



# The Quinta Primary School

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- Opportunity

The Quinta Family,

It was a wonderful sight this week to see so many smiling families coming back into school after what I hope has been a magical summer even if the sun only really appeared when we came back! The children have settled straight in, happy and engaged which is our primary aim.

The preschool has had a significant makeover during the summer as I am sure those of you who have already started have seen. The sandpit is a big hit and the sensory room really does add a new dimension to the provision. Thank you to all who supported the fundraising last year.

You will remember that the inspectors visited us on 16th and 17th May this year, completing their first full inspection since 2009. The process of inspection and conduct of the team was wholly unacceptable and for this reason we filed our complaints and as a result we are only now able to share the report. Much of the verbal feedback that was given to the senior leadership team does not feature in the report and we are disappointed about this as the report is little more than two pages and doesn't capture even a fraction of the glowing praise many areas of our school received.

The personal development of our pupils and the ambition we have for our pupils, demonstrated through the challenging curriculum was a significant strength. The inspection team picked out many subjects that were very strong and the leadership at all levels from governance to pupil leadership was also highlighted as a strength of the school. Naturally we were disappointed that these were not graded as outstanding however, the feedback that we receive everyday and through our annual surveys together with the incredible progress our children make in all areas are the barometer that we will continue to measure ourselves by. On behalf of the whole team here at The Quinta, I would like to thank you again for your tremendous support and look forward to another happy and rewarding year here at school.

Please find the link to our [latest Ofsted report](#).

Best wishes

Mr W Sharpe  
Headteacher

## Key Information

### **Behaviour**

You may have been told already by your child about some of the changes we have been making to our behaviour and relationships policy. This year we will be contacting parents less about incidents involving your child unless we feel they are significant. By significant we mean we will always inform you if your child has been deliberately injured by another child and if your child will be spending time in reflection. The aim is to build stronger relationships with parents by lessening the number of times we need to contact you over negative behaviour that can easily be dealt with in school. Other changes include removing team points and replacing them with class points meaning children still work as a team to achieve an outcome but are rewarded in a much more bespoke and meaningful way. The full behaviour policy will be sent out next week including a one page overview and child friendly version.

### **School Meal Price Increase from September**

As you will know, we make every effort to support the needs of all of our pupils and their families but unfortunately from September we are having to increase our school meal prices to £2.50.

Please be assured that we have considered all options to keep the costs down, but due to the current economic climate it has left us with no choice but to increase the price for the first time in four years aligning us with other schools in the local area. We hope that you understand and we look forward to supplying your children with the same high standard of school meals.

To order school meals please do this by Monday evening for the following week via your Scopay account.

 <https://www.scopay.com/login>



### **Key Assessment Dates**

Attendance all year round is extremely important for your child's well being and progress however there are some key dates within the year that their attendance is imperative for national assessment, these dates are as follows:

- Key Stage One Phonics Screening Check - w/c 10th June 2024
- Key Stage One SATs - throughout May 2024
- Year 4 Multiplication Check - within the two week period commencing 3rd June
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week - Monday 13th until Thursday 16th May



### **School Clubs**

Look out for the school clubs list (organised by The Quinta Primary School) this will be sent via School Spider next week. External clubs will be starting a little earlier from week commencing 11th September 2023..

## **Reminders**

**Nut allergies** - We have a large number of children with severe nut allergies. We are a nut free school so please ensure all packed lunches and snacks are nut free.

**PE Kit** - Please remember that your child can come to school in their P.E. kits for P.E. days. You should have had a note on Seesaw to let you know when your child has P.E. This is different in the reception classes. The children will have their P.E. kits in school to change into.

### **Attendance - Holidays in Term Time**

This year we are looking to improve even further with attitudes to learning. Within attitudes to learning we include attendance. Last year our overall attendance was well above the national averages and this contributed to our most successful year for pupil performance. We did not issue any fixed penalty notices last year due to the national disruption and the isolated cases that fell within this permissible action. With teacher strikes and additional bank holidays it felt disingenuous to then fine for a few days over. However this year we will be issuing FPNs for unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days)

We advise parents/carers to avoid taking children out of school in term time. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. If parents/carers decide to take child/children out of school, please call into the school office for a Leave of Absence form to be completed - this is so that we can accurately identify where a child is. Where we believe a child has been on holiday when we have been told they are on holiday we reserve the right to ask for medical evidence or fine.

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to each parent/carer for each child.

The penalties are shown below.

Please be aware that only a few days of absence can impact significantly on a child's attendance percentage and consequently the child's education and learning. Missing one week per school year is the same as missing half a term of primary education - 140 lessons. 60% of primary aged pupils who missed more than 19 days did not achieve the expected standard in 2019.

