

Saughall All Saints Primary School Newsletter 13th February 2025

Please see below our latest newsletter; the last one before we break up for February half term. We wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February 2025.

Attendance

The class winners for the highest attendance were:

27-31st January – Mrs Ashdown 99.6% 03-07th February – Mr Dewdney 99.2%

Very well done!

The overall attendance for the school for this academic year is currently 95.85%.

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 **telephone** 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

School Dinner Payments

Please may we remind you that school lunches are payable in advance of the meal being taken. As per the school's Charging and Remissions policy, the following applies:

6a. Dinner money

- Parent/carers must pay in advance or on the day for the school meal by cash, cheque or via Tucasi the
 online payment system. If a parent forgets to pay in advance, the school may grant a debt allowance
 of one meal. This debt must be paid the next morning directly to the school office, and a note will be
 sent home on the day advising the parent.
- If the debt is not cleared the following day, parents must provide a packed lunch. If no packed lunch is provided there will be a phone call to the parent to ask them to come to school with the money or provide a packed lunch before lunch time. A reminder letter will be sent home on this day.
- If the debt has not been paid by the end of the first week then a debt letter will be issued with a statement of the amount owed. If a packed lunch is NOT provided by the parent/carer, the matter may be referred on by the school if this situation continues.
- If the amount owed reaches £25.00 a final debt letter will be issued. Parents/carers should also be advised that failure to pay within a further 7 day deadline, will lead to the outstanding debt being referred to the Local Authority for recovery.
- The LA Income Section will issue an invoice request form for completion by the school. An invoice will be issued to the debtor based on the information provided on this form and will be followed up after 30 days if payment has not been received.

If you are experiencing difficulties making payment, please do make contact the school.

Leave During Term Time

The guidance and law around leave during term time has changed. For further details, please speak to Mrs Prenton or Mrs Davies.

Key points from the National Framework are:

- A single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. The three-year period begins from the date of the first penalty notice issued on or after 19 August 2024.
- Unauthorised absence sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week)
 or sporadic (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The 10 school week period may span different terms or school years.
- The option of using a 'Notice to Improve' where support is appropriate to provide a final opportunity to engage with support to prevent a penalty notice being issued.
- The first penalty notice issued to the parent for that pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days. (this is less than an inflationary rise since 2013)
- Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice must not be issued within a 3 year period. Therefore, in cases where
 the threshold is met for a third (or subsequent) times within those 3 years, a penalty notice
 cannot be issued and alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include
 considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance
 legal interventions.

Appointments during the school day

If your child has an appointment during the school day, school will request to see confirmation of the appointment in the form of a letter, text, card etc.

If you are collecting your child for any other circumstances, we request that they are collected between 12 and 1pm so as not to disrupt lessons. An absence request form must also be completed prior to the date.

Sam's After School Football Club - Wednesdays

Sam's football club finished yesterday. It will re-start again on Wednesday 5th March.

Letters will be sent home during the first week back after half term

Pantomime Trip 2025

We know it may be the last thing you're all thinking about so soon after Christmas but we would like to give you plenty of notice that this year school will be taking the children to The Storyhouse Theatre in Chester to see Beauty and the Beast. This is due to rising costs for both transport and the panto tickets themselves.



Dates for your Diary

2024/2025 Term Dates

| School Opens for Pupils | School closes for pupils at the end of the day |
|---------------------------|--|
| 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 June 2025 Wednesday 23rd July 2025 Bank Holiday 05th May 2025

Other Dates for your Diary (please also check the calendar on the website):

26/02/25 – Tattenhall Information Evening 4pm

26/02/25 - PGL Information Evening 5pm

25/02/25 - School is celebrating World Book Day

12/3/25 - Year 5/6 Royal Liverpool Philharmonic trip

18/3/25 - Parents Evening - Further details to follow

20/3/25 – Parents Evening - Further details to follow

24-25/3/25 - Year 2 Tattenhall

26-28/3/25 - Year 4 PGL

21-23/5/25 - Year 6 Conway







Donate or collect a children's costume for World Book Day

Barnton, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway, Weaverham, Wharton and Winsford Libraries

