



Newsletter March 2025

Attendance

Whole school attendance data is currently 96.4% and is showing steady signs of improvement since last month. Individual class attendance data is shown below:

	Attendance	Lates Minutes lost since January
Nursery	93.6%	n/a
Reception	94.98%	n/a
Year One	95.03%	790 minutes
Year Two	95.2%	815 minutes
Year Three	96.43%	47 minutes
Year Four	94.97%	728 minutes
Year Five	96.83%	179 minutes
Year Six	94.29%	10 minutes

As you can see, the number of minutes lost due to late arrival can be quite significant for some children if they consistently arrive after registers have been taken. For some year groups, this is significantly higher than expected. It is important that we develop habits that prepare our children for each stage of their life and good punctuality is an essential life skill. Let's see if we can significantly improve the number of minutes lost when I next report this data.

Barnstondale Y4

Our Year 4 children had a great time at Barnstondale last week. They really challenged themselves and gave everything a good go even if they felt a little nervous. They worked hard on the skills of teamwork and cooperation and fully embraced all the outdoor learning on offer.



Cake Sales

The final cake sale this year will be on **Friday 28th March**. Thank you to everyone who has supported this weekly treat each Friday. This is a great fundraiser for the school and allows our PTA to subsidise many wonderful activities and events for our children.

PTA Disco

We are extremely short of support for the disco this week and this is largely being supported by staff. Without the support of staff and a few key PTA members, events such as this will have to be cancelled in the future. If you can help, please come along, even for just an hour.

PTA Meeting Wednesday 26 March at 6:30pm

We are having a quick PTA meeting this Wednesday to discuss our summer term events. Do come along and join us if you haven't already. The meeting is online, and we welcome anyone with ideas and enthusiasm.

<https://meet.google.com/kqh-zzww-exq>

Bikeability

The bike shed has been full of bikes this week with our Year 5 class enjoying their bike safety sessions with the team from Bikeability. The team visit us each year to teach our children essential cycling skills and boost their confidence and independence on the road.

Consultation Evening Monday 31st March at 6pm

You will now be aware that governors are proposing that Pensby Primary join Cheshire Academies Trust. You are therefore invited to attend a consultation meeting on Monday 31st March at 6pm to be held in the school hall. This will be your opportunity to meet with representatives from the trust so please come along and join us. If you would like to attend but have childcare needs, please let me know and we can extend our club hours to accommodate your need.

Easter Egg Hunt Friday 4th April

Once again, our PTA has arranged an Easter egg hunt on the last day of term. Despite the weather trying to dampen our spirits last year, the children had great fun trying to search for their Easter treats. Fundraising throughout the year allows us to plan events such as this so we thank you for all your support.

Parent Governor Vacancy from May 2025

We have another vacancy for a parent governor in May. If you are interested in becoming a governor, or you have expressed an interest in this role previously and were unsuccessful in the recent ballot, an email will be sent home with details of how to apply.

Year 6, Year 4 and Year 1 workshops on Wednesday 23rd April

A meeting will be held for parents of children in Year 6, Year 4 and Year 1 so that you can support your child through the upcoming SATs, multiplication check and phonics screening check. We would encourage you to attend the meeting if you can so that we can share ideas to support your child with their upcoming tests.

The meeting times are as follows:

- Year 6- 5:00pm
- Year 4- 5:00pm
- Year 1- 9:15am or 5:00pm

Lyfta

As part of our British values assemblies on Wednesday afternoon, we have been using an interactive platform called Lyfta. We visit a new person each week from around the globe and consider what life is like in other parts of our world. The children have enjoyed comparing their own life experiences to those of people from a range of cultures and nationalities. Our Lyfta globe shows us where we will be going each week. We have already visited so many people across the world:



- Sylvain from London exploring wellbeing
- Lyla from San Francisco to learn about Artificial intelligence
- Flora from Peru to explore her life in the rainforest
- Geoff from San Francisco to learn about following our dreams
- Malahat from Azerbaijan to celebrate the festival of Nowruz.

Scholastic Book Fair 29th April-11th May.



We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from **Monday 29th April- 11th May**. The book fair has the newest and best children's books with over 200 titles at every Fair, suitable for all ages and abilities. Prices start from £2.99 and offers such as 3 for 2 on selected books is also available.

The school benefit from all book sales and this allows us to purchase new books for our reading scheme. We hope you can join us at the Scholastic Book Fair.

Dates

26/3/25	Bikeability group 4
27/3/25	PTA Disco
28/3/25	Cake sale- donations from EYFS please Bikeability group 5
31/3/25	Bikeability group 6
3/4/25	Y1 Pirate Day
4/4/25	Easter Egg Hunt SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER AT NORMAL TIME
21/4/25	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
22/4/25	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SUMMER 1
23/4/25	Year 6 SATS meeting with parents at 5:00pm Year 4 multiplication check meeting with parents at 5:00pm Year 1 phonics meeting with parents at 9:15am or 5:00pm
28/4/25	Y2 Trip to Port Sunlight
29/4/25	Y2 Hi-Impact visit (in school) Scholastic Book Fair
5/5/25	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY
12/5/25-15/5/25	Y6 SATS week
23/5/25	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM