



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
READY — RESPECTFUL — SAFE

15th March 2024

LUNCH MENU: 1

TERM DATES:

Term Dates:
https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/21528161

**CLASS TWITTER NAMES
FROM SEPT 2023**

[@WoodlandsSquir](#)

[@WoodlandsOwls](#)

[@WoodlandsBadger](#)

[@WoodlandsFoxes](#)

[@Woodlands1AA](#)

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[@Woodlands2DR](#)

[@Woodlands2PB](#)

[@Woodlands3LB](#)

[@Woodlands3HH](#)

[@Woodlands4AW](#)

[@Woodlands4RO](#)

[@Woodlands34LW](#)

[@Woodlands5MG](#)

[@Woodlands5SE](#)

[@Woodlands56LT](#)

[@Woodlands6BS](#)

[@Woodlands6DM](#)

Subjects:

[@Compwoodlands](#)

[@REandWorldViews](#)

[@MUSICwoodlands](#)

Crazy Hair Day — Friday 22nd March

in exchange for an Easter egg/chocolate/Easter prize
donation for the Easter Bingo

WOODLANDS PTA PRESENTS...



Easter Bingo

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024
DOORS OPEN 3.20PM
EYES DOWN AT 4PM - 6PM

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, JUNIOR HALL

£3 PER PERSON
INCLUDES 4 MAIN BINGO GAMES
OR ENTRY INTO KIDS BINGO AND COLOURING COMP

STAND UP BINGO - £1 EACH
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA - £1 FOR 3 TICKETS

To book, either scan the QR code or go to
www.pta-events.co.uk/woodlandscheshirepta

Tickets are limited and offered on a first come
first served basis

DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE ON SALE AT THIS EVENT



This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Squirrels - What a busy week we have had in Squirrels! We have enjoyed looking at the eggs in Foxes that have been delivered in an incubator. The children have enjoyed counting and watching the eggs hatch.

As we have been looking at the different signs of spring approaching, the children have taken part in various craft activities based on this. The children have also enjoyed taking part in lots of action songs as well as water play, where we have explored tipping and pouring whilst using the vocabulary- 'big', 'small', 'full' and 'empty'. The children have also taken part in climbing and creating assault courses to climb over.

Well done Squirrels!

Foxes - It has been a very egg-citing week for Foxes! On Monday, we had an incubator delivered with 8 eggs inside. The children have loved watching these closely and have been eager to tell a grown up when they have noticed new cracks appearing. The first chick hatched early on Wednesday morning and the children have been lucky enough to see more chicks hatch throughout the week. In Maths, we have been discussing our morning routines and using the language, 'first', 'next' and 'then' to sequence this. Once again, the children demonstrated excellent listening skills and had lots of fun playing games with our sports coach.

Badgers & Owls - Another busy week in Reception! In Literacy, we have continued our focused story; 'The Pirates are Coming'. The children have enjoyed labelling pirate ships and writing captions.

In PE, the children have had fun developing their ball skills, using their hands to push, roll and throw balls, with control.

In Maths, we have continued to explore the numbers 9 and 10, talking about the composition of these numbers. We have also explored what one more and one less is up to the number 10.

Acorns - This week, the Acorns have been enjoying the warmer weather and have been making the most of our beautiful outside area. We have really loved splashing in the water and using our water pump! During messy play we have been exploring the texture of rice krispies - our favourite part has been listening to the sound that they make when we add water. We have also had great fun playing with our cars and diggers in the sand this week.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Reception Team

KS1

Year 1 - We have had great fun in English this week, using adjectives to describe silly dinosaur foods such as 'slimy snake pie' and 'sticky tiger burger'! We have also written about extinct animals using -ed to show past tense. In Maths, we have been busy counting forwards and backwards to 50 in ones and tens and have explored the amount of tens and ones in the numbers. We learnt some fascinating facts about Mary Anning in History this week, did you know she first called fossils 'curiosities'? In Science, we continued our work on materials, grouping toys by their properties.