Holidays exceeding 10 or more sessions will result in a fixed penalty notice as explained below.

<b>Penalties for unauthorised absence</b>		
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>One child</b>	<b>Two Children</b>
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent as per the definition in the education act, section 576	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

### **Children on Social Media**

The Quinta Primary has a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, if you do not wish for any images of your child to be used on these platforms please let the School Office know.

## **Exciting Opportunities**

### **Join us for our themed lunch**

On Thursday 28th September we are inviting all children to join us for our Back to School Lunch. If you would like your child to take part please order via Scopay by 18th September.

**THE QUINTA**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**LUNCH**

Thursday 28th September  
 Chicken or quorn egg fried rice with sweetcorn.

Apple crumble and custard and fruit

Assorted drinks

## Orchestral Weekend - 29th and 30th September

Following the success of last year's event the Love Music Trust are pleased to announce we will be running a second Orchestral weekend in conjunction with Congleton Youth Orchestra, across the evening of Friday 29th and daytime Saturday 30th September.

The weekend is open to all musicians playing an orchestral instrument and of a grade 4 standard and above, and will consist of full rehearsals, sections and group activities.

As well as those who may already play in an Orchestra, the weekend is ideal for those who may currently play with a Brass Band, String Ensemble, Wind Orchestra, Big Band or Percussion Group but who may not have had the opportunity to see what playing in an orchestra is all about!

There are some excellent orchestral tutors booked onto the course and the Saturday will finish with a short concert from 6:30pm in the Trinity Church, Congleton.

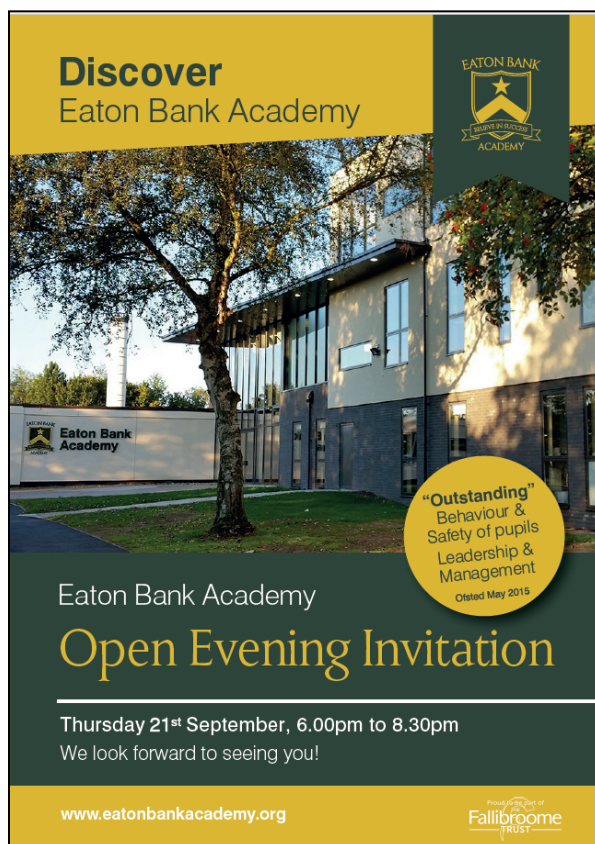
Orchestral instruments include: violin, viola, cello, double Bass, clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, cornet, trombone, French horn (or tenor horn), tuba and percussion. If you play an instrument not listed here but would like to attend the course, please contact us at [admin@lovemusictrust.com](mailto:admin@lovemusictrust.com).

The cost for the weekend is £65 weekend is open to all children in Cheshire East who are in full time education.

For more information to sign up please follow the link: [www.lovemusictrust.com/orchestral-weekend-23](http://www.lovemusictrust.com/orchestral-weekend-23)

## Eaton Bank Academy Open Evening

One of our local high schools is having an open evening on Thursday 21st September, pop along and see the exciting learning environment that they have there and what they have to offer.



The poster features a photograph of the Eaton Bank Academy building, a modern structure with large windows and a prominent tree in the foreground. The text is set against a yellow and green background. At the top left, it says 'Discover Eaton Bank Academy'. At the top right is the school's crest. A circular badge on the right side contains the text: 'Outstanding Behaviour & Safety of pupils Leadership & Management Cited May 2015'. The main text reads 'Eaton Bank Academy Open Evening Invitation'. Below that, it specifies the date and time: 'Thursday 21st September, 6.00pm to 8.30pm' and 'We look forward to seeing you!'. At the bottom, the website 'www.eatonbankacademy.org' is listed, along with the logo for 'Proud to be part of Fallibroome TRUST'.

