

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Starting next Friday, 13th, Family Assemblies have returned & you are all invited!

Reception, Years 1 & 2 Fridays 9:00am

Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 Fridays 2:45pm

After-School Clubs are back from Monday 9th Sep

If your child has received a place in a Club, you will have received confirmation via School Spider.

September

Mon 9th – Individual school photos during the day. Sibling or group pics can be taken after school, if you would like them. Please come to the Studio Hall (After-School Club) after you have collected your children from school.

Thur 12th – 6T swimming weekly (until half term)

Mon 23rd – 2:20pm: New Reception parents meeting

Mon 30th – 2:20pm: 2nd New Reception parents mtg

October

Mon 7th – 2:20pm: Final new Reception parents mtg

Tue 8th & Wed 9th – Parent's Evenings & Book Look

Fri 25th – Finish for half term

Residentials: please put these dates in your diary:

Year 4 Residential to London: Date in 2025 to be confirmed

Year 2 Residential to Tattenhall: 1st – 2nd July 2025

Year 6 Residential to Min-y-Don: 7th – 11th July 2025

HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN

The Acorns PTA is signed up to Easy Fundraising, a great way of our community raising money for the school at NO COST to you! If you download the APP on your phone, it will prompt you whenever you visit a website that automatically donates a percentage of what you spend to school. So far, £809 has been raised! PLEASE take 2 minutes to set it up and help us in an enormous way: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-acorns-primary-and-nursery-school/>

ASK ME ABOUT...

Education is most effective when schools and parents work in partnership. So, this week;

Caterpillars: *what new toys are in my classroom*

Butterflies: *singing our toothbrushing song*

Reception: *my favourite adventure*

1Mc: *my new class*

1/2T: *our zebra poem*

2M: *opposites and our zebra poem*

3U: *the Japanese festival of Hanami*

3/4T: *Michael Rosen's poems*

4G: *Michael Rosen's poems*

5I: *World War II music*

5/6K: *World War II music*

6T: *World War II music*

All Year 6: *What my leadership role is this year*

BIG NEWS!

After 23 years of dedicated service at The Acorns, our fabulous Mrs Ramsay is retiring at half term, with her last day being Thursday 24th October.

Most, if not all of you, will have been helped in some way; small or large, by Mrs Ramsay over the years. During her time, she has touched and even changed the lives of thousands of young people and families. I know you will all want to wish her well and pass on your thanks as she works towards her well-earned retirement in a few weeks' time.

On October 1st, our new Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Lenihan, will be starting, giving her a few weeks of working alongside Mrs Ramsay before she takes the reins after half term. Please take the time to say 'hi' when you meet her and show her what a great community she is joining at The Acorns.

RECEPTION 2025 & HIGH SCHOOL PLACES 2025

Admissions have now opened for applications for High Schools for September 2025 and for Reception 2025. The deadline for High Schools is October 31st and for Reception is January.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL YOU MAKE THESE APPLICATIONS BY THE DEADLINE! Most of the late applications this year did NOT gain a place in their preferred school.

Please note, having a place in our Butterfly provision DOES NOT give you preference for a place in Reception and you MUST still apply online.

Please go to the Cheshire West and Chester website and search for 'Admissions'. You will then see the options for Reception or Secondary School. Click on your choice and scroll down to the 'apply' button.

Mrs Leslie, Mrs Savory (Reception places) and Mrs Ramsay (High School places) will be happy to help any parent who needs it. Please come into school and ask.



BE AWARE OF THIS APP, WHICH IS BEING USED TO GROOM CHILDREN

Parents and Carers, please see this image and check your children do not have and are not able to download this app; 'Monkey App'. This app/website allows people who do not know each other to video call 1:1 and the Police are currently dealing with multiple cases of grooming where children are being exposed and abused by unknown adults in this way.

THIS IS NOT A SUITABLE APP FOR ANY CHILD OR TEENAGER.



We know life isn't always easy – sometimes you don't know where to go for help, you might need a bit of advice or support, or simply a friendly face to talk to about something that's bothering you or your family.

Early Help Navigators are here to help you.

- Help you navigate what support is available
- Offer help, support and advice
- Be a listening ear
- Help you to complete forms
- Signpost you to local and national services

Contact us: Rachel

Email: rachel.hold@cheshirewest.gov.uk

Tel:

Online:

Or pop in to:

Blacon Children's Centre, Chester, CH1 5DB

Chester Victoria Children's Centre, Chester, CH1 4BR

Victoria Road Children's Centre, Northwich, CW9 5UT

Over Children's Centre, Winsford, CW7 1LX

Stanlaw Abbey Children's Centre, Ellesmere Port, CH65 9HE Mondays

Portside Children's Centre, Ellesmere Port, CH65 2BY

SUPPORT FOR OUR FAMILIES

At The Acorns, our team want to help make life for our pupils and families a little easier, wherever we can.

Don't forget that we offer FREE breakfast from 8:20am every day, with no booking required. We also have freshly washed, pre-loved uniform in our main entrance, FREE to anyone who needs it.

In addition to this, we are thrilled to be working with Rachel and Suzanne who are Early Help Navigators in our area.

You may see them on the school gates some mornings. They are here to help families with anything that may be an issue for you, from health to housing, finances to relationships. If you think you would benefit from a little extra advice or support, speak to Mrs Ramsay, Mrs Savory or any member of the team and we will help you get in touch.