



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for all the wonderful memories, learning, friendships and achievements we have shared this term.

As we come to the end of the school year, we give thanks for the support and kindness shown by our school community. Please help us to enjoy a safe and restful break and return refreshed and ready for new adventures.

Amen.

A Reminder for September

As we prepare for the new school year, we kindly ask all families to ensure that children arrive at school each day with everything they need for the day ahead. This includes:

- *Lunchbox (if bringing a packed lunch)*
 - *Healthy snack (where applicable)*
 - *Water bottle*
 - *Glasses for learning (if required)*
 - *Musical instrument (if applicable)*
- *Any other items needed for lessons or activities*

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children arriving at school without essential items. This has resulted in frequent requests for the school office to contact families or manage the drop-off of forgotten items during the school day. These interruptions place considerable pressure on our office staff and reduce valuable learning time.

We therefore ask all families to make checking school bags and equipment part of the morning routine before leaving home. By ensuring children arrive fully prepared for the day, you will help minimise disruption to learning, encourage children to develop independence and responsibility, and enable our office staff to focus on supporting pupils, families and visitors.

We will only contact families for essential items.

School Meals – Autumn Term

We are currently waiting to receive the updated school meal menu for the Autumn Term from Warrington School Meals. As soon as we receive it, we will upload it to the school website.

In the meantime, please use the following menu rotation:

- *Thursday 3rd September & Friday 4th September – Week 1*
 - *w/c Monday 7th September – Week 2*

The menu will then continue as normal with Week 3, before returning to Week 1 and repeating the usual three-week cycle.

Medical and Dental Appointments

We kindly ask families, wherever possible, to arrange non-urgent medical, dental and other routine appointments outside of school hours.

Attending school every day is vital for children's learning, progress and wellbeing. By scheduling appointments after school or during the holidays whenever possible, you can help minimise disruption to your child's education.

We understand that some appointments, particularly hospital or specialist appointments, cannot be arranged outside of the school day. If your child does need to attend a medical or dental appointment during school hours, please provide a copy of the appointment confirmation. This can be emailed to the school or handed in at the school office before the appointment.

Y4, Y5 & Y6 Residential Visits

We are excited to be looking ahead to our upcoming residential visits for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. These trips are always a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their independence, try new experiences, strengthen friendships and create memories that they will treasure.

Letters and payment information have recently been shared with families. Please take a moment to check the details and ensure that any forms are completed and payments are made by the relevant deadlines.

We are really looking forward to these fantastic experiences and can't wait to see the children enjoying all that the residential visits have to offer.

Autumn Term 1 After-School Clubs

A reminder that bookings for our Autumn Term 1 after-school clubs are now open. Please see the attached information for full details of the clubs available this term, including the booking links for each club.

Clubs will run from Monday 8th September to Friday 23rd October, from 3:20pm–4:20pm. Places are limited, so we kindly ask that children are only booked onto a club if they are able to attend regularly. This ensures that spaces are used effectively and allows as many children as possible the opportunity to take part.

We look forward to another exciting term of clubs, activities and opportunities for our children.

Year 6 Leavers' Cathedral Service

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a very special Leavers' Cathedral Service, celebrating their time at primary school and reflecting on the many memories, achievements and friendships they have made along the way.

The children represented the school beautifully and it was a lovely opportunity for them, to come together and mark this important milestone. After the service, the celebrations continued with a well-deserved milkshake treat, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and wish them every happiness and success as they move on to their next exciting chapter.

School Games Gold Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust. It recognises schools for their commitment to developing competition, participation and sporting opportunities for pupils both within school and in the wider community.

We are incredibly proud to have been recognised for our achievements and for the dedication shown by our children throughout the year. Our pupils have embraced a wide range of sporting opportunities, representing the school in local inter-school competitions and demonstrating fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

A special thank you goes to Miss Holdsworth and Thrive, who have played a key role in developing sport across our school and creating exciting opportunities for our children to participate, compete and enjoy a wide range of sporting activities.

We would also like to thank our children, staff, parents and everyone who has supported sport at our school this year. Your continued encouragement and enthusiasm have helped make our sporting opportunities such a success.

We look forward to continuing to develop sport across our school and applying for the School Games Gold Mark again in 2027!



Year 6 Leavers' Service in Church

Our Year 6 pupils recently attended church for their special Leavers' Service, celebrating their journey through primary school as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary education.

The service was a meaningful opportunity for the children to reflect on their experiences; share memories and celebrate the many achievements they have made during their time with us. It was a wonderful occasion full of happiness, pride and emotion, and the children showed how much they have developed in confidence, maturity and character.

We wish each and every one of our Year 6 pupils every happiness and success as they move on to secondary school. Continue to believe in yourselves, follow your dreams and always be proud of who you are.

Good luck, Year 6 — you will be greatly missed!

PTA Summer Fair

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a fantastic Summer Fair. It was a brilliant afternoon filled with fun, laughter and plenty of opportunities for our children, families and staff to come together and enjoy time as a school community.