**Discover**  
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Proud to be part of  
Fallibroome  
TRUST

FREE GIFTS FOR THE FIRST 100 ADULTS AND KIDS - LIVE FOOTBALL AND FUN FOR THE FAMILY



30TH SEPTEMBER | WOOD PARK | ST7 2DP

**NUFAN**

**AFC CREWE COMMUNITY MATCH DAY**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

ALSAGER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB - ST7 2DP

FROM 11AM

FREE PIE & PINT/NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINK FOR THE FIRST 100 ADULTS

FREE CAN OF POP AND SWEETS FOR THE FIRST 200 KIDS

LIVE FOOTBALL FROM AFC CREWE KICKING OFF AT 2PM

FOOD STALLS (PIZZA, ICE CREAM, COFFEE & CAKE CONFIRMED)

BAR, RAFFLES, KIDS FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS WITH PRIZES, BALLOON ARTISTS, FACE PAINTING AND MORE

COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF FOOTBALL, FOOD AND FUN

FOLLOW THE EVENT PAGE ON FACEBOOK FOR UP TO DATE INFO AND EXCITING UPDATES

**Crewe Alexander Football Club - Family Fun Day - September 30th**

Organised by AFC Crewe, This free family fun day includes games, food & drink stands, balloon artists, football competitions, live football and lots more!

This is going to be a fantastic community event with free entry & all welcome! If you would be so kind as to attach this PDF to your parents portal so that local families can come along that would be much appreciated.

The Facebook event link is <https://facebook.com/events/s/afc-crewe-community-fixture/263981043199522/>

### A New Venture is Coming to Town

Perfectly situated between Princess Street and Mill Street, the Congleton Market Quarter is set to be a new addition to the town and something to be proud of. Join them on Friday 29th September for their pre-launch party.

The Congleton Market Quarter will host a collection of bars, eateries, workspaces, artisan markets and outdoor spaces that will bring people together and help the local economy thrive.

**CONGLETON MARKET QUARTER  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AT THEIR**

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**PRE-LAUNCH PARTY**

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**FRI 29 SEP 2023**  
**5-10PM**  
**PRINCESS ST, CW12 1AB**



**FOOD & MUSIC**  
**LIVE STREET ART**  
**ARTISAN NIGHT MARKET**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**CMQ GUIDED TOURS**  
**& SO MUCH MORE!**

### **HEY CONGLETON, WE'RE ON OUR WAY!**

FOUNDED UPON THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR TOWN CENTRE SPACES TO BE REPURPOSED, REIMAGINED AND LOCALISED, THE CONGLETON MARKET QUARTER (CMQ) WAS BORN IN ORDER TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND HELP THE LOCAL ECONOMY THRIVE. GOOD PEOPLE DRIVEN BY A PASSION TO BREATHE LIFE BACK INTO THE TOWN.

CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE WILL BE PROUD TO EAT, DRINK, WORK AND PLAY. THE CMQ IS MORE THAN JUST A REGENERATION PROJECT, IT'S A SHARED BELIEF THAT THERE'S A CREATIVE POWER WITHIN COMMUNITIES AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR TOWN CENTRES.

### **KEEP ME UPDATED ON THE CMQ!**


**SIGN UP TO OUR CMQ NEWSLETTER AND  
GET EXCLUSIVE LAUNCH WEEK OFFERS  
INCLUDING FREE FOOD AND DRINK!**



### Families Magazine

The July/Aug 2023 issue of Families Cheshire Magazine Sep/Oct 2023 is now available for you to read and includes:

- What's On in Cheshire nearby for families in September & October
- Best new adventure books for kids



**Families**  
Magazines

More than 4 million parents a year rely on us to get the best out of local family life!

- Phonics resources to assist with reading
- How AI can support dyslexia?
- Making the most of Parents' Evening
- Spooktacular half term fun at RHS Bridgewater
- and loads more.....

### Dance Workshops with Sophie Moores

We are offering Dance Workshops with Sophie Moores here at The Quinta Primary School during the next term. These have been specially designed for those children in Year 1 and Year 2. Take a look at all of the exciting elements she has packed into her sessions below and if you'd like to book or for further information please email [sophiemoores37@gmail.com](mailto:sophiemoores37@gmail.com)

- Creative Dance - every Tuesday, 15:20 - 16:15, 12th September until 17th October
- Baby Ballet - every Wednesday, 15:20 - 16:10, 16th September until 18th October




**CREATIVE DANCE WITH SOPHIE**

Creative Dance for Early Years is an innovative dance syllabus, created by Rambert Grades. Each dance class will take the children on an imaginative journey with endless themes. An energetic warm up is followed by physical skills development as the children learn structured movement material. Creative intuition is encouraged with a closing creative exploration to dive deep into their imagination. Swimming with whales, flying rockets to the moon or adventuring through the desert- every class is different.

