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DATES

November

Thu 28th—Flu Vaccinations for all pupils **with permission**

December

Wed 4th—Christingle Service at 6.30 pm St Luke's Church (details to follow)

Thurs 12th—PM & Evening Whole School Christmas Performances

Fri 13th—Whole School theatre trip

Tue 17th—FoWS Movie Night (See page 2)

Thur 19th—Christmas Jumper (own clothes day) donation for charity and Christmas Dinner Day!

Fri 20th—School finishes for the Christmas Holidays

January

Mon 6th—All return for Spring Term I

Residentials

Year 4 to London Thursday 20th—Friday 21st March 2025

Year 6 to Min-y-Don Monday 7th—Friday 11th July 2025



University of Chester

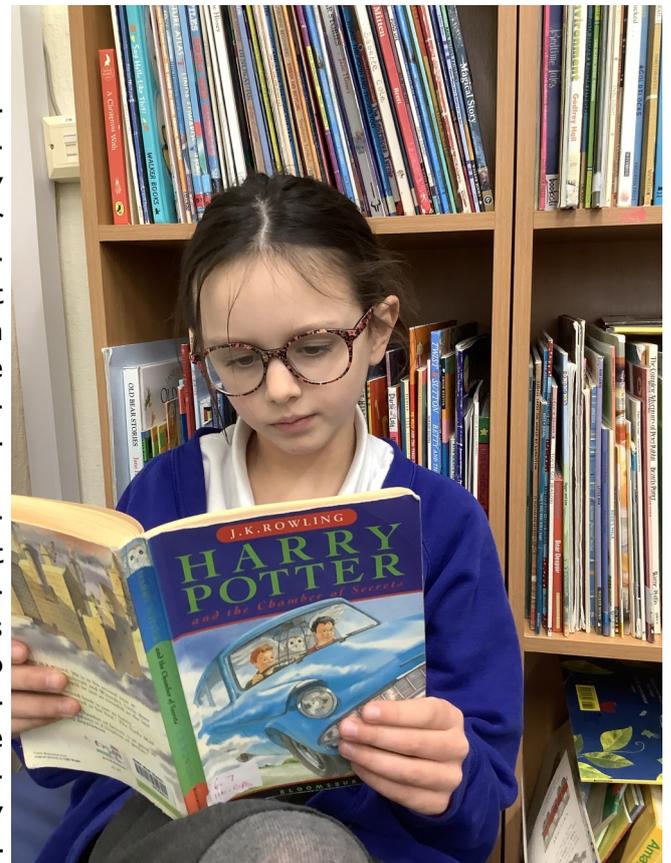
We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting another student placement from the University of Chester this year. As a school, we are committed to collaborating with external organisations to support the development of the next generation of teachers. This partnership not only enables us to contribute to the teaching profession, but it also provides our pupils with the added benefit of an additional adult in the classroom, learning alongside our amazing team.

Encouraging a Love for Reading: Our Push to Support Every Child's Development

Reading is essential for every child's academic success and overall wellbeing. However, recent national findings highlight a concerning decline, with only 20% of eight- to 18-year-olds reading daily in their free time. Furthermore, a significant gender gap persists, with only 28% of boys expressing enjoyment of reading, compared to 41% of girls. This decline in engagement means fewer children experience the benefits of regular reading, including enriched vocabulary, improved mental wellbeing, and strengthened critical thinking skills.

At our school we have a small but significant number of children who are not reading enough at home. We believe that regular reading practice outside the classroom is crucial for all children. Just as we wouldn't expect a child to master the piano through lessons alone, a strong reading habit requires practice at home to build fluency and expose children to more ambitious texts. Without consistent reading, it is unlikely that a child will fully reach their potential or meet age-related expectations in any areas of the curriculum.

To address this, we are intensifying our focus on fostering a love of reading, aiming to make reading a daily habit for every child. By supporting children in developing these skills, we equip them with an "invisible privilege"—a lifelong love of learning that extends far beyond the classroom.



Ask me a question about what I have learnt this week!

Reception

What happened to our cress seeds?

Year 1

Who was John the Baptist?

Year 2

Tell me about South America.

Year 3

Tell me about the lines of latitude.

Year 4 (Mrs D)

Tell me about lines of latitude.

Year 4 (Miss B)

Tell me a key event during the ancient Greek period.

Year 5

Tell me about an Ancient Greek period?

Year 6

Tell me about an Ancient Greek period?

09/11/2024	18	Nicole Greenall	£25
13/11/2024	17	Siobhan Blunden	£25

Friends of Whitley Lottery

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Athletics, coaches for trips, furniture etc.

It costs just £8 a month for 2 draws per week. If your number pops up, you win £25. If there was no winner the week before, you win £50!

If you would like a number and to help support school, please contact Hayley Woodward on 07740043151 or littlehayjay@gmail.com.

Can you Support the FoWS Lottery?

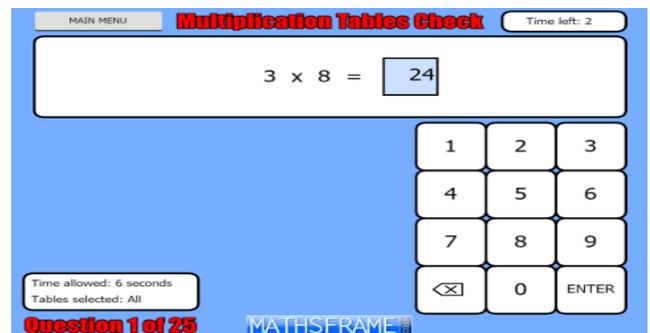
Year 4 Multiplication Check

Schools in England must administer the Multiplication Tables Check during the two-week period starting Monday 2nd June 2025.

We are very proud of the progress our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have made with their times tables. Many Year 4 pupils are now achieving near-perfect scores, demonstrating impressive recall within the 6-second limit per question.

To support our pupils' multiplication skills, we use resources like *TT Rockstars*, which has significantly boosted recall across Years 2 to 6. Since adopting this tool, we've seen marked improvement in pupils' confidence and accuracy. This consistent practice is invaluable for helping them meet curriculum standards and succeed as they progress toward Year 6.

Try out the unofficial times table check! [Click Here](#)



FOWS Christmas Movie Night

Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) will be holding a movie night for the children on: 17th December. This will be for school pupils only.

Tuesday 17th December

At the School

3:15pm - 5pm

£5 for snacks and refreshments

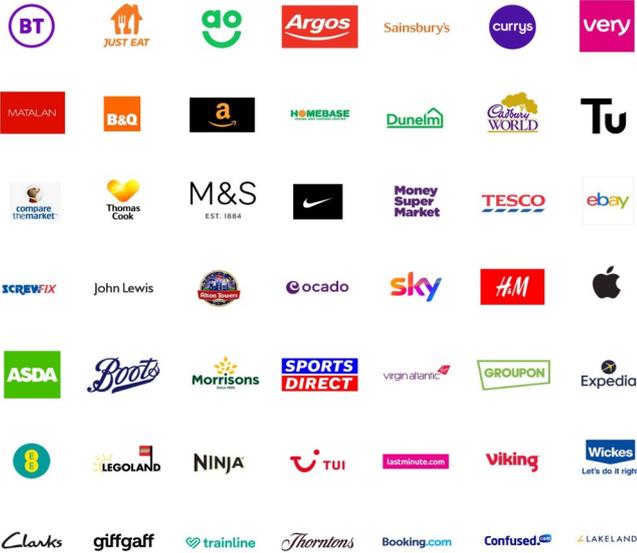
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12th
November
2024
(quarter 4)

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online



Please do not book any holidays during school time. Parents are reminded that Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 have statutory tests in May and June.



School Holiday Dates 2024/25

September 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35							1
36	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
37	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
38	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
39	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
40	30						

October 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40		1	2	3	4	5	6
41	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
42	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
43	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
44	28	29	30	31			

November 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44					1	2	3
45	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
46	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
47	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
48	25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48							1
49	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
51	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
52	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	30	31					

January 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1			1	2	3	4	5
2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5	27	28	29	30	31		

February 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5						1	2
6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9	24	25	26	27	28		

March 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9						1	2
10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
13	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
14	31						

April 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14		1	2	3	4	5	6
15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	28	29	30				

May 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18				1	2	3	4
19	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22							1
23	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
24	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
27	30						

July 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27		1	2	3	4	5	6
28	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
29	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31	28	29	30	31			

■	School Holidays
■	Bank Holidays
■	Inset Days

Bank Holidays 2024/25 UK

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday