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# Winning House

The house points for this week will be saved and rolled over to until after half term.

# Commendation Awards

There were no Commendation Awards this week due to the NSPCC workshops today.

## Star Writer Award

Fletcher S

Niamh S

**Cundiff J** 

Harriet P

Alexander C

# Reception

The excitement for the school disco was building from the minute the children entered the classroom yesterday. We were asked many times throughout the day when the disco was starting! The hall was buzzing with fun and energy as the children danced to their favourite tunes. It was a brilliant event as always.





















KS1

The children have loved Art this half term. They have learned about Guatemalan worry dolls and they created their own. Look at our fantastic creations!











# LKS2

This week, Year 3 have continued their magical journey through the captivating story Journey.

To bring the ending to life, the children threw themselves into creative drama activities—
exploring, imagining, and performing their own interpretations. The photos show just how much
fun they had stepping into the characters' shoes and letting their imaginations soar!

In PSHE, we've been learning vital life skills as part of our First Aid topic. The children showed incredible maturity while discussing what to do in an emergency, including learning their home addresses and how to call for help using emergency services. We're so proud of how thoughtfully they approached this important subject—future lifesavers in the making!









# UKS2

What a fantastic week! Sports Day was a huge success — all of UKS2 were fab and really showed our school values in action. A big well done to Year 6, who were brilliant in the afternoon helping with KS1 events. Several parents and ASM coaches commented on how kind and supportive they were with the younger children.

We also held auditions and got started on rehearsals for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Thursday's singing session sounded great already — exciting times ahead!











# Year Group Photographs

Children will have come home with proofs of their year group photo today. Just a reminder orders must be placed by 9.00am on Monday 16th June

# Attendance reminder

Our attendance is currently lower than usual. Our school attendance target is to be over 97% and thanks to everyone's hard work, we usually meet this target. Since April, our attendance has dropped to 96% and we have seen an increase in families taking term time holidays. Please can I draw your attention to Government guidelines relating to this and ask that holidays be taken during breaks unless in exceptional circumstances. "Parents have a legal duty to make sure children aged between 5 and 16 attend school regularly and arrive on time" We thank you for your support in this matter.

# Cheshire East

# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

#### Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the abody the sholds.

#### Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penally notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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# Poynton Show Art Competition



PTA Update

They danced, they played, they had a fantastic time! Thanks to everyone who attended the school discos yesterday, especially those who helped out.

A special mention has to go to Ruth Stevens, whose hard work made the discos happen, and to Jayne McFarlane for her fabulous DJing skills! Well done!

# Summer Fair – Saturday 28 June

Wow, what a collection we got this morning. A huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

Thanks also to those who have already signed up for the day of the fair. If you've not yet done so, please scan the QR code or click the link below to sign up for one or more 1-hour slots:



### https://signup.com/go/kJfzjrZ

Two more collections will take place after the holidays:

- Thursday 19th June: new or used books and/or games for our new book and toy stalls
  - Friday 27th June: bottles for the hugely successful bottle golf game!

### Gazebos

Calling all gazebo owners! We need lots more gazebos to cover all the stalls at the fair. These can be dropped off in advance or at 9am on the morning of the fair to suit you.

If you're able to lend us one (or more!) gazebos, please let us know by completing our form: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/WLtf3bzMUD</u>. Thank you!

# Dates for the diary



## **Diary dates for Spring 2025**

Monday 9th June - School opens

w/c/ 9th June - Year 1 Phonics Screen and Year 4 MTC check

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th June - Year 6 to Menai residential

Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th July - Year 4 to Trafford Hall Residential

Thursday 17th July - Open Evening 4.00 - 6.00pm

Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Prom

Friday 25th July - Leavers Assembly 9.30am

# Community noticeboard

### An online talk by Jane Keyworth



# Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 7 - 8:30pm Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24





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# **PERCUSSION HOLIDAY**

BY POYNTON DRUM SCHOOL



Tuesday 27 May 2025

Explore a variety of percussion instruments and take part in high-energy team games in this action-packed day of music, rhythm, and fun!









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