Continued overleaf.....



This Week's Year Group News

Year 2 - In English this week, we have continued using 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' by Ellie Hattie to inspire our writing. The children have been learning to punctuate sentences using not only capital letters and full stops but exclamation and question marks too. We have also continued to make sure that their writing uses the correct tense. In shared reading, we have continued developing our comprehension strategies. This includes answering questions by using the strategy of reading and retrieving the correct information and making inferences based on what has been read.

In Mathematics, we have continued learning about capacity and temperature. The children have been using standard units of measurement to estimate and measure mass (kg/g); temperature (°C) and capacity (litres/ml). As part of our work in Science this week, the children went on a hunt to find minibeasts and locate their different micro-habitats.

Thank you for your continued support,

The KS1 Team

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - This week the Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed an Easter Trail at St David's UR Church in Eastham. They listened to the Easter story and created their own Garden of Gethsemane. The children were ready, respectful and safe and represented school and themselves superbly.

In English, the Year 3 children have been working on using sub-headings to organise their work whilst the Year 4 children have worked on using apostrophes to indicate possession. In Maths, the Year 3 children have been adding and subtracting lengths using mm, cm and m. The Year 4 children have been working out the perimeters of different shapes.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 3/4 Team

Year 5 & 6 - What a fantastic week, UKS2!

We would like to start with a huge congratulations to our four Year 6 pupils who won the Inter-Primary Maths Quiz Final at the Civic Hall on Monday. You did an incredible job and we are so proud! In addition, we would like to thank the Year 6 pupils who attended the final to cheer on our team. You all represented Woodlands brilliantly - well done!

In Maths this week, Year 6 have completed their ratio unit. They focused on scale factors and enlarging shapes accurately before completing their end of unit assessment. Year 5 have worked hard on ordering and comparing decimals up to 3 decimal places and have also been rounding decimal numbers to different degrees of accuracy.

In English this week, Year 6 have learnt about the subjunctive form and have applied this in formal letters to the Selfish Giant, convincing him to allow the children to play in his garden again. Meanwhile, Year 5 have discussed how the Selfish Giant has changed throughout the story and they have written newspaper reports explaining a mysterious disappearance...

In History, we have learned more about the Early Islamic Civilization, including the fascinating city of Baghdad in 900AD. We have discussed the advanced technology of the time and why Baghdad was so important to the Golden Age of the civilization.

A quick reminder to 5/6LT parents that we have outdoor learning on Mondays for the rest of this half term, so 5/6LT pupils need to come to school in appropriate outdoor clothing these days.

Thank you to the Y6 pupils and parents who were able to attend the SATs information evening. If you were unable to attend or want to read over the information again, you can find it at the bottom of our Y6 page in the 'Files to Download' section or using the following link: https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/56/grade/24923579_grade_file.pdf

Thank you for your continued support.

The UKS2 Team

Please remember to book your Parent-Teacher Review Meeting if you haven't done so already. These appointments will be face to face on 25th & 26th March and can be booked using this link:

[https://
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ryschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](https://woodlandsprimaryschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk)

Please note: Acorns, squirrels and Foxes have different dates and booking system—contact your class teacher for more information



Working at Woodlands...

We currently have **two** vacancies to fill:

- **Midday Assistant**—1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 38 weeks per year.
- **Cleaner**—10 hours a week (approx. 3.15-5.15pm, 5 days a week), 41 weeks per year

If you are interested in applying for either position please email:

admin@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk or speak to Sue in the Junior office



Sports for Champions: Thursday 18th April 2024!

Olympian
Dan Purvis
Artistic Gymnastics

Year of Birth: 1990

Coach: Jeff Brooks

Representing: Great Britain
& Scotland



Danny Purvis, Olympic medallist Gymnast, will be coming to Woodlands to go head-to-head with the pupils! Danny will be delivering an inspirational assembly all about his career, achievements, training regimes and sacrifices made. As well as talk about the highs and lows of his career. After this the children in classes will go head-to-head with Danny to complete 4 simple circuits.

