



Dates for your Diary

Our Christian value next term is
Perseverance

Our Heartsmart principle is "Too much
selfie isn't healthy"

- 6th January 2025 return to school for all children
- 10th January Values day in school
- 17th January 8.45am after drop off - Parent planning team meeting for parents in all year groups if you would like to be involved in planning extra activities/fundraising for school.
- 11th Feb Beech Residential
- 12th Feb Oak Residential
- 13th Feb Maple Residential
- 14th February Break up for half term.

Well, what a term we have had! 15 weeks of learning. 6 nativities and 3 school choir performances. Numerous trips out to support the curriculum, all ending with a fantastically festive week in school. The children have attended the theatre, sang their hearts out for their families, had Christmas parties and chased Santa in aid of St Lukes hospice. They are ready for a well-earned rest over the Christmas holidays.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the last term. Ofsted was a huge success, and recognises all the work that staff do to ensure your children have the educational experience that they deserve. We look forward as a team to continuing this in the new year. A fantastic addition to the team is the growing parent partner group that have been meeting regularly. You will see from the diary dates that our next get together is January 17th. Please do come and have a coffee and a chat. You will have the chance to make new friends and be part of a great group of parents who are supporting school in giving the best opportunities to the children.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas with friends and family and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on the 6th January.
Mrs N Tomlinson

The year 3/4 film night raised £ 245 for school funds. The sweets were donated by Natasha Jackson - thank you!!
All the children had a wonderful time.

Tea with Father Christmas was also a huge success, the man himself was very impressed with all our children and this event raised xxx for school funds

January brings 3 new members of staff to team Wharton CE. Please say hello and share a smile with Mrs Winstanley in the school office, Mrs Naylor working in the Elsa and Nurture room and teaching across school, and Mrs Ennion working in KS1.

The children have been working together to name the room where Mrs Brown used to be based. We thought it a good idea to tie the new name in with all the class names. The school council have confirmed with me that it will be called 'The Enchanted Garden', as it is the heart of the school surrounded by a forest of trees.

Thank you so much for supporting the children with their idea of providing chocolate treats for the food bank. We collected over 150 items in total and the food bank team were very grateful for the donations.



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone at Wharton CE who works so hard to ensure that our children are happy, safe and learning. I witness everyday just how hard Mrs Tomlinson and the team work. A big thank you also goes to the children for their hard work and efforts and bringing fun to the day!

It was heartening to see the good work of the school acknowledged and appreciated by the inspectors who visited this term. We often receive compliments about the children when they are out and about or when visitors come to school.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support. I'm sure that you, like me, felt very proud of the children and staff as you watched the Christmas performances.

Wishing everyone a happy, festive season and all good wishes for a happy and healthy 2025.

Sue Tomlinson

Chair of Governors



*Come and join us every **FRIDAY** morning from 8.45 - 10.00am, starting on*

16th January 2025, at Little Seedlings, our baby and toddler group which is held in our school library.

There will be singing, stories, craft activities and lots of fun!

Come along for a chat and a play, whilst you have a drink and a snack.

Everyone is welcome!

Little Seedlings



'From little seeds grow mighty trees'

Do you want to support your local school, or do you know anyone who would be interested?

We have a vacancy for a co-opted governor, and we are looking for someone with HR and finance skills.

Please contact school via chair@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk to find out more. I'd be more than happy to have a chat with you about the roles and responsibilities of being a governor. It does take time and effort, but it is a rewarding role.

Sue Tomlinson Chair of governors.



Important information.

Snack price list;

TOAST	HALF A BAGEL	MILK	JUICE APPLE / ORANGE	FRUIT	FRIDAY ONLY
					BACON BUTTY
20p	25p	25p	30p	30p	60p or £1:20

Reminder; dinners are £2.65 per meal £13.25 per week.

PLEASE CAN WE ENSURE WE ARE ALL PAYING FOR SNACKS. WE HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN CHILDREN SAYING THEY ARE PAYING ONLINE AND THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

There is no access on to school grounds unless you carry a blue badge. Parents MUST NOT park along the drive, down to the school! This is especially dangerous now for children coming in and out of school as parents are turning the road due to the barrier. This also reduces visibility crossing the road. Parents can use the public carpark next to the school. Please help us in keeping the children safe at drop off and pick up times



Attendance notice.



The Education (pupil registration) (England) (amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force on 1 September 2013 and made it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless ‘exceptional circumstances’ prevail.

Head Teachers are only empowered to approve a leave of absence when it is requested in advance by the parent or carer with whom the child resides and when circumstances of the requested leave are ‘exceptional’. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

If you choose to take a leave of unauthorised absence with your child 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.

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/carers per child.

You should be aware that the National Framework for Penalty Notices introduced 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.

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken for a third time (or subsequent times) within 3 years of a first FPN being issued, another tool will need to be considered such as prosecution or other attendance legal interventions. If a fixed penalty notice is issued to you and is not paid, this could lead to you being prosecuted in the Magistrates’ Court.

Please see Cheshire West and Chester Council’s code of conduct that can be found on the council’s webpage.

Attendance Award.

Attendance Champions this term are Oak With 97%

Class	Percentage
Peach	94.42%
Pear	95%
Cherry	94.65%
Damson	94.76%
Beech	93.69%
Oak	97.10%
Maple	96.16%
Willow	95.18%
Elm	95.11%
Sycamore	94.72%