



HERMITAGE HEADLINES

TOGETHER WE THRIVE

11th September 2026



Our Year 6 and Reception Buddies along with our new School Ambassadors: Sienna and Alex.

Dear Hermitage Families,

We have come to the end of our first full week of the year, and I have been so impressed with the children across the school and their positive attitudes to learning.

Our new Reception children have been learning our routines beautifully and today sat through their very first celebration assembly. It is wonderful to see them becoming such an important part of our school community already.

Today, we launched 'Buddies', pairing our Reception and Year 6 children together. Our Buddies will now begin spending time together each week, helping to provide support and encouragement for our youngest children while developing a sense of responsibility and leadership in our eldest. We are looking forward to hosting a Buddy Coffee Morning in October for families to celebrate this initiative together.

Mr Lindop (who will be heading up our School Parliament this year) and I, had the privilege of interviewing the Year 6 children who applied for Parliament roles this morning. Every child was fantastic at sharing their positive attributes, explaining their reasons for applying and outlining how they would help to improve our school further if appointed. They learnt about an interview process, including the importance of greeting someone with a handshake and having questions prepared to ask at the end. We were incredibly impressed by their confidence and maturity.

I am also pleased to share that we have a new cook in school. Sue Mountfield has joined us as the new friendly face of our kitchen team. Sue has over 16 years' experience working as a school cook. I am sure many of our children have already shared some very positive feedback about her!

Well done to all of the children who represented us at the Cross-Country event on Wednesday. I am delighted to announce that Hermitage came 1st out of the five local schools competing. Please see the bulletin further down in the newsletter for more information about what was a memorable sporting evening for us.

Next week, we have our Welcome Meetings taking place for our Year 6, Year 5, Year 4 and Year 3 classes. These are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, find out how you can support learning at home, and understand the expectations and curriculum coverage for your child's new year group.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Welcome Meetings and as always, please do get in contact with me at any time should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Mr Young 😊

REMINDERS

Please remember to park courteously around school at drop off and pick up times.

Scooters and bikes should be stored in the bike shed and not hung on our school gates.

Thank you

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 99%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 99%

Year 6: 99%

Whole School: 98%



AWARDS

THRIVE AWARDS



Reception: Bea and Betty

Year 1: Rese and Emilia

Year 2: Hattie and Harrison

Year 3: Theo and Florence F

Year 4: Harry and Millie

Year 5: Stanton and Ruby-Rae

Year 6: Bella and Thea Stott

The Den: Matthew

HOUSE POINTS



House	Weekly Total	Running Total
ELM	300	300
BEECH	390	390
CEDAR	173	173
HAWTHORN	252	252

Congratulations to: BEECH

Hermitage Fundraising Hero

A huge well done to Harry Ingram in Year 4 for fundraising over the summer for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Harry arranged his own 'Yard Sales' to raise the money. What an excellent display of our Thrive values - we are all so proud of you! Check out Harry and Pippa with his (huge) cheque at Alder Hey...



Cross Country Success

Over 30 children participated in the cluster sports Cross Country Competition. A huge well done to all of the children who represented us and ran their hearts out.

Well done to **Poppy** who won the Year 3 race, **Jacob** on winning the Year 4 race, **Rory** for his win in the Year 5 race and **Juno** for her victory in the Year 6 race.

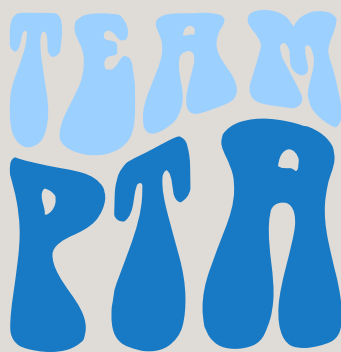
A special mention to **William** (Y4), **Lockley** (Y5) and **Jake D** (Y5) for showing fantastic determination and resilience, especially when the race became difficult. They never gave up and continued to push themselves right to end (beating Mrs Dooley on the way too!). Thank you to all parents and carers for your support!

EVENTS

PTA AGM Meeting (All welcome) - 16/9

Christmas Card Designs Sent Home - 18/9

Harry Potter School Event (Y2-Y6) - 14/10
Christmas Wreath Making 27/9



REQUESTS

Please come and join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday 16th September at school. The meeting will take place at 7:30pm.

We need two new parent representatives from the new Reception class for this year!



KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

Diary Dates:

Monday 14th September

Year 6 Welcome Meeting 9am

Tuesday 15th September

Year 5 Welcome Meeting 9am

Wednesday 16th September

Year 4 Welcome Meeting 9am

PTFA Meeting - 7:30pm @ School (All welcome)

Thursday 17th September

Year 3 Welcome Meeting 9am

Friday 17th September

PTA Christmas card designs sent home

Tuesday 22nd September

Year 2 Welcome Meeting 9am

Wednesday 23rd September

Year 1 Welcome Meeting 9am

Thursday 24th September

Reception Welcome Meeting 9am

Letters Sent:

Welcome Back

Start of the Year

Parking

Reading/Phonics Books

Spellings

Allergy care plans (not all children)

Parking

Year 6 Admissions

Year 3 Tatton Park Trip

Year 3 Residential

ATTENDANCE

Term Time Holidays

Every day in school counts – good attendance helps your child learn more, make friends, and build a brighter future.

The Law

The new legislation does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave of absence must be in exceptional circumstances and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave of absence. Parents can be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

Payment of Penalty Notices

Changes to payment deadlines: From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012. Fines are per parent/carer per child. However, in exceptional circumstances schools may authorise, in advance, requests for periods of leave. The request for leave must come from a parent with whom the child normally resides. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Failure to make payment will result in the local authority taking legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996. If a child then stays away from school for more than the authorised period or if this request is not authorised, this must be recorded as unauthorised absence and may result in the Educational Welfare Service issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Absence requests will be considered in line with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. The Local Authority will be monitoring all school absences during term time and challenging those schools and parents that do not adhere to the new legislation. Holiday prices, and the fact that the parents have booked a holiday before checking with the school, are not exceptional circumstances.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

DON'T FORGET TO
MAKE USE OF OUR
FACE PARENT
COURSES!

Masking Awareness

FREE



FREE

Free online talk for parents
24 September 7pm - 8pm

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Parent - Live Talks page



[Book Free Talk Now](#)

4.4 Understanding the Pressures Boys Are Navigating Today: 08 October 2026

Content	Audience	Purpose
Free Online Zoom Workshop for Parents and Carers Living in the North of Cheshire East - Thursday 8 October 1:00pm - 2:00pm. For parents and carers of boys and young people of all genders. This session helps parents and carers better understand the pressures boys and young men are navigating today and offers practical ways to support them at home. Link: www.justdropin.co.uk https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/images/schools/bulletins/documents-for-bulletins-2026/positive-masculinity-course-poster.png	Parents	For Information

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SANDBACH SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING
17th September
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Headteacher's talk - 5:30pm

We look forward to welcoming boys currently in years 4 & 5 to our open evening at Sandbach School on 17th September. There will be a range of activities on offer from each of our curriculum departments between 5:00 and 7:00.

Sarah Burns, Headteacher will give a talk at 5:30 in the Theatre. Members of the school leadership team will be on hand to answer any questions before and after the presentation.

We do hope you are able to join us to learn more about our amazing school and how we specialise in teaching boys.

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School & Sixth Form College

Year 6 Welcome Event
24th September 2026

Book your slot for the event now by scanning the QR code or visiting this site – www.ticketsource.com/hccs1978