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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was full of exciting learning opportunities across the school. Year 2 enjoyed a walk to Bodmin Park, supporting their outdoor learning and giving them the chance to explore their local environment first-hand.

Our school netball team played their first match of the new year against St Albans. It was a great match, showing excellent teamwork and resilience and finished with a close score of 3 goals to us and 4 goals to St Albans. Well done to the team, who face their second match against Puss Bank this week on Wednesday. If you would like to come along and support them, please do. We wish them the very best of luck.

This week, we are pleased to welcome Phil Harris, who will begin the development of our school wildlife pond as part of our ongoing commitment to outdoor learning and environmental responsibility. Children from the Eco Committee will be helping with planting and developing the pond during the afternoons and we are really looking forward to seeing it take shape.

The wildlife pond will play an important role in our school by boosting biodiversity and providing essential habitats for amphibians, aquatic insects and birds, acting as a small-scale nature reserve that supports species affected by habitat loss. It will also serve as a hands-on outdoor classroom, giving children meaningful opportunities to explore food chains, life cycles and ecology through real-life observation.

Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, their commitment to our Whirley values and their achievements outside of school. We also celebrate the Dojo house points earned throughout the week and announce the winning house of the week.

Headteacher's Award

Last week, the following pupils were highlighted for their excellent learning across the school.

In Reception, Alfred and Matilda were recognised for their fantastic Maths work, confidently exploring different ways to make 5. Harry and Joshua also shared their learning, demonstrating excellent letter formation and handwriting.

In Year 1, Storm was acknowledged for his English work, where he created a story map for his own imaginative story and confidently retold it using his map.

In Year 2, Harrison showcased his strong Maths skills through his work on times tables and by comparing number statements using less than, greater than and equal to. A fantastic effort!

In Year 3, Charlie was praised for his detailed Design and Technology project on castles. Margot was also recognised for her Geography work, where she has been learning about human and physical features in the local environment.

In Year 5, Luke and Bella shared their PSHE learning, focusing on the importance of sleep and how it supports health and wellbeing.

V.I.Ps (Values in Practice)

Our **V.I.P. (Values In Practice) Award**, recognises and celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our **Whirley Values** in their daily school life.

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Well done to this week's V.I.Ps who will proudly wear our purple VIP sweatshirts this week: Chester (Reception) for Independence, Teddy (Y1) for Independence and Resilience, Georgie (Y2) for Independence, Harry (Y3) for Collaboration, Avni (Y4) for Independence, Amara (Y5) for Resilience and Emily (Y6) for Collaboration.

Winning House



All four houses performed brilliantly this week, demonstrating excellent teamwork and effort. The competition was extremely close, with **Henbury** leading the way on **120 dojo points**. **Chelford** followed closely with **115 points**, just ahead of **Alderley** on **114 points**, while **Birtles** also put in a strong showing, finishing with **109 points**. It was a brilliant display of collaboration, commitment and house spirit from everyone involved.

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who are already partnering with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a significant difference and is vital for your child's success. Overall, our school attendance was 95% last week.

- Reception: 90%
- Year 1: 99%
- Year 2: 95%
- Year 3: 89%
- Year 4: 94%
- Year 5: 98%
- Year 6: 99%

Coding Club

There will be **NO** coding club on the 10th February 2026.

Young Voices

Two reminder emails are being sent today from the office to parents of children attending Young Voices. One is for parents who still need to make payment for Young Voices. The second email will include a reminder to click the ticket access link, which some parents have not yet completed. Please keep an eye out for these emails and follow the instructions provided.

Spring Term dates up to Easter holidays

6th February – Year 5 Road Safety presentation (school)
6th February – Big Sing at Fallibroome (Y2/Y3)
6th February – Valentines Disco (WSA)
9th February – Creativity Week
10th February – Internet Safety Week
10th February – Chemistry with Cabbage – Year 6
11th February – AIM High Maths (Y4/5/6)
12th February – Young Voices Concert (COOP Live)
12th February – Creativity week presentation evening at Fallibroome

13th February – Break up for HALF Term 3.30pm
23rd February – School reopens
23rd February – Burwardsley Residential Year 2
12th March – Tattenhall Residential Year 4
Week beginning 16th March – Parents' Evenings
20th March – Race Night in school
27th March – Break up for Easter/Spring Holiday 3.30pm
13th April – School Reopens

External School Clubs

Monday – Y3 – 6 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Tuesday – Y1/2 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday – Echo Club
Thursday Multi-Sports - 3.30 – 4.30
Friday – Girls Football - 3.30 – 4.30

Teacher Led School Clubs

Tuesday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley
Monday 3.30 – 4.30 Y4, 5 and 6 Netball with Mrs Tomlinson
Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30 KS2 Coding Club with Mr Salmon (Not on 10/2/26)
Tuesday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher