



Saughall All Saints Primary School

Newsletter 30th September 2024

We have had a great start to the new academic year with the children showing a wonderful eagerness to learn. Clubs have started and trips are being booked; another busy term.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and prizes for our MacMillan fundraising event last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. The children sang beautifully and made both parents and staff very proud.

We are pleased to say that we have raised a fantastic **£1652.16** so far and we still have cakes for sale.....

Items found: Following the fundraising event, school found an adult's gilet, a cap and a child's white sweatshirt.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Help us raise money for our school:

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

School Shop



The first school shop of the year will be on Wednesday 9th October.

The shop is open to KS1 and KS2 but not reception. For those of you sending money in with your children to spend at the shop, please can you ensure the cash sent is in small denominations.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child/ren attends school every day, unless they are too poorly to do so. If your child is not able to attend, please ensure that you **call** the school office before 09:15 to advise. If you are calling before school opens, please leave a message as directed on the answer phone.

Punctuality is equally important:

Arriving 5 minutes **late** every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year = 20 lessons **missed**.

Arriving 15 **minutes late** every day adds up to 2 weeks absence a year = 55 lessons **missed**.

Arriving 25 **minutes late** every adds up to 19 days absence a year = 123 lessons **missed**

Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays

Can we remind you of the new regulations that came in to effect on 19th August 2024, that to ensure we apply the law consistently and fairly in line with all Cheshire West and Chester schools that the FPN system is now in place.

Should an unauthorised leave of absence be of a duration of 10 consecutive school sessions (i.e. five school days) or more, on the request of the Head Teacher or School's Governing Body, the local authority will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to each of the child's the parents/carers.

Should you still choose to take this leave of absence with your child during this period the Local Authority will be informed as this will constitute an unauthorised absence. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Penalties for unauthorised absence

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents are £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days per parent/carer per child.

The National Framework for penalty notices introduces a new national limit of 2 penalty notices that can now be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. If a second Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, within three years of a first Fixed Penalty Notice, the second Fixed Penalty Notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. Once two Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued, if a 3rd unauthorised leave of absence occurs within a 3-year period, the Local Authority is able to move to prosecution immediately. If the fixed penalty is not paid this could lead to you being prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

Parking/Driving on to site

With the increased number of parents driving on to site to collect children, it is getting extremely busy at drop off and pick up times. Please may we request that you drive onto site if absolutely necessary and only if you have a Blue Badge (unless otherwise agreed). If your blue badge has expired and you have not updated school, you will be removed from the list

For those of you who have junior aged children, please can we encourage you to ask them to walk and meet you off site if they are able to.

For morning drop off, cars may drive on to site after 8.30am and for pick up, after 3.00pm.



Messages

Messages for pupils are only to be given in an emergency. If you need to leave a message for your child before the end of the day, please make contact before 3pm, as the staff in the school can't always leave the office when it is busy with children and parents.

Additionally, if you are going to be late collecting your child, please can you call the school and let us know.

Thank you

Payments – Cash and online

Please note we will no longer be accepting cash if it isn't in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly written on it.

We encourage you to pay online with a view to school being cashless in the future.

If you haven't already registered for on line payments, please contact the school office who will be happy to send you your code.

Parents Evening

Kindly note that slots for parents evening are bookable only on School Spider. The slots will be available from **6pm on Sunday 6th October** and will close on Monday 14th October at 9am. Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis.

Please do not try to book before 6pm on Sunday 6th October as the system will not allow this.

If you have any problems logging on, please contact the school office. Kindly note the log in details are your email address and the school name.



Toast and Dinner Money



Reminder: payment for toast can also now be made **on line**, at a cost of £1.25 per week. Toast is only made available for Junior children therefore please do not make payment for any child who is not in Year 3 and above. Please may we remind all parents/carers that toast money is only sent in on Mondays. We will no longer be accepting payments for toast after Mondays. Any monies received for toast from Tuesday to Friday will be allocated to the following week's toast account. Both toast and dinner money are payable in advance. If you are experiencing any difficulties in making payment, please speak to the school office in confidence

Dates for your Diary

2024/2025 Term Dates

School Opens for Pupils	School closes for pupils at the end of the day
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

School has checked and the return date after Easter next year is Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

INSET DAYS

Monday 02nd September 2024
Tuesday 03rd September 2024
Monday 06th January 2025
Monday 02nd June 2025
Wednesday 23rd July 2025
Bank Holiday 05th May 2025

Others dates for your diary

Tuesday 15th October – Parents Evening 4-7pm

Thursday 17th October – Parents Evening 4-6.30pm

Thursday 24th October – Harvest – Year 3 /4 - **Church**
Monday 04th November – PTA Bonfire competition
Thursday 07th November – Non uniform for tombola
Tuesday 12th November - Whole school flu vaccinations
Friday 15th November – Non uniform for Children in Need
Friday 22nd November – Non uniform for Hamper items
Thursday 5th December – Christmas Fayre, 5-7pm
Monday 09th December – Reception Production, 09.30am
Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Production, 9.30am
Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Production, 5.30pm
Thursday 12th December – Y3/4 Production, 9.30am
Thursday 12th December – Y3/4 Production, 5.30pm
Monday 16th December – Christmas party – pm
Tuesday 17th December – Y5/6 Christmas Service 9.30am - Church
Tuesday 17th December – Y5/6 Christmas Service, 5.30pm - Church
Wednesday 18th December - Panto day
Friday 20th December – Finish for Christmas

Starting Primary School in September 2025

**Do you have a child born
between 1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021 and
are you a Cheshire West
and Chester resident?**

YES – from 1 September
2024 you must apply for
a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.2% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for reception applications 15 January 2025

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a Secondary School place - Year 7 September 2025

Is your child due to transfer from Primary School to Secondary School in September 2025?

YES – from 1 September
2024 you must apply for a
school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.3% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Transferring to Secondary School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for secondary applications 31 October 2024

If entitlement to transport is important to how your child will get to and from school, it is vital you read the Home to School Transport Policy before applying for a school place. Visit the authority's website for further information.

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions



YEAR 4 HARRY POTTER INSPIRED STEAM DAY

Saturday 30th November
10am-2pm

WKGS Sixth Form students would like to invite
Year 4 students to a day of 'Harry Potter
inspired' Science, Technology, Engineering, Art
& Maths activities.

For more information and to book a place, please
visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-kirby-grammar-school>.



West Kirby
Grammar School

