



The Quinta Primary School

Spring Term 1 Newsletter 15 16.02.24

- Everyday Excellence
- Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

Dear Quinta Families,

Another term has drawn to a close, and what an action-packed and exciting time we've had here at The Quinta Primary School!

While learning has been at the forefront this week, we've also had a plethora of extracurricular activities to celebrate.

One highlight was our recent parent-teacher evenings, providing you with the opportunity to hear first-hand about your child's development. I was truly impressed by the positive feedback we were able to provide, a testament to the hard work and dedication of each of our students.

Valentine's Day brought a wave of love and excitement throughout the school. Our students enjoyed a sumptuous meal courtesy of the Quinta Kitchen and The School Shop, run by our Year 6 pupils, once again proved popular where children had the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones.

Additionally, the Book Fair was a resounding success, with many students immersing themselves in the joy of reading. We firmly believe that fostering a love of reading is crucial for both academic success and personal wellbeing. The Friends of Quinta PTA Cake Sale also took place alongside – thank you to everyone involved and to those of you helping to raise funds to further enrich our school community.

Finally, I'm delighted to announce that we welcomed a new student to Year 6 this week. The warmth and inclusivity shown by our students, exemplifies the spirit of our pupils.

As we head into the half-term break, I want to express my immense pride in being part of The Quinta Primary School family. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday, and I look forward to seeing the students upon their return on Monday, 26th February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr. Sharpe

Head Teacher

Key Information



Quinta Kitchen



Snack Price List

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Snack Menu Prices

Please be aware that the snack prices will rise from Monday 26th February and the new costs are displayed opposite.

Daily

	<i>Whole bagel</i>	<i>£1</i>	
	<i>half a bagel</i>	<i>50p</i>	
	<i>Whole Tea Cake</i>	<i>80p</i>	
	<i>half a tea cake</i>	<i>40p</i>	
	<i>Slice of Toast</i>	<i>20p</i>	
	<i>half a slice of toast</i>	<i>10p</i>	
	<i>Crumpet</i>	<i>50p</i>	
	<i>Bottle of water</i>	<i>50p</i>	
	<i>Croissant</i>	<i>50p</i>	
	<i>Apple or orange juice carton</i>	<i>50p</i>	

Specials

- Monday - Pancake - 50p*
- Tuesday - Hash Brown - 40p*
- Wednesday - Sausage Roll - 50p*
- Thursday - Pizza - 50p*
- Friday - Bacon/Sausage Sandwich - 60p*

Peak Sleep Course Offer

If your little one is struggling with sleep and you are looking for experienced, empathetic, evidence-based help look no further than Peak Sleep.

Nicki Sutton, the Sleep Specialist from Peak Sleep understands your needs. Sleep deprivation affects every member of the family in every way - their sleep, their health, their work. It doesn't need to be this way, and Peak Sleep is here to help.

The good news is that Peak Sleep and The Quinta Primary School have teamed up and are offering all our parents after April for just £7. If you would like to register your interest please contact The School Office on admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk.



Preschool Need Your Help

Preschool are in need of spare underpants, knickers, tights, socks and spare clothes (aged 3-4). They would be really grateful for any donations if anyone is having a sort out.



Can you donate books to our



School Library?

We are looking to expand some areas of interest in our school library. We are looking for donations of non-fiction fact based books, Lego creation books or film books. If you are able to donate any books please hand them to the School Office or Mrs Hopkin. Many thanks 😊

Addictive Behaviour



21st March (7pm to 8pm)

Available to book now via the website
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENT page

Free Online Course

If you are concerned about your child's gaming, their phone use, or even drugs; this one hour online course provides information about the underlying biology of addiction. For further information or to book visit.

<https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/>

Other Useful Courses Available

Face Family Advice are also offering a wide range of courses, just take a look at the list opposite. For further information or to book visit.

<https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/>



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FACE it!