If you would like to **sponsor your child** here is the link for our **crowd funding page!** <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/woodlands-primary-school-1>

Your child will also be bringing home a sponsor form this week to fill in if they wish to receive sponsors from family or friends.

****We are also holding an OWN CLOTHES DAY on MONDAY 25TH MARCH in exchange for donations to the crowdfunding page. (Years 1-6)****

Whole School Attendance 94.67%

Reporting Children's Absence

School must be informed of children's absence on the first day by ringing 0151 329 3164 and pressing 1 to leave a message. This must be done before 9am. Please ensure you provide the child's name, class and reason for absence.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will be unable to return to school for 48hrs after their last episode. This is inline with the Public Health Agency guidance to reduce the risk of the illness spreading. Any absence not explained is registered as unauthorised.

Appointments

Parents and carers should make every effort to book routine dental and GP appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, children should only be absent for the time needed for the appointment and travel to and from.

For any prebooked medical appointments copies of appointment letters can be emailed to n.brown@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk in advance so that a note can be added to the register. The school will work with all families on an individual basis if medical absences exceed the maximum threshold.

Holidays During Term Time

Can we politely request that parents inform school of any upcoming holidays via the Leave of Absence forms which can be collected from the school offices. These forms should be completed and handed to school 4 working weeks in advance of the first day of absence.

Dates – Week Beginning 18 March 2024

Lunches Week 1

Mon 18 March	Before-school club – KS1 Judo with Judo Education 8 to 8.45am, drop off Junior Hall (book direct with Judo Education)
Mon 18 March	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Mon 18 March	After-school club – Y3 & 4 Recorder 3.20-4.20pm with Miss Hughes pick-up Junior Playground
Mon 18 March	After-school club – K5 & 6 Cheerleading with Shadazzle 3.20-4.20pm pick-up Junior Playground
Tue 19 March	After-school club – Y3 & 4 Table Tennis with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground
Tue 19 March	After-school club – Y4 Times Tables with Club Miss Woodland 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground (invitation only)
Tue 19 March	Y6 Reading Workshop 3.20 to 4.10pm – book on via Parentpay
Wed 20 March	Y6 Visit from SnapTrap Performance and Workshop
Wed 20 March	After-school club – Y5 & 6 Indoor Athletics 3.20-4.20pm pick-up Junior Playground
Wed 20 March	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm pick-up Junior Playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Thu 21 March	World Down Syndrome Day – Wear Odd Socks (biscuits being sold in the playgrounds 3.20pm)
Thu 21 March	Squirrels Parent/Teacher Meetings please come to the infant office at your allotted time
Thu 21 March	Reception Drawing Club – Lunchtime (club full)
Thu 21 March	After School Club – Mad Science 3.20-4.20pm pick up Infant Office or Junior Playground
Thu 21 March	Y6 Maths Workshop 3.20 to 4.10pm – book on via Parentpay
Fri 22 March	Crazy Hair Day for donations of chocolate/Easter eggs/Easter prizes to the PTA Easter Bingo — (whole school)
Fri 22 March	Squirrels Parent/Teacher Meetings please come to the infant office at your allotted time
Fri 22 March	Y4 Swimming - Group C – don't forget to bring your kit to school
Fri 22 March	PTA Easter Bingo 4-6pm – Tickets are limited and must be bought in advance via https://www.pta-events.co.uk/woodlandscheshirepta/index.cfm?event=Shop



World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 21st March 2024

Please note that we will be raising money for Down Syndrome Cheshire on 21/03/24 by selling

Gingerbread sock biscuits in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

Children are also invited to wear odd socks on Thursday 21st March.

Sales will take place on both school sites in the playgrounds at the end of the school day. Biscuits will cost £1 each.