Saturday 1 February to Wednesday 5 March









FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMP

Wide Range of sports including Football, Dodgeball, Dance, Cricket, Basketball, Table Tennis plus many more

Sport not your thing? We also offer Art & Crafts, Themed activities and Movie Afternoons

Tax free Childcare and vouchers accepted



Book now via www.cepdcheshire.schoolipal.co.uk hello@cepd-cheshire.co.uk

9am- 4pm

BOUGHTON HEATH ACADEMY

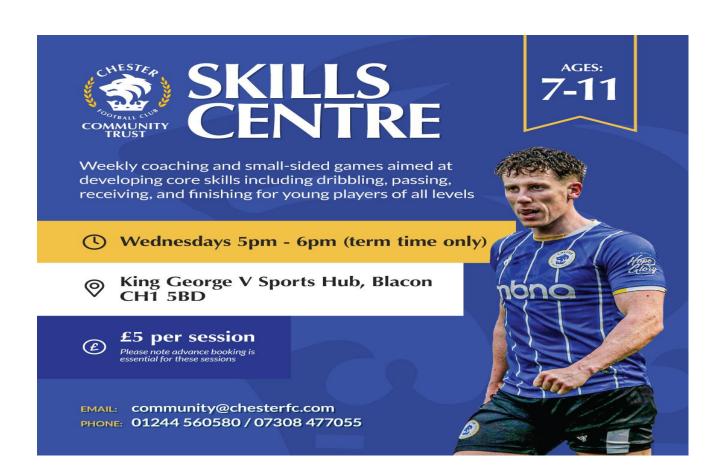
17th February -21st February Ages 5-11

TIMINGS/COST

9-4 £25.00 8am Drop off £3.00 5pm Pick Up £3.00

CONTACT US

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For more information or to book places, contact 07512 355396 or visit this link: https://community.chesterfc.com/programmes/coaching/chester-fc-skills-centre/



For more information, email community@chesterfc.com or visit this link:

https://community.chesterfc.com/join-us-during-february-half-term-at-the-chester-fc-soccer-school/



SAT 10TH MAY 2025

- RUN, BIKE, RUN FUN EVENT FOR 5-16 YEAR OLDS
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME, ENTRY FROM £18
- CYCLE & RUN COURSES ALL ON GRASS
- LARGEST KIDS DUATHLON IN THE UK
- FANTASTIC KIDS FINISHERS MEDAL



SAT 14TH JUNE 2025

- SWIM, BIKE, RUN FUN EVENT FOR 7-16 YEAR OLDS
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- FRESHWATER LAKE SWIM
- ALL WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF ALDERFORD LAKE
- FANTASTIC KIDS FINISHERS MEDAL

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY AT UKTRIATHLON.CO.UK







FAMILY FUN!

28th JANUARY - 9th MARCH 2025 www.nortonpriory.org/mars-at-the-museum

- Clangers-inspired space garden craft workshops, Discover Sundays 2nd, 9th and 23rd February
- Juan Solo's Excellent Adventures in Space! with Ignacio Lopez,
 Saturday 8th February
- HALF TERM extended hours from 10am on Saturday 15th Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th - Sunday 23rd February
- HALF TERM Space Crafts, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February
- "Stories from out of this World" with Rogan Mills, Wednesday 12th and 26th and Discover Sunday 23rd February
- BLAST OFF! Family Fun Day, Sunday 16th February
- Astro-NORMA and the Cosmic Piano! with Fladam Theatre, Wednesday 19th February
- Lego Rovers with the University of Liverpool, Wednesday 19th February

LUKE JERRAM MARS 28 JANUARY - 9 MARCH 2025
VISIT THE RED PLANET AT NORTON PRIORY
SEE WWW.NORTONPRIORY.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

