



Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news.
Friday 13th December 2024

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Welcome

As we approach the end of the term and the excitement of the festive season, it's a perfect opportunity to join together as a school community and enjoy the wonderful events and performances that have been showcased over the past few weeks and coming days.

A sincere thank you goes to the Friends of Quinta for organising and hosting our annual Quinta Wonderland. It was wonderful to see so many families both current and past, attend the event. Whilst the woods was not open this year, the storms didn't dampen the atmosphere and FOQ provided a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some local shopping and festive cheer right here in school.

We are now fully immersed in Christmas performances, with our Key Stage 1 nativity wowing families earlier this week, and our Key Stage 2 performance taking place at Astbury Church. Our Early Years teams will be up next week to share their Christmas learning with families. These events are always a highlight, and so much time and effort go into making them special. A big thank you to all the staff involved – your dedication helps to create memories that will last a lifetime for our children.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend, and I look forward to the continued festivities next week.

Mr Sharpe
Head Teacher



**Mr Sharpe,
Head Teacher**

Looking at The Week Ahead



We like to make sure you are ready for the week ahead so here is some key information:

When: 16th December to Tuesday 17th December 2024.

Item: Standon Bowers Year 2

What you need to know:

While we are there the children will be exploring 4 different activities - Indoor caving Indoor climbing wall Outdoor den building Outdoor blindfold trail.

We suggest that your child has enough clothing to last for the two days. If it is raining they might get wet, as we are outside for part of the day, and so will need a spare set of clothes for the Tuesday. Full information can be seen on Seesaw in the folder entitled Standon Bowers.

When: 16th and 17th December 2pm

Item: Preschool Nativity

What you need to know:

Please make sure all costumes are with us today, Friday, 13th December. Parents attending should already have their tickets.

For children who don't usually attend on Mondays or Tuesdays, please drop them off by 1:40 pm so we can get them dressed. The nativity is expected to last about 30 minutes.

After the performance, children can go home with their parents once they have got changed, they will then be available to be picked up at the preschool door.



Get your Tree Collected and Support a Local Cause

Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses, every penny of your donation will go directly to supporting the Hospice and providing quality care for our patients and their families.

To arrange collection of both real and artificial trees [click here](#)



Important Notices

Time is running out to apply for a primary school place for 2025

📅 Is your child due to start reception in September 2025?

📅 Submit your application by the deadline to maximise your chances of securing a spot. **Please note, if your child is in preschool you still need to apply for a place at The Quinta.**

➔ Apply at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

☎ Or call 0300 123 5012 for other options.



APPLY FOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

DEADLINE 15 JANUARY 2025



Price Increase to £2.80 per school meal

The school has absorbed the impact of inflation on food and managed to hold prices static for over a year now. However after careful consideration, we will need to increase the price of our school meals to £2.80, effective from Monday, 6th January.

This adjustment is necessary to continue providing nutritious and balanced meals for our students.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support as we strive to maintain the quality of our meal service here at The Quinta Primary School.

The Quinta Kitchen from Success to Success – Well Done!

We're really proud to share that our school has kept its 5-star food hygiene certification, showing how seriously we take food safety. On top of that, we recently had an allergy assessment from the Environmental Health Agency, and they were impressed with the steps we take to make sure all children can eat in a safe environment.

These achievements highlight the hard work of our team and our commitment to keeping our students' health and well-being a top priority.



A big thank you for all of your donations

A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards the Poppy Appeal. Your support truly makes a difference!

We're thrilled to share that our school raised an impressive £163.47, contributing to a record-breaking total of £26,357.35 for Congleton.

Well done, and thank you for helping us support this important cause!



Looking for Some Extra Reading over Christmas?

Pop to our School Book shop where we have a number of titles for just 10p and 20p.

This is found in the school foyer next to the school office and payments can be made via the honesty box provided.



Flu Nasal Spray Catch-up Clinics

If your child missed their vaccination when the School Aged Immunisation team visited school and you would still like your child to have their vaccination at a community clinic, please complete the attached [booking form](#).

Furthermore, if you missed the deadline to fill in a consent form before the School Aged Immunisation Team visited school and you would still like your child to have their nasal flu vaccination, please complete the attached [e-consent form](#).



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

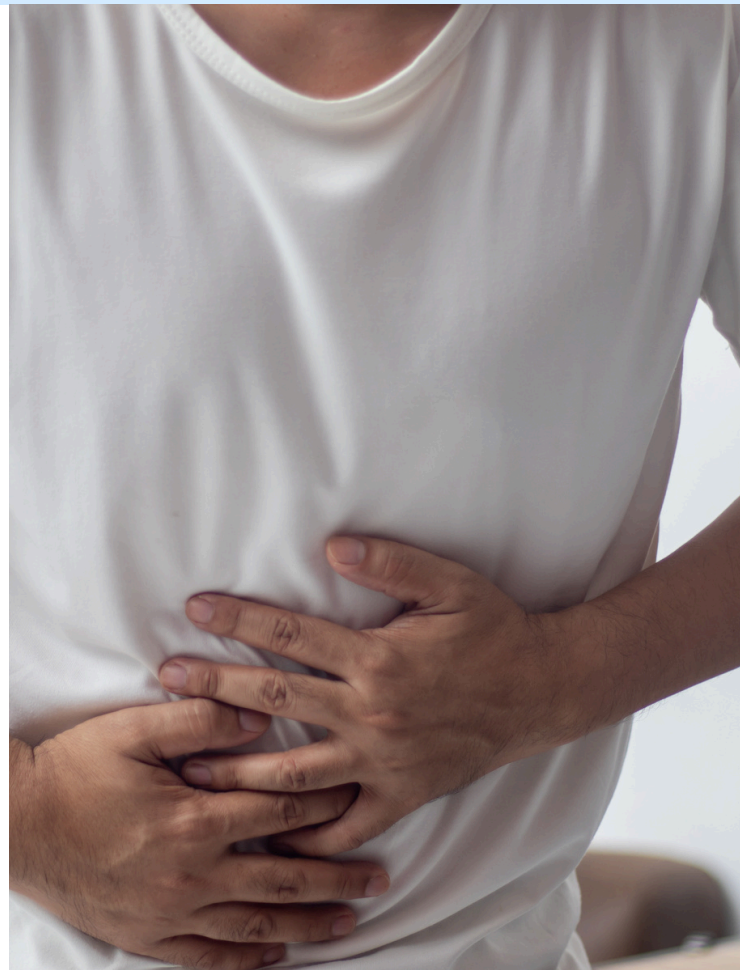
Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu **i**mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

Health Notice - Please be Vigilant

We have been informed of a case of cryptosporidiosis in school. This infection can cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, and nausea. If your child experiences these symptoms, please consult your GP. For more information on symptoms and prevention, visit the [UKHSA Cryptosporidiosis Guide](#). Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy!





SEND

UNDERSTANDING EHCPs

PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING:

Understanding SEN Support, Education, Health and Care Plans and Annual Reviews

Do you want to know about what SEN Support is? Or do you want to know more about Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), or maybe your child already has an EHCP and you want to know more about the Annual Review Process?

We have asked Cheshire East Inclusion Quality Team to join Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum to provide some support for our members around SEN Support, EHCP's and Annual Reviews. They will be running a face-to-face coffee morning on 13th December at Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA 10am-12pm

No need to book you can turn up on the day



Free for Members of
Cheshire East
Parent Carer Forum

FRIDAY
December 13th
10am-12.00pm

Holmes Chapel
Community Centre,
CW4 8AA

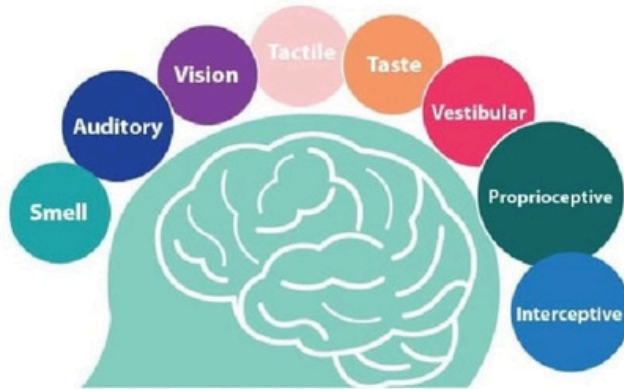
Cheshire East Parent
Carer Forum

www.cepcf.org

info@cepcf.org



SEND



PARENT CARER **WORKSHOP:** **Understanding** **Sensory Needs**

The Sensory Processing Occupational Therapy Support Service (SPOTSS) is an Autism focussed service.

Within this session Denise & Tarryn, Occupational Therapists, will share information on how to support your child on their sensory journey. The steps you can take, to help you shape their world, so it is a better fit for them.

Book your place via our Eventbrite link -
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1110228626709?aff=oddtcreator>

**Free for Members of
Cheshire East Parent
Carer Forum**

**THURSDAY
January 30th 11am**

**With the SPOTSS
Team**

**Online via Microsoft
Teams**

Cheshire East Parent
Carer Forum

www.cepcf.org

info@cepcf.org





School Meal Menus

ORDER NOW



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 20TH DECEMBER
Please order via Scopay

Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options are available.