It was wonderful to see so many families joining us and supporting the event. We are incredibly grateful to our PTA, our dedicated volunteers, and everyone who attended and contributed. Your hard work, enthusiasm and generosity helped make it such a successful and memorable afternoon.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Woodgate, Miss Maguire and our Chairs of the PTA for their outstanding coordination and support in bringing the event together. Your commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all of our staff who gave up their Saturday to support the Summer Fair. Your time, enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile for our children and families helped make the afternoon such a success. Your dedication to our school community is truly appreciated. join the above together in a sentence



Y5/6 Production: Going for Gold

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils delivered outstanding performances in their production of Going for Gold. After weeks of preparation, they brought the show to life with impressive acting, singing and choreography, showing great dedication and teamwork throughout.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers joining us to celebrate the children's achievements and enjoy this memorable occasion together. We are extremely proud of every pupil involved and the commitment, creativity and confidence they displayed on stage.

Well done to everyone who helped make the production such a success!

A Wonderful Community Donation

We are delighted to share that our school has been generously gifted a defibrillator (AED) by Mr Vickers. The defibrillator will be installed outside the school, making it accessible to both our school community and the wider local community in the event of an emergency.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Vickers for this incredibly thoughtful and generous donation. His kindness will help make our school and local area a safer place for everyone. We are extremely grateful for his support.



A Visit from Lemon

Year 6 enjoyed a special visit from Miss Taylor's dog, Lemon, after the children asked if she could come into school.

The children loved meeting Lemon and enjoyed spending time with her during the visit. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about caring for animals, showing kindness and responsibility.

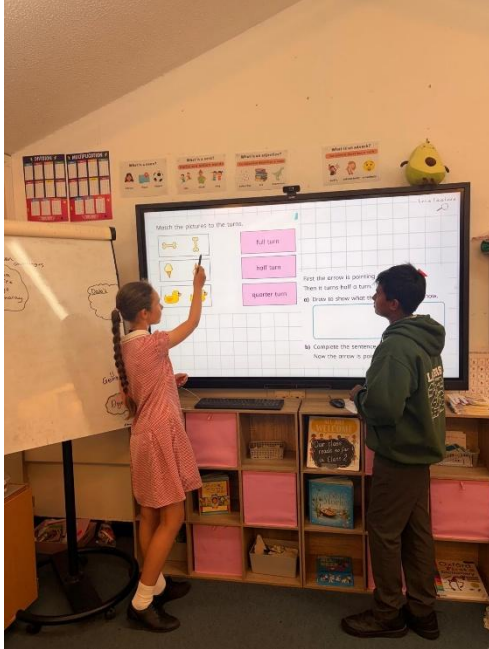
A big thank you to Miss Taylor and Lemon for taking the time to visit Year 6 — it was a lovely experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed!



Year 6 Take Over Day

On Monday, Year 6 children took on the exciting challenge of stepping into the shoes of the adults around school as part of our Year 6 Take Over Day. They embraced a range of important roles, including teachers, teaching assistants, the caretaker, office staff and even the headteacher!

The children approached their responsibilities with enthusiasm, confidence and maturity, showing excellent leadership and teamwork throughout the day. It was wonderful to see them experience life from a different perspective while demonstrating the skills they have developed during their time at our school.



KS1 Music Festival

Our KS1 children had a fantastic time participating in the Music Festival at Sir Thomas Boteler High School. They performed with great enthusiasm, demonstrated excellent behaviour and thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a special event.

We are delighted with the confidence and positivity they displayed while representing our school. Our thanks go to the staff who helped prepare and support the children, along with our parent volunteers whose encouragement and assistance contributed to making the day such a memorable experience.

A huge well done to all of our young musicians — you were brilliant!

Jane's 10K Challenge for Alzheimer's Support

A huge congratulations to our wonderful cook, Jane, who recently completed a 10K run in London in support of Alzheimer's research and awareness.

Jane took on this fantastic challenge to raise funds for a cause that is close to many people's hearts. We are incredibly proud of her dedication, determination, and community spirit.

Well done, Jane, on this amazing achievement, and thank you for helping to make a difference!



Thank You to Thrive

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Thrive – Mr Aspinall, Mr Mottram and Mr Thompson – who have worked closely with our school over the past couple of years.

During their time with us, they have made an incredible impact on our children's PE, wellbeing and personal development. They have been fantastic role models, inspiring our pupils through their enthusiasm, encouragement and positive approach.

Although they will no longer be running our after-school clubs, we are delighted that they will continue to offer some light-touch support to our school next year.

We are extremely grateful for all they have done and the positive difference they have made to our school community. Thank you, Thrive!



Year 6 Café Experience

Year 6 recently enjoyed the opportunity to put their skills to the test by creating and running their very own café experience for parents.

The children worked hard to design a menu, prepare and cook the food, and take orders from their guests. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, organisation and confidence as they welcomed parents into school and took on a range of different roles.

It was wonderful to see the children applying their learning in such a practical and enjoyable way, while developing important life skills such as communication, problem-solving and working together.

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for creating such a successful and memorable experience!



A Special Thank You to Mrs Tilley

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Tilley as she retires from her role as a Midday Assistant after many years of dedicated service to our school.