Woodlands Nursery/Pre-School September 2024

If you, family or friends have a child who turns 2 or 3 before the 1st September 2024, please do not hesitate to ask us about our Nursery & Pre-School provisions. Woodlands offer half day and full-time sessions up to a maximum of 30 hrs per week and you can use your 15/30hrs free childcare funding with us. You can also use our wraparound to top up your provision with Breakfast & After-School club. Holiday Clubs can be booked and paid for separately so that all your childcare needs can be met under one roof. For more information, please email or call Jann in the Infant Office on 0151 329 3164 Opt 2 or j.bell@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk



**25 SPACES
AVAILABLE!***

EASTER DANCE CAMP

*** 15 SPACES RESERVED FOR CHILDREN
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**TUESDAY 2ND -
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL**

FROM 9:00AM - 1:00PM

**AT UNITED REFORM CHURCH
2 PARKFIELD DRIVE, WHITBY, ELLESMERE
PORT, CH65 6SN**

*Hot Lunch
included*



INFO@PURPLEGECKOFITNESS.COM



Woodlands Primary School



Online Safety Newsletter

March 2024

Managing Screen time from Internet Matters

Are you worried your child has too much screentime or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time? Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you.

This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time based on their age:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child>

This second link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of too much screen time might be:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/>

This final link provides a guide on how to balance screen time:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/>



Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.



What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

Does your child need a mobile phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find this article from Family Lives useful as it discusses things you need to consider:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/does-your-child-need-a-mobile-phone>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.03.24.

Instagram

You will probably know that Instagram is used to post photos and videos, but did you know that it can also be used to message, voice/video call and send disappearing messages? Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but it is not verified). *When you set up an account for users under 16 years old, the account is set to Private. This is the recommended setting so that your child approves who follows them and sees their content.* Even if your child's profile is private, their bio (at the top of their profile) can still be seen by **everyone**. Check they have not included personal information here e.g. they should not be wearing their school uniform in their photo.

Instagram includes several privacy settings, so go through these with your child and ensure they are set appropriately. Settings include:

- Messages/Group chats – set who can message you/add you to groups.
- Story replies – you can turn this off or choose who can message you.
- Hidden words – turn this option on to hide comments/messages that may be offensive. You can also add your own custom words or emojis.

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

Supervision

You can set up supervision on your child's (aged 13-17) Instagram account. This gives you access to a set of tools including the ability to see who they follow/who follows them, how much time they are spending on Instagram, set a time limit and view accounts your child has blocked. Your child can also share when they have reported anything to Instagram with you. Learn more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

Quiet mode

Your child can activate quiet mode, so they do not receive notifications (to provide less distraction whilst studying and at night time).

How can I keep my child safe on Instagram?

The NSPCC have published a blog with everything that you need to know: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/keeping-children-safe-on-instagram/>

More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/>
- Download a parent's guide to Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/299484113584685>

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google.com/familylink>

Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>



THE FOOTBALL CLINIC

DATE **8-11
APRIL**

**Boys & Girls
7-11 Years**

Camp Information

Ran by A license football coach
Street football challenges - Tournaments
Football nutrition talk - Medals and certificates

Camp Venue

William Stockon primary school - CH65 8DH

Booking link

<https://vara-sports.classforkids.io>

Admission **£10**

More info 07389739176

Follow our social media @varasports



AT ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CAPENHURST LANE, WHITBY, CH65 7AQ

STARTING MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY MONDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. **We have the use of excellent facilities including the large sports hall and outdoor pitches.**

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
ELLESMERE PORT + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)
and receive confirmation by text**

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)