School Meal Menus

ORDER NOW



FOOD MENU

Autumn Term 2
2024

SCOPAY CODES

- Main - R
- Jacket Potato - G
- Ham Sandwich - H
- Cheese Sandwich - C
- Tuna Sandwich - F
- Cold Pasta Salad - P
- Hot Pasta Salad - B
- Vegetarian - Y

MONDAY

Battered chicken nuggets or vegetable nuggets, skinny fries and baked beans.

Muller yoghurt - strawberry or toffee.

TUESDAY

British pork sausages or vegetable sausages with sauté potatoes, gravy and carrots.

Flapjack.

WEDNESDAY

Crispy chicken strips or Meadowvale vegan strips with a wrap and sweetcorn.

Vanilla cupcakes.

Water and milk served Monday - Thursday

Water, milk and juice served on a Friday

THURSDAY

Pasta bolognaise or plant-based bolognaise, garlic bread, sweetcorn and carrot mix.

Chocolate brownie.

FRIDAY

Birdseye Omega 3 Fish Fingers or vegetable fingers, chips and mixed vegetables.

Cookies.

Vegan options are available

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY



Fresh fruit



Sandwiches



Jacket potatoes



Build your own pasta

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



Fundraising for School

There are so many ways that you can help support your school, lots that don't even cost you a penny it's just simply the knowledge of how to do it and sign up. Take a look at the below, with just a few moments of your time you could make a massive difference to the school fundraising.



The Quinta Primary School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

The School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. All schools supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

The lottery and its prizes are our way of putting the fun in fundraising. The real winners are the schools. From every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to schools in the UK! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – we've nearly DOUBLED the ticket percentage that goes to schools.

Even better, you can choose which school benefits from 40p of the ticket sales. You know (and you can see) that your money is going back into your community and your school will benefit from your contribution.

Click here to take part - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-quinta-primary-school>



Fundraising for School



You spend, brands donate.

Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about whenever you shop with them. All you need to do is nominate a PTA to get cashback when you shop at hundreds of retailers including Amazon, Marks and Spencer, Argos plus insurance

companies and travel companies are included. We have raised over £1200 to date from our supporters this way – have a look, sign-up is easy - Your paragraph text



Support our Local Community Fund through the Co-op!

Members of the Co-op can select Friends of Quinta as their cause of choice, helping us make a difference together.

Joining the Co-op is easy— membership costs just £1, which you get back with your first shop. With a Co-op right here in Congleton, many of you may already be members!

To learn more and select our cause, visit: Friends of Quinta Cause.

Raise Money while you shop

Support school while shopping at Asda. all you need to do is simple download and sign into the app. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select The Quinta Primary School. Shop in store across Asda, George or Asda.com. Then Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to us each time that you shop and scan. This money will be gifted by Asda to us and will not cost you a penny.

ASDA in Groceries Search for... Help Find a store Register Sign in

Groceries | George | Cashpot for Schools | Gift Cards | Asda Rewards | More

you scan, we donate £££ TO SCHOOLS.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

[Cashpot for Schools Terms & Conditions](#) [Asda Rewards terms & Conditions](#)

- 1** Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2** Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3** Asda does the rest
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.
Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play



Important Dates And Events

December

- 16th & 17th December Y2 Standon Bowers (2 days 1 night)
- 16th December Pre-school Nativity Dress Rehearsal - watched by Reception and extra family members.
- 17th December Pre-school Nativity performance watched by parents and carers.
- 20th December Last day of term (Friday) Christmas experience morning
- 20th December Christmas Dinner day



Local Events and Opportunities

BOOK NOW



A new opportunity for budding footballers, held at Quinta on Sunday mornings don't miss out! Email the following contact for further information - andyjonesctfc@gmail.com

CONGLETON TOWN FC
1901

KODIAK KICKERS

FOOTBALL FUN

FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO START THEIR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY WITH THE BEARS

Contact - andyjonesctjfc@gmail.com

SCHOOL YEARS 2 - 6
Quinta Primary School
Sundays 10am - 11am
£4 per session



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BOOK NOW



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? 7th Jan – 11th Feb 2025, 15:20-16:15 every **TUESDAY**.

WHO? The club is open to **reception and 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!**

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 examinations will take place in the new year]**. 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.





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](#)



Taking Holiday in Term Time

Here at The Quinta we are passionate about providing your child with the best learning experience. We understand on some instances it is essential to take your child out of school but please be aware of the new fining structure.



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 above thresholds.

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 penalty 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 Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

