

Federation of Antrobus St Mark's and Great Budworth Primary Schools



Welcome Back



I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break with your families and are filled with Easter eggs, hot cross buns and various chocolate treats. We are all well rested and excited as we enter into the start of a busy Summer Term.

Last term we had so much to be thankful for: school visits to Stockport Air raid shelters, a visit to the Lowry art gallery, a visit from the B-Tales sharing the Easter Story in their unique way and shall be coming back this half term to help us find out about women in the Bible. It has been wonderful to see attendance at our Friday celebration worship grow. Also, Foxe's family lunch was full to bursting. Please do try to join us at these events if you are able. We have lots of events happening this Summer term, which we hope you will be able to join us at.

A huge thank you to our FoTS committee, who organised a fabulous family Easter Bingo. Thank you to all who attended or donated Easter eggs especially to Tesco for their egg and hot cross buns donation. FoTS also provided prizes for our Easter Bonnet, Egg Pun and Egg rolling competition. Thank you!



An incredible **£320** was raised, which will all contribute to enriching the children's time in school. I will be meeting with Emma next week to confirm forthcoming FoTS events so look out for those in a FoTS newsletter.

Community Matters

A gentle reminder that School Lane (The Cobbles) is a public footpath **not** a road and access to the school is for **staff vehicles and deliveries only**.

Please, in the spirit of community relations, **do not drive down the cobbles** to drop off or collect your children even if they or you are late for school.

The only exceptional circumstances are when collecting a poorly child from school or if you are a blue badge holder.



After School Clubs and Buddies

After school clubs offer an additional opportunity for the children to learn, explore and have social time after school in a more relaxed environment. We are proud to be able to provide such a range of clubs.

Our enrichment curriculum for this half term is as follows:

Monday	Board games
Tuesday	Mindful Colouring
Wednesday	Rounders
Lunchtime	Playground Games
Thursday	Y6 SATs Booster
	Lego Club
Friday	Film Club

Ceri will be setting up the bookings list on School Spider if your child would like to attend.

Apart from SATs booster, after school clubs will be charged at £4.00 per session, paid as a block (£16) this half term. Clubs start next week, 22nd April. There are no clubs in the last week, 20th May.

*Please note these clubs will only run if a minimum number is reached to make them viable. If we do not reach that number, clubs will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

Buddies

Buddies before and after club is available every school day from 7:45 am and after school until 4:30 (later times can be accommodated if pre-booked).

It is a real benefit to families providing the security of wrap around childcare enabling families to get to work.

Please call the office if you wish to book a place after school or for breakfast.

Use it or lose it!

With this in mind, I have noticed that some children are being dropped off between 8:30 – 8:45am and left alone on the playground before the school doors are opened. This poses a safeguarding risk. If there is no member of staff on the playground in the morning, please tell your child to go into Buddies Club. There will be no charge from 8:40am.

No children should be left unaccompanied out on the playground.

Staff will be looking out for any lone children and will take them into Buddies for their safety. I do not want to have to keep the gate onto the playground locked until 8:45 as this will cause congestion on the cobbles and in the small driveway leading onto the playground. Your support with this is appreciated. Thank-you.



Earth Day

Monday 22nd April is Earth Day

Please come into school wearing school uniform as usual.

Also, please can the children bring in a set of clothes that are any shade of the following colours:

Preschool and reception – all white

Class 2 and year 4's – all shades of green

Years 5 & 6 – all shades of blue



We will be changing into our class colours in order to make a human picture of the earth as if looking from space. If anyone has a drone camera it would be amazing to be able to take an aerial photograph of our Earth artwork. Please get in touch if you can help.

In addition to our Artwork we shall be finding out about what Earth day is all about. This year's theme is Planet Vs Plastic and fits in beautifully with our environmental theme for this half term.

Collective Worship

Our theme for this half term is the Parables of Jesus. I wonder how many parables you can name?

Have a look on You Tube for links to some of the well-known Parables of Jesus: Here's a link to get you started

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXWHLB1f6_U&pp=ygUecGFyYWJsZXMgb2YgamVzdXMgZm9yIGtpZHMgbWF4

www.max7.org

Our core Christian values of

Faith Hope and Love will continue to be explored alongside Dignity, Wisdom, Joy, Peace and Community.

It has been lovely to welcome all parents into school on a Friday morning to share in our celebration worship. Please do find time to join us in the hall for a warm drink and welcome after school drop off.



Family Support worker

Hello, I am Suzanne, your School Family Support Worker, please feel free to drop in and see me on Wednesday Morning between 9am – 10.30am, later slots are also available on request. This service is open to all school families.

I can help with:

- Food bank referrals
- Emotional Support
- Support to complete forms and paperwork
- Liaise with local services such as Housing and Social Care



- Support TAF or Social care meetings
- Support for Carers
- General Advice
- School Uniform
- Signposting to other services to help you

Spotlight on Services for Children and Families in Northwich:

**Live Well
Cheshire West**

Cheshire West and Chester have recently added a **Parenting Programme** interactive support wheel to their website (see link below), with all of the available parenting programmes and how to access these. This includes both remote and in person support for 0-19 years.

Live Well Cheshire West, is a fantastic website that covers everything from Mental Health and Wellbeing to Housing and things to do in the local community.

[Parenting Programmes | Live Well Cheshire West \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](http://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Please contact Suzanne, School Family Support Worker sking@greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk , if you would like further information.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is very important for children to achieve the best they can. If children are absent from school, it not only affects their education but it also has a negative impact on them both socially and emotionally.

School tries to make sure that all our children attend every day. However, we cannot do this alone and need your help, as parents, to ensure your child has the best possible attendance they can have. Letters will be issued notifying you if your child’s attendance is falling below 90%.


I am **unable** to authorise absences for holidays taken outside of school holiday dates. Fixed penalty notices may be issued for holidays taken in term time.



Please endeavour to be on time to school each day. The school doors open at 8:45am and the children are expected to be in school at that time. Children arriving after 9:00 am will be marked as late. Once the register closes at 9:15, children arriving at school after this time will be marked as unauthorised unless we have been notified of a medical appointment.

If you need any support with this please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Corradine or our family support worker Mrs Suzanne King.

Dates for your Diaries

Date	Event	What I need to do
Week 1		
Monday 15 th April	School re-opens	Turn up with a smile 😊
Thursday 18 th April	Whole school B -Tales Workshop Women of the Bible	Join in with enthusiasm
Week 2		
Monday 22 nd April	Earth Day Theme: Planet Vs Plastic	Wear School Uniform. Bring in a set of clothes (to change into) in the shades of your class' colour (See note above)
Week 3		
Monday 29 th April	Northwich Sings Class 3	Rehearsal in the afternoon, performance until 7pm at Brio. See spider for letter
Wednesday 1 st May	Dodgeball Class 3	County High School Leftwich 3:45-5:00
Week 4		
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday School closed	Do not turn up
Wednesday 8 th May	Golden Mile Whole school are invited	County High School Leftwich 3:45-5:00
Week 5		
Monday 13 th May	SATs Week – Year 6	Positive mindset to do your best.
Week 6		
Monday 20 th May	World Bee Day	
Friday 24 th May	School Closes for 2 Weeks School reopens Monday 10 th June	Have a great holiday! Fingers crossed for good weather 😊