CASTLEWAY FOOTBALL CAMP

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME
FREE SPACES AVAILABLE***

**AGES
5 - 11**

2ND, 3RD, 4TH & 5TH APRIL

9AM-3PM



CASTLEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL LEASOWE CH46 1RN

For more information

Email: admin@varasports.co.uk

Call/Text: 07389739176





SUPER DODGEBALL CAMP



**For Boys &
Girls 5-11 years**

2ND-5TH APRIL

Parklands primary school CH66 3RI

£10 PER DAY £35 5 DAYS
9:00AM : 15:00 PM

**INFLATABLE TARGETS
DODGEBALL TOURNAMENTS**

Registration link  <https://vara-sports.classforkids.io>

More Information: Phone +447389739176 E-mail admin@varasports.co.uk

BETTER BEHAVIOUR PARENT GROUP – DROP IN SESSION



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Ellesmere Port continues to offer this evidence based intervention in a small group setting for parents of Primary aged children who want to encourage better behaviour at home. The group runs for 7 weekly sessions.



We have arranged a drop in day for interested parents to attend – on **MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024!** There will be a 1 HOUR TASTER SESSION about the group, followed by time for questions.

The same taster session will run twice - at 09.30am and then again at 2pm so please attend whichever session suits you best.

We hope to run the next group after the Easter break at Kingsley Resource Centre each Wednesday morning 09.30am – 11.30am. This will run from Weds 1st May – 26th June 2024 – these dates include breaks for half term etc. *The taster session looks at; What is Challenging Behaviour? Understanding Children's Behaviour, Factors Impacting Child Behaviour & What Happens in a Group Session.*

MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024 @ KINGSLEY RESOURCE CENTRE (CORONATION ROAD, ELLESMERE PORT, CH65 9AA – by the Fire Station)

Please come along, we would love to meet you! It is a great chance to learn more about the group & ask any questions you may have.



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ANXIETY PARENT OFFER – A DROP IN SESSION!



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Ellesmere Port continues to offer evidence based interventions in a small group setting or online for parents of children of primary age who are experiencing anxiety.



Small changes,
big differences.



OSI

Online Support
and Intervention
for Child Anxiety

We have arranged a drop in day for interested parents to attend – on **FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024!** There will be a 1 HOUR INFORMATION SESSION about the MHST offer, followed by time for questions.

The same information session will run twice
- at 09.30am and again at 2pm - please
attend whichever session suits you best.

We hope to run the next parent group after the Easter break at Kingsley Resource Centre – dates and times to be arranged.

The information session looks at; What is anxiety? Why parent work? What Happens in a Group Session? What is our current offer for parents - including TripleP Fear-Less and our online offer (OSI – Online Support & Intervention for Child Anxiety)?

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024 @ KINGSLEY RESOURCE CENTRE (CORONATION ROAD, ELLESMERE PORT, CH65 9AA – by the Fire Station / Cherry Bank)

Please come along, we would love to meet you! It is a great chance to learn more about our anxiety parent work offer & ask any questions you may have.



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Changes to Childcare Choices from April 2024

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

The Childcare Choices website brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare schemes together and get the most out of it. Visit the site at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to check your eligibility and see if you can benefit from additional support.

And from this year even more help is on the way:

From **April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.

From **September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.

From **September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

If you are eligible, you need to apply for your funding at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>.

You do not need to apply if you are only claiming the standard 15hrs from the term after your child's 3rd birthday. This is automatically in place for all children of that age.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as '**wraparound care**'.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the Childcare Choices website shown above to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to our newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.

We would also encourage parents to sign up to the Childcare Choices newsletter to receive updates about the changes coming from April 2024.

More information on wider financial support is available on the Help for Households website and leaflet at:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/campaign-toolkit/>



Cheshire Horse Sanctuary

Car Boot Sale

Monday, 6 May

Come and join us for our 2024 Annual Car Boot Sale at the Cheshire Horse Sanctuary

**The Six Acres, Picton Gorse lane, Chester,
CH2 4HA**

Open: 8 am - Close: 1 pm

- . £10 to hire a pitch
- . £1 visitor parking

Book at: chseventscordinator@gmail.com

07515857082



Thank you for your support ♥