Each session will explore movement in a new way and help to develop physical skills, harness musicality and empower confidence in young children

**WHERE?** The Quinta Primary School.  
**WHEN?** 12<sup>th</sup> September - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 15:20-16:15 every **TUESDAY**.  
**WHO?** The club is open to Years 1 & 2.  
**HOW MUCH?** The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

I will be submitting up to twelve children for the **Creative Movers examination** during the last two weeks of this term. If you would like your child to be entered for this dance exam, the extra cost of this is £22, which is paid straight to Rambert Grades.

Each child will have the opportunity to take a Rambert Grades exam, which are a celebration of each student's progress at the end of each grade. Each child is rewarded with a bright fabric badge and a certificate (children will only be entered for exams when they are ready, during the Autumn term). Children who move through the grades are commended on six qualities: Communication, Teamwork, Generosity, Effort, Listening and Enthusiasm.

To secure your place and process your payment, or for further information, please email .




**BABY BALLET**

Baby Ballet with Sophie is an inspiring, creative and imaginative Ballet class for young children. This class aims to introduce young dancers to basic Classical Ballet technique using imaginative methods and ideas. The dancers will also explore creative skills, experience miming and acting, and replicate technical choreography.

As a professional dancer I have trained in London for three years and graduated with a BA Honours in Contemporary Dance. I then went on to become a part of a professional Contemporary and Physical Theatre company called JV2 (Jasmin Vardimon Company) for a year. I now work as a freelance dance artist and teach a range of dance workshops, classes and intensives at institutions, schools and companies across the North West.

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## Premier Soccer Coaching

Take a look at the flyer opposite for a fun, inclusive football coaching at Biddulph Valley. We welcome girls and boys of all abilities and EVERY child receives a trophy at the end of the term.

First session is completely free for ALL new children with no obligation to join.

## FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS PREMIER SOCCER COACHING



AT **BIDDULPH VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE**  
Thames Drive, Biddulph, ST8 7HL



STARTING WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Group 1	4.00pm – 5.00pm	School Years Reception and 1
Group 2	5.00pm – 6.00pm	School Years 2 and 3
Group 3	6.00pm – 7.00pm	School Years 4 +

Premier Soccer Coaching providing safe, fun enjoyable football coaching for Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13 for 26 years! All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. Players are grouped together according to age and ability.

**FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS. Places must be booked.**

⚽ The course will be held on Wednesday evenings, starting 13<sup>th</sup> September and will run for 12 weeks.

⚽ The cost of the course is £7.50 per week (which is payable every four weeks - £30) HALF PRICE £3.75 per week for second and subsequent Brothers and Sisters (which is payable every four weeks - £15) with the first payment due on week 1.

⚽ ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 TROPHY on the final week of the course with opportunities for all players to win more during the course including Penalty shoot-out and World Cup competitions.

⚽ The children will be coached by DBS POLICE CHECKED and F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. The coaches will develop self-confidence and self-esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

⚽ The course will be held Indoors in the sports hall so trainers should be worn.

If you wish to book a place for your child or have any other questions, please contact us on the details below.

**BOOK ONLINE [www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk](http://www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk)**

**Alternatively CALL 07305 065 525 or Text  
BIDDULPH+CHILD'S NAME+ GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3)**

and receive confirmation by text

**Stephen Carpenter  
(Course Co-ordinator)**

## Safeguarding

- Mr Sharpe (headteacher) DSL - Designated Safeguard Lead
- Mrs Bernard (SENCO) Deputy DSL
- Ms Stones (assistant headteacher) Deputy DSL
- Mrs Wootton (Y4 class teacher) Deputy DSL
- Miss Stephanie Massey (Deputy DSL)

## Sun safety tips:

- Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.
- Never burn cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- Take extra care with children use at least factor 30 sunscreen

[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

**Dates**  
[Click here for holiday dates](#)

- Tempest Photography - Individual and Sibling Photos - 11th October 2023
- Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers - 23rd May 2024

The Quinta Senior Leadership Team			Who to contact
Member of staff	Position	What areas can they support me with?	How to contact/where they can be found
Mr W Sharpe	Headteacher	Escalation of concerns. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Mrs L Gratton	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to EYFS and KS1.	<a href="mailto:lgratton@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">lgratton@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> Teaching in reception.
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	<a href="mailto:sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> In the school office.