

Friday 13th December 2024

Fortnightly Bulletin



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Worship—Love God and Love One Another

During Worship this week we have thought about what Christmas means to us. The children came up with some lovely answers including; spending time with family, remembering the birth of Jesus and how he came to give us love, hope and joy, sharing, giving gifts—both physical and gifts of time to help or spend time with others.



Class Church Visits

KS2—Thursday 19th December, children will walk to church for a traditional children's service at 10:30am.

Message from Mrs Wood

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to reflect on all the achievements of the Autumn term as we near our Christmas break. Children in reception are thriving, having completed their first term with us and children throughout school have settled well in new year groups and made so much academic progress. We have introduced Art of Brilliance, held our first learning exhibition, celebrated Pumpkins and of Light, taken the whole school to the theatre, held our bonfire night and Christmas Fair, welcomed new families and staff and—this term in particular—we have seen our children perform in a number of nativity and music concerts with great confidence.

Of course, all this requires commitment and dedication and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank each of our staff, families, PTA and community members who work tirelessly enabling the school to flourish. Whether you have offered a kind word, volunteered time at an event, supported your child in their learning at home or helped in a larger way, it is recognised and appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas filled with love, peace and joy and we look forward to welcoming you back on January 6th 2025.

Mrs Wood



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Reception Nativity

Reception put on a wonderful performance of the Nativity story. We are so proud of how all the children learnt their lines and songs and were so brave to get up onto the stage. Well done to everyone and thank you to all the parents / carers for your support with all the costumes and the generous donations..



KSI Nativity



What a show Years 1 and 2 put on with their Nativity production entitled, 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'. The acting by the Little Soldier was superb and all of the children said their words so confidently on the stage. We are so proud of all the children and we hope you enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Thank you for your support with the wonderful costumes and for the generous donations.

Santa!

How lucky were we to have a visit from Santa when he is so busy this time of year? All the children were so excited to tell him what is on their own wish lists this year and promised to leave out a snack on Christmas Eve. Santa happily gave presents to all the classes and the children were very thankful and happy for these. Thank you Santa!



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Christmas Fair

What a turn out we had for our annual Christmas Fair. Fun was had on the tombolas and teacher games, there was hot food and drinks happily consumed, an array of external stall holders selling their wonderful gifts, the choir entertained us with some beautiful singing and the children's favourite...Elfridges!

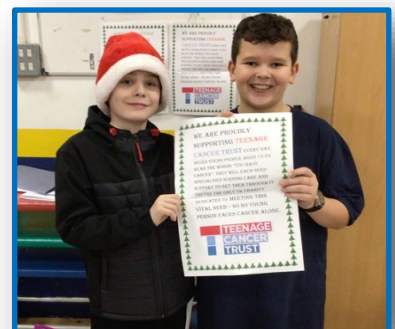
Lots of the children also got to see Santa, who happily made himself at home in our forest school hut with a lovely warm fire where he took the time to speak to all of the children and gave them a gift.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported it, thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to help out, to all the hard working school staff and to our fabulous PTA who organised the whole event.



Teenage Cancer Trust

A special mention to Ben and Seb, Year 6 School Councillors, who asked if they could raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust, they planned their own game and raise over £43! Well done boys!



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Rock Steady



Our talented musicians proudly showed off their talents this week in their Rock Steady Concert. It was a very impressive show that families were invited to watch, they were very impressed with the array of talent on the stage, definitely some future rock stars to watch out for!

Rocksteady is the leading provider of in-school band lessons for primary age children and we are proud that they come to our school and teach our children, a letter with more information about Rock Steady has been sent out this week if your child would like to find out more information or sign up for lessons. Keep Rocking!



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New Vic Theatre Trip



The whole school enjoyed a trip to the New Vic Theatre to watch *The Three Musketeers* that tells the story of when d'Artagnan arrived in Paris with hopes of joining the Royal guard, he soon discovered he'll need all of his courage to help the legendary Musketeers – Athos, Porthos and Aramis – defeat a cunning secret agent and their villainous employer.

The smiles of the children's faces was a delight to see and the show was very much enjoyed by all.



Achievements outside of school:

Huge congratulations to Daisy in Year 4 for passing her ABRSM Grade 1 Piano with Merit. She has only been playing for a year, and this is a fantastic achievement in such a short space of time. We think you are amazing!



Rosie in year 2 has won the star dancer trophy this week in her dance lessons. Well done, you are just brilliant!



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Useful Websites

Below are links to helpful websites that look at Christmas in schools from a child with autism point of view. Please have a read if you feel it would be helpful to you and your family.

<https://family-action.org.uk/self-help/supporting-neurodivergent-children-at-christmas/>

<https://sunshine-support.org/being-a-neurodiverse-family-at-christmas/>



Superbodies—What to do when your child has a common illness child has a common illness.