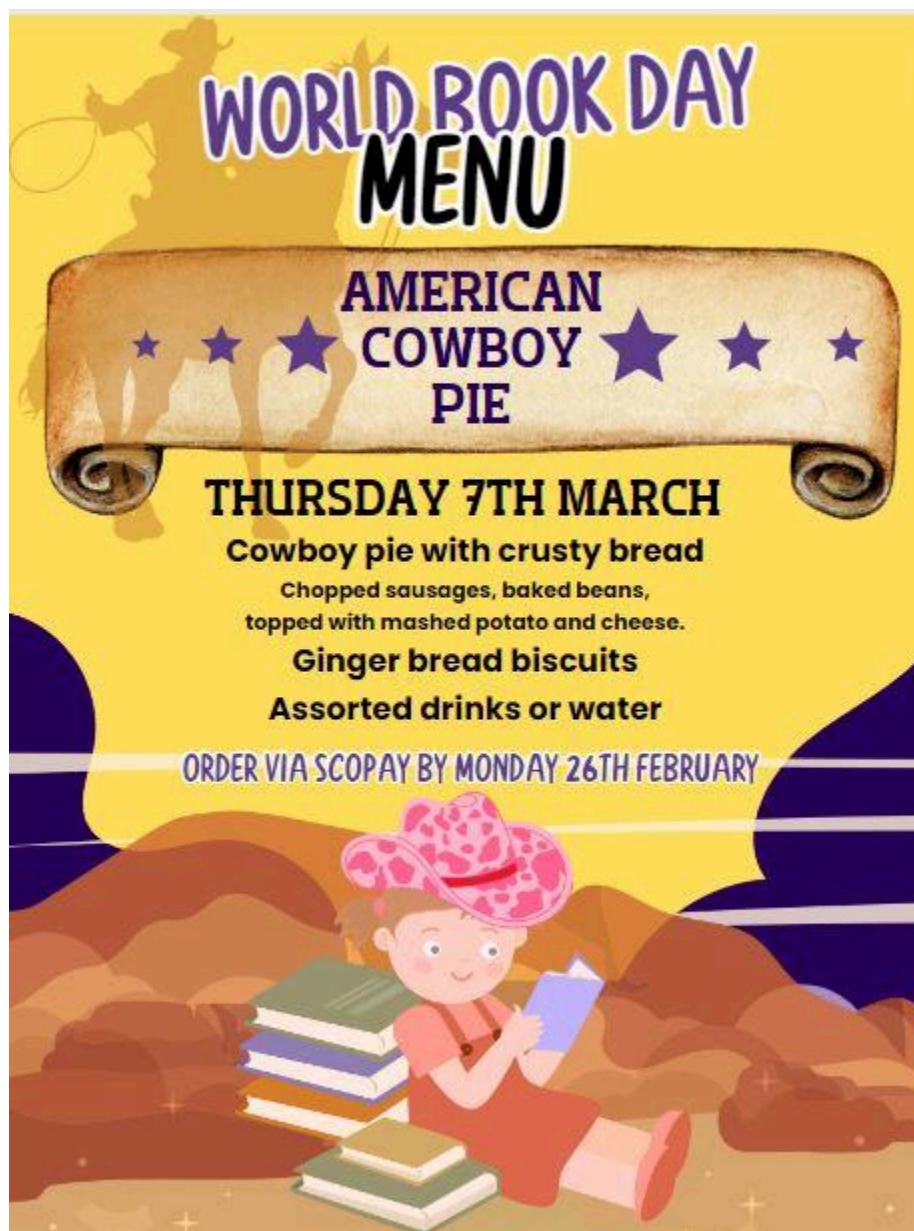


Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

**National Standards CPD accredited
with certificate**

Other Information



The poster features a yellow background with a silhouette of a cowboy on a horse in the upper left. A large, stylized title 'WORLD BOOK DAY MENU' is at the top. Below it, a scroll contains the text 'AMERICAN COWBOY PIE' flanked by stars. The date 'THURSDAY 7TH MARCH' is prominently displayed. The menu items are listed below: 'Cowboy pie with crusty bread' (with subtext 'Chopped sausages, baked beans, topped with mashed potato and cheese.'), 'Ginger bread biscuits', and 'Assorted drinks or water'. At the bottom, a girl in a pink cowboy hat sits reading a book next to a stack of books. The background at the bottom shows a desert landscape with a large yellow sun and a dark blue sky with white clouds.

**WORLD BOOK DAY
MENU**

**AMERICAN
COWBOY
PIE**

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

Cowboy pie with crusty bread
Chopped sausages, baked beans,
topped with mashed potato and cheese.

Ginger bread biscuits

Assorted drinks or water

ORDER VIA SCOPAY BY MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

School Book Day Menu

Send your child's taste buds wild with our School Book Day Menu on Thursday 7th March.

We have a yeee haaa exciting meal of cowboy pie and crusty bread on offer followed by ginger bread biscuits and assorted drinks. **Be sure to book via Scopay by Monday 26th February.**

New School Meal Menu from April 15th

We have a fantastic new School Meal Menu for the children to enjoy after Easter. Take a look at what we have on offer and order via Scopay by Monday 8th April ready for the new term.

FOOD MENU
Spring Term 2

MONDAY

Sausage roll, saute potatoes and beans.
Chocolate brownies

TUESDAY

Chicken korma, vegetable rice and naan bread.
Celebration cake

WEDNESDAY

Pasta bolognese, garlic bread and carrots.
Cookies

THURSDAY

Southern fried chicken strips, wrap, salad and sweetcorn.
Chocolate crunch

FRIDAY

Battered fish fillet, chips and mixed vegetables.
Ice cream tub

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Fresh fruit | Sandwiches
Jacket potatoes | Build your own pasta

SCOPAY CODES
Main - R
Jacket Potato - G
Ham Sandwich - H
Cheese Sandwich - C
Tuna Sandwich - F
Pasta Salad - P
Vegetarian - Y
Vegan - O
Egg - B

Vegetarian options are available

Water and milk served Monday - Thursday | Water, milk and juice served on a Friday



Build Your Own Pasta

We have a wide selection of yummy and healthy ingredients for children to create their very own exciting pasta salad each day.

Cold Selection



Ham



Tuna



Cheese



Sweetcorn



Cucumber



Tomatoes

Hot Selection



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce

Love Music Trust Vocal Residential

LMT are pleased to announce our annual Vocal Residential, taking place at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre in Stoke-on-Trent from Friday 3rd May to Sunday 5th May 2024.

The residential is open to all students, who love singing, from Year 5 - Year 13, in Cheshire East schools. Leaving from Sandbach School by coach on Friday 3rd May at 4pm, we will then travel to Stanley Head, where we will settle into our accommodation and have a meal, before embarking upon our first rehearsal of the course. Saturday morning will consist of many and varied outdoor pursuits, such as high ropes courses, kayaking and archery, supervised by the Stanley Head team, that you will have a choice of beforehand. Saturday afternoon and evening will entail more exciting workshops and rehearsals and after breakfast on Sunday our final rehearsal will take place. We will enjoy our last lunchtime meal on Sunday, before returning to Sandbach School for a 2pm concert to friends and family.

Workshops will be a mixture of whole groups and specific Key Stage sessions, appropriate to all age groups attending the course. Repertoire will be exciting and varied, from pop and gospel songs to music theatre and choral pieces. We will learn about choral singing, vocal technique and stagecraft. In addition, there will be plenty of opportunities for socialising and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. Something for everyone!

The cost per student for this exciting weekend away is £175. To sign up please click on the link: www.lovemusictrust.com/vocal-residential



Support our Year 6 Swimmers!

Dig deep and support our Year 6 swimmers in the 2024 Congleton Swimathon. Donations can be made by [clicking here!](#)

The Quinta Primary School

MAKE A SPLASH!

Swimathon 2024

Year 6 are taking part in a sponsored swim on March 15th to raise money for local charities:

- **Macclesfield Christie Hospital**
- **Congleton's League of Friends** - This charity provides relief to patients in Congleton and Macclesfield hospital by making grants to various individuals or departments.
- **Congleton's Less Able Club** - An organisation for people with mobility problems. This club provides an opportunity to meet with a varied programme of activities and events.

 **DONATE** 

Please support our Year 6 swimmers by donating!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/quintaswimathon>

Local Events & Opportunities

BALLET BUNNIES AND CREATIVE DANCE HALF TERM WORKSHOP



Rambert
grades

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During my half term workshop, the children will delve into some CREATIVE DANCE and enhance their imaginative skills as we soar through space in our rocket ship and dive into the deep waters of the sea; every second is a new adventure! Moreover, the children will bounce into the burrow of BALLET BUNNIES as we explore Classical Ballet technique, movement qualities and performance skills.

DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVEMENT GAMES AND CREATIVE TASKS

The workshop will introduce the dancers to the foundation of Contemporary dance technique and Classical Ballet through the use of movement games and imaginative tasks. Moreover, the young dancers will delve into some fun arts and crafts and experience some choreographic work in groups; testing their teamwork skills.

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? Thursday 22nd February, 9am-11am.

WHO? Reception and years 1 and 2.

NOW OPEN TO YEAR 3!

HOW MUCH? The cost of the workshop is £15.00 per child (In the circumstance of absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores;
sophiemoores37@gmail.com



February Half Term Dance Workshop - NOW INCLUDING YEAR 3!

Sophie Moores will be running a dance workshop here at The Quinta Primary School on Thursday 22nd February from 9am until 11am. To register your child's interest please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com

Rambert grades



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? 27th February - 26th March 2024, 15:20-16:15 every **TUESDAY**.

WHO? The club is open to reception and years 1 & 2.

HOW MUCH? The five-week course is £25 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!**

Each child will have the opportunity to work towards taking a Rambert Grades Creative Movers 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 (The next set of exams will be **spring/summer 2024, for those who are ready**). 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 sophiemoores37@gmail.com.

Dance Classes in School After Half Term

Join Sophie, our visiting professional dance teacher, after half term each Tuesday and introduce your little one to Creative Dance. To register your child's interest please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com

February Half Holiday Club

The New Life Church is running a 3 morning Easter holiday club during the February half term and they would love invite the children at Quinta to come along!

All the details are on the flyer opposite. The cost of the club is £9. Booking is essential via Eventbrite. Any questions about booking or help with costs then email the New Life Church on : youthandchildren@nlchurch.org.uk.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, CONGLETON PRESENTS...



A HOLIDAY CLUB FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN, WITH GAMES, CRAFT, BIBLE DRAMA, SONGS AND MORE

**MONDAY 19TH TO WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024,
10:30-12:30PM EACH DAY**

THE COST IS £9 FOR THE WEEK

TO BOOK PLEASE SEARCH 'CEDRIC'S TIME TRAVELLING
ADVENTURE 2024' ON EVENTBRITE
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



BOOKING CLOSES ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
YOUTHANDCHILDREN@NLCHURCH.ORG.UK



to

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

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 be aware, holidays exceeding 10 or more sessions will result in a fixed penalty notice.

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.

Coats Your child will be outside if it's raining. **If they do not bring a coat to school they will be wet.** Children will have the option to stay under the lodge, shelter under the key stage 1 classrooms or under the hall canopy. Children will only be inside if the temperature is unbearably cold.

Healthy School Snacks

Snacks play a major part in children's diets. Here are ideas for healthy snacks for children in the classroom and afterschool programs:

Fruits and vegetables

Dried Fruit – raisins, dried apricots, dried mango.

Healthy Grains - bread, crackers, cereal bars

Dairy – yogurt, cheese

Children will be told to put unhealthy snacks back in their lunchboxes if they are seen eating them at playtime.

Bread, fruit, vegetables and dairy are permitted. Crisps, chocolate, sweets and *cakes are not permitted. The school occasionally allows unhealthy treats such as cake as part of fundraising or celebration days. You will be notified of these days.

Drinks in school

Please can you ensure your child has water in their bottle. There are occasions where some children will only drink water with cordial and if this is the case then exceptions can be made. However, if your child brings energy drinks,

carbonated drinks or other branded bottles, they will be given them back at the end of the day to take home. Children have access to water to fill up during the day.

School Uniform

Here at The Quinta we pride ourselves on how smart all our students present themselves everyday. As we approach half term we would like to politely remind parents to ensure the correct school uniform is used - no trainers with uniform, remember ties and correct PE kit.

Our school uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear, please see contact details below. All items of uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear not just our logoed uniform.

Address: 50 Bromley Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1PT

Telephone: 01260 274400 Email: sales@dpsportswear.co.uk



Consent Form - Participating in activities 2023-2024 and ongoing

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child participating in the listed activities. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for activities.



Consent Form - Photographic and Video 2023-2024 and ongoing

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child being photographed or videoed. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for photographs and video.

School Communications and Applications

Seesaw

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning journey. If you require further information regarding this please see below.

[Seesaw app information](#)

[Welcome to Seesaw handout](#)

It might help you to print out the QR code and keep this as once you log out of your child's account you will need the code to log back in again. If you are having difficulties please see your child's class teacher.

School Spider

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](#)

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 S Massey (Deputy DSL)

Parking.

As you are aware, traffic around school both at 8:30-9:00 and 14:50-15:30 is terrible. In considering the safety of your children please consider alternatives for example:

- Walk to school
- Park a little further away and walk
- Car share with others who are local to you
- Make use of the before and after school clubs
- Cycle / scooter to school

If none of the above are options for you then please arrive in plenty of time and park safely.

Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

March

- **7th March** World Book Day (English)
- **15th March** Whole School Red Nose Day
- **8th - 17th March** Science Week
- **18th March** Y6 Mocks for SATS
- **20th - 22nd March** Year 5 London Residential
- **26th March** Autism Awareness day (Year 2 to lead KS2 assembly & fund raise) Theme; stories of empowerment, challenges faced and the victories achieved
- **28th March** Easter Experience morning
- **28th March** Easter egg celebration day Thursday
- **28th March** Easter Service
- **29th March - Sunday 14th April** - Easter Holiday

April

- **15th April** Back to School
- **22nd April** Earth day Theme: Protect our Species (Geography)

May

- **2nd May** National Astronomy Day (Science)
- **15th May** Eid celebration day (R.E.)
- **9th May** British Science Day Theme: 'The Passing of Time.' 30th Year Anniversary (Science)
- **9th May** - Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leaver
- **13th - 16th May** SATS Y6
- **15th May** - EID morning
- **15th May** - Year 4 go to Conway
- **16th May** - Mental Health Awareness Day (PHSCE)
- **23rd May** - Year 6 Watersports Day
- **25th May - 2nd June** - Half Term

June

- **21st June** National Music Day (Music)

July

- **10th - 12th July** - Y6 PGL
- **20th July** - Summer holiday starts
- **22nd and 23rd July** inset days

Sporting dates for your Diaries

Bee Active

- Monday 5th February KS1 Gymnastics
- 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 10th 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

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.