



# NEWSLETTER

**Woodlands**  
Primary School

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School  
**READY — RESPECTFUL — SAFE**

**20th Sept 2024**

**LUNCH MENU: 1**

**MENUS:**

[https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/29149396](https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/29149396)

**TERM DATES:**

**Term Dates:**

[https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/29214637](https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/29214637)

## Drinks in School

Please note that children should only be bringing water into school unless alternative drinks are pre-agreed with school for medical reasons. Energy drinks, carbonated drinks and cans are strictly prohibited. Juice is allowed in a packed lunch only.

At The National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](#) guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](#).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing'), involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**PAYMENT SYSTEMS**  
Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

**DISCOUNTED GOODS**  
A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

**PRIZE DRAWS**  
A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

### WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

### FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

#### CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

#### CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

#### USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

#### USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

#### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Future Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



## **This Week's Year Group News**

### **EYFS**

**Squirrels** - The children in Squirrels are doing very well settling in and are starting to explore the different areas with confidence. We have introduced the water tray this week and have had so much fun splashing, filling and emptying containers and playing with 'sea creatures'. We also took advantage of the lovely sunshine this week and have had lots of opportunities to play outside making ramps for cars and assault courses. We have also been learning songs and rhymes this week and Squirrels have enjoyed joining in with these. The favourites so far are 'Sleeping Bunnies', 'Row, Row, Row your Boat' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'. Thank you for handing in your family photos for our display wall. We are still collecting these if you haven't handed one in yet. We have now allocated your child to a key person in Squirrels so if you are unsure who it is, please talk to a staff member in the class.

**Polite reminder-** Can we make sure there are no creams (nappy or sun creams, medicines,) or sweets and snacks left in bags, due to possible allergies in other children.

**Foxes** - What a lovely week in Foxes! The children are gaining in confidence every day and they are beginning to develop some new friendships, which is lovely to see. The children have produced some wonderful self portraits and we have made a beautiful display in our classroom. Well done Foxes! We have also made the most of the beautiful weather this week and the children have had lots of fun exploring our outdoor area and equipment. Thank you to everyone who has already sent a family picture into Nursery, it is very much appreciated. The children have loved talking about their pictures and families and the photos look fabulous in our classroom!

**A polite reminder to ask you to please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name, including uniforms, coats, drink bottles and bags, it really does help in our daily routine!**

As always please come and talk to a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support. foxes@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

**Badgers & Owls** - This week we have been sharing our family photos with our friends. Thank you if you have sent a photograph. Our displays in the classrooms look lovely and the children are so proud when sharing who is in their family. The children have also drawn and labelled their families, focusing on recording the initial sound of each word. We have also been singing plenty of counting songs and activities.

**Polite reminder-** please ensure your child's jumpers/cardigans/coats/water bottles are clearly labelled.

**Acorns** - This week, the Acorns children have been looking at the Gingerbread Man story. We have loved looking at the characters and listening to the rhyme! In Art, we had a great time mark-making using chalk and we enjoyed discovering what the gingerbread man could see on his journey. The weather has been lovely and warm this week so we have enjoyed playing outside - we are becoming much more confident when using the equipment.

Many thanks for your support.  
The EYFS Team

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## This Week's Year Group News

### KS1

**Year 1 - 1AA & 1LW** - Another busy week in Year 1! This week in English we have been designing a friend for 'Timothy Limpit'. We have learnt that names must have a capital letter and have written words and sentences to describe our new characters. In Maths, we have been matching numerals to their words and identifying 1 more than a given number. In Science, we have learnt that our five senses help us to understand and explore the world around us. We found out that we can use more than one sense at a time! In **1KS** this week, we have done lots of learning! We have introduced the 'a' sound, told the story of 'The Billy Goats Gruff' (with puppets), built bridges for our 'trolls' to live under and played football outside! In Music, we have been learning counting songs and songs to help us remember the names of our body parts.

**We have a few unclaimed jumpers and cardigans with no names in in our classrooms. Please ensure that items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Occasionally, your child may require a change of clothes; please ensure that your child has a full change of clothes including socks in their school bag.**

**Year 2** - In English, we have continued to use 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson to inspire our work. The children have continued to add more description to their writing by using adjectives and noun phrases. We have also been ensuring that the children accurately use capital letters and full stops when writing sentences. In Mathematics, the children have been learning to make number bonds for numbers up to 100 and continued to learn about the place value of 2-digit numbers. As part of our Science work on animals, including humans, the children have been learning about balanced diets.

Thank you for your support  
The KS1 Team

### KS2

**Year 3 & 4** - In English this week, Y3/4 have spent time researching all about Gorillas. We have recorded our facts using short, snappy notes. Later in the week, we used our interesting facts to create fact files using fronted adverbials (Y4) and expanded noun phrases (Y3). In Maths, Y3 have been recognising hundreds, tens and ones and calculating 1, 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. Y4 have been partitioning numbers in different ways, ordering numbers in ascending or descending order and comparing numbers. We have used the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols to answer challenges. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their 3,4,6,8 times tables as much as possible. They should be confident with these and able to recall them at speed.

**Judo Y3 Reminder - Please can we ask that all earrings are removed or covered over with tape/plasters, no other jewellery is worn and hair is tied back in readiness for the session.**

Many thanks  
The LKS2 Team

**Year 5 & 6** - What a busy week again, UKS2! In English this week, Y5 and Y6 have been working on effective character descriptions through use of expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors. They have created fantastic descriptions of the vile witch who appeared in the forest to steal the sack of 'Happy Endings'. Year 6 have also challenged themselves to include parenthesis within their descriptions. In addition, Y5 and Y6 have begun focusing on one of our other mastery targets: using dialogue to convey character and advance action, and they enjoyed taking part in some role play of the scene between 'Jub' and the witch! In Maths, Y5 have ordered and compared numbers up to 5-digits and they have worked hard on their rounding skills, showing real resilience doing so too! Next week, they will begin their work on addition and subtraction. Y6, meanwhile, have finished their place value topic looking at negative numbers and they have begun investigating the four operations, starting with addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1 million. In Science, Y5 and Y6 have continued their work on forces. This week, they have learned about 'Sir Isaac Newton' and his theory of gravity. In Geography lessons, UKS2 have created their own fantastic contour map islands and have also worked brilliantly to locate mountain ranges within the United Kingdom.

Thank you  
The UKS2 Team

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## **Whole School Attendance 96.23%**

### **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 in line 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](mailto: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 Exceptional 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. We aim to reply to you within 10 working days of your application.

## **Dates – Week Beginning 20 September 2024**

### **Lunches Week 1**

Mon 23 Sep	Breakfast Club – KS2 Archery 8-8.45am– to book on contact <a href="mailto:matt@archeyeducation.co.uk">matt@archeyeducation.co.uk</a>
Mon 23 Sep	Y3 Judo PE Sessions
Mon 23 Sep	After school club – Y3-Y5 Young Voices 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Meeting in 3LB, pick up from Junior Playground
Mon 23 Sep	New Reception 2025 Parent Tours – ring the school office to book on
Tue 24 Sep	Y1 & Y2 Cyber Sid and Cheshire Police – Online safety assembly
Tue 24 Sep	After school club Y3 & Y4 Basketball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Wed 25 Sep	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior playground (book direct at <a href="mailto:admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk">admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk</a> )
Wed 25 Sep	After school club Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Thu 26 Sep	Y6 Mad Science Workshop
Thu 26 Sep	Y3 Violin Lessons - individual and small group (book direct with <a href="mailto:hello@edsential.co.uk">hello@edsential.co.uk</a> )
Thu 26 Sep	After school club Y5 & Y6 Basketball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Fri 27 Sep	Whole School Pyjama Day – Children to come in wearing pyjamas or own clothes for either a donation of new pyjamas or a small monetary donation so that we can buy new pyjamas.
Fri 27 Sep	Y3 Group Violin lessons with Edsential
Fri 27 Sep	Y4 Swimming - Group A
Fri 27 Sep	Y5 - Library Visits (please make sure you have signed up on ParentPay)



## Vacancy - School Cook



We currently have a vacancy for a School Cook for 25-30hrs per week, term time only. If you or anyone you know may be interesting, please contact Mrs Moss on 0151 329 3164 for more information.  
Thank You!

## PARKING AND LIMITED ACCESS ON EDDISBURY ROAD

Disappointingly, we are getting an increase in complaints from our neighbours and fellow school users due to inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal parking of vehicles. Some causing possible danger to our children and their families due to road visibility being affected. Parking on pavements is illegal and forces pedestrians onto the road.

To keep our families safe, Eddisbury road is closed to all users except Blue Badge & Permit holders and Emergency Vehicles between the hours of 8.30am to 9.00am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm. The Parking Enforcement Team will continue to monitor the road and fines will be issued to those breaching the rules.

If you witness such parking, please report the incident to Cheshire West & Chester Council via the below link. Photographic evidence can also be provided:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/parking-and-permits/civil-parking-enforcement>

We have also seen an increase in parents/carers using the Staff Car Parks without prior permission. As such, we have had to make the decision to lock the gates each morning and afternoon. Eddisbury Road is very busy at the start and end of the school day and misuse of the road and car park during busy periods may cause unnecessary hazards to our children, families and staff.

Please be considerate & safe when parking and using the surrounding roads. Thank you!



## PJs for PJs - Own Clothes Day. Friday 27th September 2024.

This year we will again be supporting a local charity who gift a new pair of pyjamas for children in local hospices and hospitals on Christmas morning.

We welcome students to wear their pyjamas (or own clothes if they'd prefer) to school in exchange for either:

- Gifting a new pair of pyjamas, aged between new-born and 18 years old, or;
- A small monetary donation, that we will use to buy pyjamas.

Donations will be taken on the morning school run. Members of the PTA will be on the main Infant and Junior gates with collection buckets. Donations will be collated and sent to the charity before October half term.

Children must still attend school with a weather appropriate coat and sensible shoes.







JOIN US

## Woodlands Primary School Parent/Teacher Association

### Who are we?

We are a group of volunteer parents and teachers at Woodlands Primary School. We are a registered charity whose purpose is to work alongside the school, improving the lives and education of the children who attend.

### How do we raise money?

We work with the school and wider community to fundraise. We run various events and activities throughout the school year including movie nights, discos, bingo nights, personalised Christmas cards and our very popular summer and Christmas fairs. In 2023, we also held our first firework night which was a roaring success.

### Where have we spent money?

Over the past few years, we've provided funds for year 6 leavers huddles and celebrations, new computer equipment, additional block equipment for EYFS, school chicks, a lower KS2 visit from Zoo2U, school gazebos, sound system upgrades in the school halls and much, much more.

We continue to strive to step up our fundraising efforts so we have more money to spend on our wonderful children.

### Can anyone join the PTA?

YES!!!

We welcome any offer of help, no matter how big or small, with warm, open arms. We are always looking for additional people to plan and man our events. We are all busy parents just trying our best - many hands always makes light work.

OUR ANNUAL AGM IS TAKING PLACE ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
EVERYONE WELCOME (venue TBC)

If you have any queries about what we do or would like to join our lovely team, please contact [woodlandspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woodlandspta@hotmail.co.uk)

Alternatively, complete the slip below and return to the school office



I would like some further information about Woodlands Primary School PTA and how I can get involved.

Name -----

Telephone Number -----

Email -----

# 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](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu **i**mmunisation

Helping to protect children, every winter



# Ellesmere Port Football



## Development

At The Ellesmere Port College (Sports Hall)  
164 Whitby Rd, Ellesmere Port, CH65 6EA  
Starting on Tuesday 24th September 2024

**In association with First Kick Football**



School years - Reception & Year 1

5:30pm - 6:15pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:15pm - 7:00pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Tuesday at The Ellesmere Port C Of E College, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

### **\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***

**Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.**

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

**To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.**

**Callum**

**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE**

**0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534**

We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing  
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked





# ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'* John 10.10

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Open Morning at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

We are offering an Open Morning, in addition to our established transition programme. Children will be able to get a feel for what we do here and experience a sample of the school lessons.

The activities will be run by our Pastoral Team which will start at 9.15 am with registration and will end at 11am. We will provide a snack and a drink, free of charge.

We are asking that you drop your child off at the main Reception at 9.00 am and they will be registered and taken into School, they will be driven back to school in our minibus at 11 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs J Grist. [j.grist@epchs.co.uk](mailto:j.grist@epchs.co.uk)

We look forward to meeting all your children and welcoming them to our school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Vile  
Headteacher

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Consent – please email [Kirsty.jones@epchs.co.uk](mailto:Kirsty.jones@epchs.co.uk) with the following details -

- Name of child
- Name of school
- Allergies – please give details or state none
- Photos – Please state if you give consent for your child to be photographed and photos shared by EPCHS to website and/ or social media
- Emergency contact telephone number
- Please respond no later than 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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Tel: 0151 355 2373

Email: [admin@epchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@epchs.co.uk) [www.epchs.co.uk](http://www.epchs.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs C. Vile B.Ed. Hons NPQH NPQEL