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/your-health/helping-you-stay-well/super-bodies/>

This website explains most common illnesses and provides good advice on what to do if your child becomes ill.



Residents of CHESHIRE EAST

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Use Access Code **WHEATSHEAF**

Cheshire East Family Hubs is excited to announce the official launch of its recent partnership with the Solihull Approach; trusted NHS provider of online courses focused on children's emotional health and wellbeing. Through this collaboration, Cheshire East Family Hubs funds a multi-user license, enabling all residents within the council's area to access a comprehensive range of online courses on www.inourplace.co.uk at no cost.

Cheshire East Family Hubs recognises the importance of nurturing emotionally resilient and socially aware children within its community. Key highlights of the Inourplace online courses include:

- **Understanding your child's emotional health and brain development:** Parents will gain insights into the science behind their child's brain development, helping them make informed decisions that support healthy cognitive growth.
- **Reading your child's behaviours:** These courses will provide parents with tools to interpret and respond effectively to their child's behaviours, fostering positive interactions and reducing stress for both parents and children.
- **Developing communication:** Parents will learn strategies for open and effective communication that will strengthen the parent-child bond and promote emotional well-being.

To access the courses, Cheshire East residents can visit www.inourplace.co.uk and follow the simple registration process inputting the access code **WHEATSHEAF**. Online courses are designed to be accessed anytime, anywhere and are completely private and personal to you.

The video below provide more information about the courses.

[All about the Solihull Approach and its training in emotional health and wellbeing for children \(youtube.com\)](#)



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Winter tips for keeping your baby safe.



The safest place for your baby to sleep is on their back in a cot or Moses basket in your room

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board

Remember – bed sharing with your baby if you smoke or have been drinking alcohol increases the risk of sudden infant death.

To find out more visit www.fsid.org.uk or speak to your midwife or health visitor.

Nights out, parties and staying with relatives and friends.

- Always think about where your baby will sleep and who will look after your baby at night – if someone else is looking after your baby remember to discuss safe sleeping with them
- If you are planning to have a drink, ask someone else to help care for your baby in the night. That person should not drink alcohol. They should also not have any medication or drugs that make them sleep more heavily
- Remember not to let anyone smoke in your home
- If your baby has a regular routine, try and keep to this. Remember to explain the routine to the person who is looking after your baby if you are going out
- If your baby has formula milk, show the person who will be feeding them how to make up the feed correctly see: [Bottle feeding advice - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- If you are breastfeeding, leave information about defrosting and preparing your expressed milk: [Expressing and storing breast milk - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- Don't put the baby down on a sofa or propped in a chair. Always use a cot or Moses basket to sleep
- Choose a babysitter who is able to meet the needs of your baby and keep them safe. Always leave contact numbers with the sitter. Always return home at the time you said you would
- It is always better that your baby sleeps in their own cot, however if you need to use a travel cot for an occasional overnight stay make sure the mattress is clean, well fitting and firm. Make sure the baby's feet are at the bottom of the cot, baby is on its back and that light weight covers are used and tucked under armpits



Winter season and thinking about sleep safe for your baby.

Winter is here. There are a few things you might want to think about for your baby's sleeping.

Winter weather:

- It is important that your baby does not get too hot at night or during daytime sleep. Keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for you at night (18°C or 65°F) and cots should not be placed next to the window in the day (even winter sun can be very warm). Babies don't need extra layers when they sleep.
- Covers should reach no higher than baby's armpits and be securely tucked in. Use lightweight blankets.
- Don't cover your baby's head.
- Feel your baby's tummy if you are not sure whether they are warm enough. Don't add extra clothing or bedding because your baby has cold hands - this is common in young babies.
- Even in winter, most babies who are unwell or feverish do not need extra clothes.
- Take off baby's outdoor clothes when you come indoors.
- Don't leave your baby sleeping in a car seat when you come indoors.
- Babies should never sleep with a hot-water bottle or electric blanket, and they should never be next to a radiator, heater or fire.



The safest place for your baby to sleep is on their back in a cot or Moses basket in your room with you for the first six months.

Never sleep with a baby on a sofa or armchair.

Feeding your baby at night:

It is normal and essential for your young baby to feed at night. To help get enough rest you can:

- Keep the room fairly dark.
- Keep your baby close so you hear them as they start to wake up
- Don't talk much and keep your voice quiet.
- Put your baby down in the cot as soon as they are fed.

To get your baby to sleep, being rocked or listening to soft singing can be helpful.

Always be mindful that even if you do not intend to fall asleep whilst feeding your baby it is very easy to do so. Prepare yourself for this possibility, for example, some mums say they:

- Set a timer to wake them in case they fall asleep.
- Keep a dim light on
- Make sure their baby can't fall on to the floor.
- Put them back in their own cot as soon as possible.

