

Key Information

Thank you for supporting Anti-Bullying Week

If you cast your mind back to Monday 13th November we took part in Odd Socks Day to support Anti-Bullying week. Thank you to all that took part, we saw so many marvellous socks and of course stood up to bullying at the same time.

This certificate certifies that

The Quinta Primary School

is committed to making a noise
to help us stop bullying this
Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Signed:



Martha Evans
Director of the Anti-Bullying Alliance

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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

13TH - 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

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Thursday 21st December - Year 2 National Robin Day

Year 2 are supporting National Robin Day on the 21st December as part of their unit in Geography about birds and bird conversation. As part of this Year 2 will be having a cake sale during the morning break at school. Any donations of cakes would be very much appreciated.



Donation of Nativity Costumes

In the interest of supporting future performances, and of course everyone's pockets, we would be really grateful if you could donate any previously used nativity costumes. If you are able to donate please send them into school with your child or deliver them to the school office.



How to set up School Spider

We have had a number of queries recently enquiring how to set up School Spider. Please find instructions below as to how to do this.

School Spider is The Quinta Primary School's main form of communication. If you are new to the school or are having problems using the application please follow the steps below.

For new parents

To create an account with School Spider:

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

For existing parents

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

[Parent App Guide.pdf](#)

SEND



Parent Workshops December 2023

Understanding Anxiety

Tuesday 5th December - 10:00 - 11:30
at
Fellowship House, Congleton

Parental Separation

Monday 11th December - 13:00 - 14:30
at
Fellowship House, Congleton

Loss and Bereavement

Wednesday 13th December - 10:30 - 12:00
at
Fellowship House, Congleton

Book now

Email:
FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk
Call: 01260 290000

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Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

Pan Cheshire Child Death Overview Panel

A CHRISTMAS BUTTON BATTERY SAFETY MESSAGE



What should I do if my child swallows a button battery?

If you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, seek medical advice immediately. Remember that the saliva in their body will react with the battery and so time is very much of the essence.

It is sometimes difficult to know whether a child has swallowed a button battery. Great Ormond Street Hospital has provided helpful information about the signs you can look for:

- 1. Vomiting fresh, bright red blood. If your child does that, you absolutely have to get them immediate medical help.**

Other symptoms can include:

2. Suddenly developing a cough, gag or drooling a lot
3. Appearing to have a stomach upset or a virus
4. Being sick
5. Pointing to their throat or stomach
6. Having a pain in their tummy, chest or throat
7. Being tired or lethargic
8. Being quieter or more clingy than usual or otherwise "not themselves"
9. Losing their appetite or have a reduced appetite
10. Not wanting to eat solid food/be unable to eat solid food.

For further resources videos and posters

<https://www.rospa.com/policy/home-safety/advice/product/button-batteries>

<https://capt.org.uk/button-batteries-understanding-the-risks/>





Urgent Winter Water Safety Message

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

1. Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet
2. Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

What to do if you see someone fall through the ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone the emergency services – call 999 or 112
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

[Winter water safety | Staying safe on our canals | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](#)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling 'Junior Mode' (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for their age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 8 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 8+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claireutherford is an online safety specialist, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and eating behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Dates
[Click here for holiday dates](#)

General dates for your Diaries

- Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers - 23rd May 2024
- Oral health check in school for Age 5 - 4th December.

Sporting dates for your Diaries

Skateboarding

Skateboarding on 13th and 14th February for KS2.

Bee Active

- Monday 11th March KS2 Inclusive sports and wheelchair basketball
- Monday 15th April KS1 Olympics
- Monday 20th May KS2 Combat Dodgeball

Skip-hop(last time as Lee is retiring)

- Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May 2024

Watersports

- Year 3 Thursday June 20th 2024
- Year 4 Wednesday 2nd July 2024
- Year 5 Wednesday 19th June 2024
- Year 6 Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Swimming pool in use 9th-18th July



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 2024
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week - Monday 13th until Thursday 16th 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.	head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk In the school office.

Exciting Opportunities

Join us for a festive feast

Children are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Friday 22nd December. If you would like to add a little Christmas sparkle to your child's day please order via Scopay prior to Monday 11th December. Please note, the only options available on this day will be the main meal or vegetarian option.



CHILDREN'S
Christmas
LUNCH

MAIN
Traditional turkey and seasonal stuffing. Rudolph's roast potatoes. Santa's sprouts, Christmas carrots, Prancer's peas and gravy.

DESSERT
Christmas tree ice cream.

DRINK
Jolly juice.

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
Please order via Scopay by Monday 11th December.
Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options are available.

GREENGABLES CARE HOME
54 SANDBACH ROAD, CONGLETON

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
& SANTA'S GROTTO

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER
9:30AM-11:30AM

DOGS WELCOME



Astbury Live Nativity

Why not start your celebrations this year with the true meaning of Christmas? Join the Astbury's Live Nativity, a much-loved community event, looked forward to each year as the highlight of the season.

The journey begins at the farm where attendees are greeted by the Centurion who orders everyone to go to Bethlehem.

Everyone then follows the star through the village in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph and become part of the story of the first Christmas. Along the way some smelly shepherds and angels encourage everyone keep going. A grumpy inn-keeper tells people there is no room at the inn. Don't let him put you off ... Bethlehem is in sight!

Carols are sung to keep spirits up and everyone then starts to anticipate with excitement who they shall find at the end of their journey.

The stable scene in church awaits and everyone watches the arrival of the three Kings as they bring their gifts. Once again, the age-old story is complete and everyone raises their voices together to welcome the Christ-child. Finally, refreshments of hot chocolate or mulled wine and a mince pie are enjoyed, and everyone relishes in the fact that they have remembered and celebrated the real reason for the season.



LIVE NATIVITY
2023

Meet at Glebe Farm, 6pm ready to set off at 6.30
Entry by pre-booked ticket only

Monday 18th December	Adult - £6 Under 16 - £3 Family 2+2 - £15	Tuesday 19th December
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Available online Small booking fees apply
Scan QR codes here or visit astburychurch.org.uk

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Does your child want to learn a musical instrument in school?

Music for Life is taking bookings for children who wish to start learning a musical instrument after Christmas, with the deadline for booking being the 21st December.

Then, after Christmas individual/group lessons will start the week of the 8th January and any whole class booked starts the following week of the 15th January.

If you would like further information about learning music in school please take a look at the [e-leaflets here](#). Alternatively, follow Music for Life on Facebook (Musicforlife1234) or on Instagram and X/Twitter (both @musicforlifesch).

“The opportunity to learn an instrument offers something very special that can last a lifetime”

Learn a Musical Instrument at School!



- Outstanding specialist music tuition
- Tutors are DBS checked and first class musicians
- Learn almost any instrument including voice
- Independently rated an “outstandingly effective service” offering “outstanding value”
- Free access to ensembles and performances
- Not-for-profit organisation with a small, friendly and efficient team

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