



Weekly Newsletter

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KS1 Chester Zoo: Our KS1 children enjoyed a trip to Chester Zoo yesterday. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who joined us.



Parking Issues

Once again, we have had a number of emails containing photos of cars blocking driveways in the Withycombe Road, Bideford Road area.

Please endeavour to park with consideration for our neighbours.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to:

Reception: Johnny

Year 1: Ethan

Year 2: Effie

Year 3: Caleb

Year 4: Seb

Year 5: George

Year 6: Lewie



ATTENDANCE



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.8%	100%	99.0%	93.8%	97.1%	98.4%	98.2%

OUR LEARNING

In Reception... Reception have had a wonderfully busy week! From dancing like rock stars on Tuesday to spotting animals at the zoo on Thursday, the children have been full of excitement and enthusiasm. Despite all the fun, they have returned to school each day ready to learn, and their behaviour has been fantastic – we are very proud of them. In Literacy, we have met our new friend Noi and been introduced to his friend *The Storm Whale*. In Maths, we have been working hard on filling in the gaps on number lines – tricky stuff, but the children have done a super job!

In Year 1... Wow! What an amazing first week back for Year 1! We loved singing and dancing with RockKidz on Tuesday! The highlight of the week was our visit to Chester Zoo on Thursday, which we LOVED! We saw penguins, lions, jaguars and so much more! The children behaved exceptionally well. Thank you to all our helpers too! Back in class, we have enjoyed reading our new English story 'Hermelin: The Detective Mouse'.

In Year 2... Year 2 have settled back into school brilliantly and have worked incredibly hard. In our English lessons, we have created our own diary entry as a character from our story, and in Maths, we have learnt how to add two one-digit numbers together that cross over the tens boundary. We loved our RockKidz performance this week and learnt a special song about the importance of never giving up! Our trip to Chester Zoo was amazing! The children behaved exceptionally well, and had a brilliant time!

In Year 3... This week Year 3 have made an incredible start back to 2026! We are so proud of how hard they are working. In Maths, we have built on our learning from last half term when working on our column method, focusing on making exchanges. In English, we have been introduced to our new text and started working towards creating a setting narrative. In Science, we have started learning all about rocks by classifying their properties. In PSHE, we have started our topic on families focusing on what different families look like and how they spend time together. A huge well done for a brilliant first week back Year 3!

In Year 4... Happy New Year! Year 4 have made an excellent start to 2026. They have loved starting their new text 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', beginning their History topic about why the Romans invaded Britain and learning about the different types of electricity. They have remembered all their school expectations and Penketh Powers, using them without question or prompt. They were very excited about starting their swimming lessons!

In Year 5... What a fantastic week back in Year 5! We have started to look at our new book, 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' and we are loving all the tension and cliff-hangers in there. In Science, we did an investigation on whether different materials are soluble or insoluble and in Maths, we have been tackling word problems and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.

In Year 6... Year 6 have had a excellent start to 2026! Mrs Anderson, Mrs Sykes and I are so proud of their behaviour and attitude! In Maths, they have begun their fractions journey, using the highest common factor to simplify fractions. In English, Year 6 have poured so much effort into producing and editing their 'flashback narratives'! We have also launched our new English text, which ties into our Science work on evolution and inheritance.



OTHER AWARDS



Congratulations to:

- **Incredible Dancers**; **Emily** and **Maisy** (Stars of the Week from Abigail Barlow Dance Academy) and **Vivi** (Star of the Week from Sarah Royle Dance Academy).
- **Outstanding Gymnast**; **Elsie** (WGC Gymnast of the Month).
- **Fantastic Footballer**; **Bobbie** (Christmas Tournament Participation medal) and **Georgia** (Player of the Match trophy from Matthiola Lions JFC).
- **Super Swimmers**; **Charlie** (Learn to Swim Level 1), **Aria** (Learn to Swim Puffin Level) and **Bodhi** (Learn to Swim Level 4).



Mega Mathematicians

Rec: Archie Year 4: Arthur
 Year 1: Toby Year 5: Evangeline
 Year 2: Flossie Year 6: Ellis
 Year 3: Kristy



REMARKABLE READERS

Rec: Bobby Year 4: Alfie
 Year 1: Eva Year 5: Alice
 Year 2: Joshua Year 6: Annie
 Year 3: Charlie



LUNCH MENU W/C 12/01/26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza, Potato Wedges with Sweetcorn and Salad Cooks Choice Dessert	Chicken Curry with Rice Cheese & Ham or Cheese Wrap with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables Fresh Fruit Salad or Yogurt	Beef or Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti and Peas Cheese Wrap, Sautéed Potatoes, Sweetcorn and Salad Cooks Choice Dessert	Oven Baked Battered Fish or Chicken Goujons with Chips and Peas or Baked Beans Cooks Choice Biscuit	Pasta Bake served with Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings Raspberry Jelly and Fruit

DIARY DATES

Monday 12th January: After School Clubs start. PLEASE NOTE: THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM THE MAIN OFFICE ENTRANCE ON CONISTON AVENUE.

Wednesday 14th January: Year 6 Robinwood Residential Parent Meeting at 5.30pm.

Thursday 15th January: Reception Hearing Check.

Tuesday 20th January: Year 5 Fire Safety Visit.

Wednesday 28th January: Year 4 Robinwood Residential Parents Meeting at 5pm.