If you would like further advice about the guidance given here, your Midwife, Health Visitor or Children's Centre worker will be able to help.

If your baby is unwell, seek medical advice promptly.

- It can be difficult to judge whether an illness is more serious and requires prompt medical attention. [Is your baby or toddler seriously ill? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- Whilst your baby is unwell make sure they drink plenty of fluids and are not too hot. If your baby sleeps a lot, wake them regularly for a drink. If your baby is formula fed, wake them for a feed or extra drinks of cooled boiled water. A breastfed baby will need extra breastfeeds.
- If your baby is not well, consider whether your babysitter is able to care for them, and if so make sure you tell your babysitter anything they need to know



To find out more, visit www.lullabytrust.org.uk or speak to your midwife or health visitor.



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Clubs:

Club and Staff Member	Day	Year Groups	Cost	Pick up Point and time
KS1 Dance Mrs Warren	Monday	KS1		4.15pm Front Office
Writing Group Mrs Mitton	Monday	Years 4/5/6		4.15pm Front Office
KS2 Netball Mrs Warren	Tuesday	KS2		4:15pm Front Office
Junior Task-master Miss Moran	Wednesday	Years 3/4		4.15pm Front Office
Reception Mini-Sports	Wednesday	Reception		4.30pm Front Office
KS1 More than Sports	Wednesday	Year 1 and 2		4.30pm Front Office
KS2 Hockey Thrive	Wednesday	KS2		4:15pm Front Office
KS1 Craft Club Mrs Forrest-er/ Mrs Linsen	Thursday	Year 1 and 2		4.15 Front Office
Forest School Mr Simmons	Friday	Y3-6	£20	4.30pm Front Office

Dates for upcoming events:

Monday 16th December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party all afternoon (own clothes day, sensible for outdoor play please)

This is the last day to bring in good for the reverse advent.

Tuesday 17th December— Year 5 and 6 Christmas party (own clothes day, sensible for outdoor play please)

Wednesday 18th December— Christmas lunch, pupils can wear a Christmas jumper / non-uniform top with their school uniform.

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party (own clothes day, sensible for outdoor play please)

Thursday 19th December—KS2 Church Service, you are welcome to join us at St.Oswalds at 9.30am

- Lunch will be Friday's menu— Fish fingers and chips or vegetarian sausage roll and chip.

Date changes -

School Closes Thursday 19th December

INSET—Friday 20th December

School reopens—Monday 6th January (holidays already booked for this date will be authorised—please provide proof of booking date with your holiday form).



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Brereton Attendance Goals
We attend school **REGULARLY**
We attend school **PUNCTUALLY**
We attend school **READY** to learn

School Attendance Target is:

96%

4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

100%

98%

96%

95%

94%

90%

85%

PERFECTION

IMPRESSIVE

GOOD

NEARLY THERE

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

CONCERNS

SERIOUS CONCERNS



Ready



Respectful



Safe

Brereton Primary School Morning Routine

Pupils are expected to be in school by 8.50am.

Registers are taken at 8.55am. Pupils will receive a late mark 'L' in the register if they are not in school by 8:55am.

Children arriving after 8:50am are required to sign in via the school office providing a reason for their lateness. This is then monitored by the attendance lead and parent's will be contacted by phone / letter if a pattern starts to form.

The registers will be closed at 9.30am. Any pupils arriving after that time will be marked as 'U - late after the registers have closed' in the register for that session. This is classed as an unauthorised absence

At Brereton, we know that it is vital that our school attend school regularly and punctually to achieve the best outcomes. We want children to become the best version of themselves: academically, socially and morally as they grow into the next generation of our community. Good school attendance is the foundation to this.

School staff will follow up absent pupils with phone calls and home visits if absence is not reported by parents or school have a concern.

Absence from school MAY be authorised for:

- Unavoidable medical appointments (with evidence)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances (with evidence)
- Illness - although please do not keep children absent with minor ailments.

Absence from school WILL NOT be authorised for:

- Having to stay at home due to an unwell parent or carer or sibling.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor nights sleep

If attendance falls below 92% you may be invited into school for a school attendance meeting, which may also be attended by members of the LA attendance team.

At this meeting we will look at things that are working well for your child, things that need to improve and to put a plan in place to help their attendance to improve, involving other supporting agencies if necessary, e/g, Health, Home Start, Early Help, SEND services etc...

REPORT IT FIRST and EVERY DAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office

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#youvebeenrised

Our attendance this week is

96.05%

Cheshire East monitor attendance and punctuality at our school and look at the actions we take to help improve it. To keep you informed, teachers will provide you with a record of your child's attendance at your parent's consultation. Mrs Field will be contacting families with persistent absence after half term to look at how we can support you.



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