Mrs Tilley has been a valued member of our team, always bringing kindness, care and support to our children during lunchtime. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

We are delighted that Mrs Tilley will not be leaving us completely, as she will continue to support our school community in her role as a Governor. We look forward to continuing to work with her and benefiting from her knowledge and experience.

Thank you, Mrs Tilley, for everything you have done for our school. We wish you all the very best in this next chapter!



Staff vs Year 6 Rounders Match

Last week, our staff and Year 6 pupils went head-to-head in a fun and competitive rounders match. The game was full of energy, teamwork and plenty of cheering from supporters on the sidelines.

Both teams showed fantastic sportsmanship, with pupils and staff enjoying the opportunity to compete together outside the classroom. There were some great catches, impressive batting and lots of laughter throughout the match.

Despite the Year 6 team's determined effort, it was the teachers who claimed the victory! Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a memorable and enjoyable success.



Bikeability – Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils recently took part in their Bikeability training, developing the skills and confidence needed to cycle safely on and around the roads. Throughout the sessions, they learned about road safety, bike control and the importance of being aware of their surroundings.

The children showed excellent determination, listened carefully to instructions and made great progress over the course of the training. Well done to all of our Year 5 cyclists for their enthusiasm and fantastic effort!

Staff vs Year 6 Water Fight

Staff and pupils cooled off with an exciting water fight this week, bringing plenty of fun and laughter. The afternoon was filled with fantastic team spirit, lots of splashes, and some memorable moments as everyone took part in the friendly competition.

Parent Survey

We recently emailed our annual parent survey and would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts and feedback with us. Your views are incredibly valuable and help us to celebrate what is working well while identifying areas where we can continue to improve.

If you have not yet completed the survey, we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your feedback. Your responses help us to ensure we continue to provide the best possible experience for our pupils and families.

[Parent Survey Form](#)

St Matthew's Got Talent

We were delighted to see our pupils showcase their amazing talents in our very own St Matthew's Got Talent event.

Children from across the school took to the stage to share their skills, creativity and confidence with a fantastic range of performances. From singing and dancing to musical performances and other unique talents, it was wonderful to see so many pupils stepping out of their comfort zones and celebrating what makes them special.

The event was filled with excitement, encouragement and plenty of support from friends and staff. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and showed such enthusiasm, courage and creativity. A huge well done to everyone involved — you were all fantastic!



End of Term Reminder

Just a reminder that school closes for the summer holidays today at 2:00pm.

Please note that there will be no Link Club or after-school clubs this afternoon.

We wish all of our children and families a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year.

A Thank You to Our Wonderful Staff

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff team for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children.

We are a small but incredibly dedicated team, made up of seven teachers (including colleagues who work part-time), six teaching assistants, two clerical staff, our site manager and six midday assistants. Every single member of our team plays a vital role in making our school the special place it is, and together we work tirelessly to provide the very best experiences and opportunities for our children.

Education continues to face significant challenges, with schools across the country navigating the impact of many years of budget pressures and increasing demands to do more with fewer staff, resources and funding. Despite these challenges, our team continues to go above and beyond. The trips, opportunities, enrichment activities and experiences we are able to provide for our children, with such a small number of staff, are truly remarkable.

Every day, staff give their time, energy and expertise to support our children's learning, wellbeing and personal development. Their passion, teamwork and care are evident in everything they do, from the classroom to the playground, the office to the wider life of our school.

I am incredibly proud of everything my team has achieved this year and truly grateful for the commitment, flexibility and kindness they show each day. What we achieve together is a testament to the dedication of every member of staff, and I want to thank each and every one of you for the difference you make. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved summer break, taking time to relax, recharge and spend time with those important to you. Thank you for everything you do for our children, families and our school community.

Thank You and Have a Wonderful Summer

As we reach the end of another busy and successful year, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our families for your continued support, kindness and encouragement.

We have been incredibly grateful for the generous gifts, thoughtful cards and lovely messages of thanks and well wishes that staff have received. Your kindness means so much and is truly appreciated by everyone in our school community.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break filled with happiness, rest and special moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

School Calendar 2025-2026

Thursday	23 rd July	School Closes – Summer – 2:00pm
Friday	24 th July	INSET DAY
Thursday	3 rd September	School Opens – Autumn 1
Tuesday	15 th September	YR-Y6 Flu Immunisation
Wednesday	16 th September	Tempest (individual photos)
Thursday	17 th September	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday	23 rd September	Meet the Teacher (3:30pm-4:30pm)
Thursday	24 th September	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday	30 th September	New YR Parent Showround (3:30pm–4:30pm)
Thursday	1 st October	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Thursday	8 th October	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Wednesday 14 th October		Year 6 Cheshire Military Trip
		New YR Parent Showround (9:30pm–10:30pm)
		YR Reading/Phonics (Parents Invited - 2:30pm)
Thursday	15 th October	Y4/Y5 Swimming
Monday	19 th October	Y2 Martin Mere Trip
Wednesday	21 st October	New YR Parent Showround (3:30pm–4:30pm)
Friday	23 rd October	School Closes – Autumn 1 – 3:20pm
Autumn 2nd Half Term		
Monday	2 nd November	School Opens – Autumn 2