festival is for everyone and this year there are even more events aimed specifically at children and families.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

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Headteacher