



26th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone- I hope you had a lovely half term break and are well rested ahead of another busy half term.

Attendance

Congratulations to 61 of our children who have achieved excellent attendance of between 99%-100% since the beginning of the year.

Attainment and attendance go hand in hand and to make progress, children need to be in school.

Punctuality

Learning starts as soon as the children arrive in class and not a moment is wasted. Activities can be consolidation of prior learning, or additional learning to support a new concept, so it really is important that your child arrives on time.

If you need help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please contact your child's class teacher who will be able to signpost you to support. Open communication enables us to work together to improve your child's attendance and by sharing challenges early, we can offer guidance, put appropriate support in place, and ensure your child has the best possible chance to succeed.

Reporting your child's absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office by 9am on the morning of the absence by phone call, ParentMail or email. Please include a clear and detailed reason for your child's absence so that we can record absences accurately and support families appropriately.

If your child is absent for more than one day, please contact us each morning to let us know.

As part of our safeguarding procedures, if parents or carers do not contact the school to explain their child's absence, we may carry out a Safe and Well check. This may involve contacting you directly, contacting other named contacts that you have shared with us, or visiting the family home.

Careers Week

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to come and join us for our Careers Week next week. If anyone has any last-minute availability, please let me or Miss Grant know.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Year One Phonics Meeting for Parents

Miss Winston would like to welcome parents of Year One children to a phonics workshop and meeting on **Wednesday 4th March at 9:15am-9:45am and 5pm.** The phonics check takes place in June and Miss Winston will be able to offer you practical advice to support your child with their learning. We hope you are able to join us. Children are able to attend the 5pm session.

World Book Day & Family Breakfast Thursday 5th March

Miss Grant has planned a range of lovely activities to celebrate World Book Day. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character, or in their comfy pyjamas.

Bookings have now closed for the Family Breakfast.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for Parent Governor from April. If you are interested in becoming a governor, or you have expressed an interest in this role previously and were unsuccessful in previous ballots, an email will be sent home with details of how to apply.

Cake sales Friday 6th March- Thursday 26th March



Spring Term
Cake Sales

Over the Spring Term the PTA will be holding cake sales to raise money for our children.

Each Friday, different year groups will take it in turns to bring in homemade or shop bought cakes to sell to their peers.

Dates for your Cakes!

- 6th March - YEAR 5 & 6
- 13th March - YEAR 3 & 4
- 20th March - YEAR 1 & 2
- 26th March - EYFS

Prize for the class who raises the most!

Each spring term we hold a cake sale on Friday as part of a PTA fundraising drive. If you would like to join in with this popular Friday treat, we ask for a small donation of cakes when it is your child's class's turn. These will then be sold to the whole school community on Friday afternoon.

The first cake sale is arranged for Friday 6th March when it will be Year 5 & Year 6's turn to donate the cakes. Cake prices range from 20p-50p so please send your child into school with cash ready to purchase their cakes if you wish.

It's always such a lovely way to end the week and I thank you in advance for your support with this fundraiser.

The dates of the cake sales are as follows should you wish to contribute:

- Friday 6th March- Year 5 & Year 6
- Friday 13th March- Year 3 & Year 4
- Friday 20th March- Year 1 & Year 2
- Thursday 26th March- EYFS



WORLD BOOK DAY

- ★ Books and Breakfast
- ★ Masked Reader (guess the staff member)
- ★ 10 sentence story - classes battle against each other to create the best 10 sentence story

The Great Big World Book Day Footy and Booky Quiz 2026

Thursday 5 March, 9:30am

Come dressed as your favourite book character or in comfy pyjamas!

PTA Mother's Day Shop Friday 13th March

Our PTA will be holding a Mother's Day Shop on Friday 13th March. This event gives children the opportunity to choose up to three gifts for someone special and these will be beautifully presented in a gift bag as a lovely surprise for Mother's Day.

If you would like to join in with the event, the cost is £5.00 per child, payable via ParentMail.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening has been arranged for **Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March.**

Appointments will be face to face and there will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's books and enjoy some of their learning across a range of subjects.

Bookings will be available through ParentMail from 6pm on Friday 27th February. Regular email reminders will be sent for you to secure your booking, but please make sure you have booked by Thursday 12th March.

Family Hub Sessions

We are pleased to be hosting the following spring term Family Hub sessions on Thursdays and Fridays during term time. The sessions are facilitated by Bromborough Children's Centre. We look forward to welcoming both our current families and potential new families to Pensby, so please share with friends and family.



Spring term groups at Pensby Family Hub:

Stay & Play
Thursday's 10-11am
0-5 Years
A Drop-in session for all to enjoy learning and development play opportunities.

Bumps to Babies
Friday's 10:30-11:30 am
Pregnancy - 12 months
An opportunity to meet with other new parents/parents to be in a safe, stimulating environment, to share experiences and to promote babies development.

Come along to meet your local School Readiness worker at: Pensby Family Hub, Pensby Primary School, CH61 5UE
Term time only

For more information please contact 0151 666 3246

Term Dates

The term dates for 2026-27 are as follows:

INSET DAYS				
Tuesday 1 st September	Wednesday 2 nd September	Monday 4 th January	Friday 28 th May	Wednesday 21 st July

Autumn Term 2026

Open	Thursday 3 rd September to Friday 23 rd October 2026
October half-term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026
Open	Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December 2026
Christmas holiday	Monday 21 st December 2026 to Friday 1 st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Open	Tuesday 5 th January to Friday 12 th February 2027
February half-term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027
Open	Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 25 th March 2027
Easter and spring break	Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April 2027 (Includes Easter Bank Holidays: Friday 26 th March and Monday 29 th March)

Summer Term 2027

Open	Monday 12 th April to Thursday 27 th May 2027 (Includes May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 rd May)
May half-term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027
Open	Monday 7 th June to Tuesday 20 th July 2027

Confirmed Dates for Spring Term

Monday 2nd March	Careers week
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day & Family Breakfast
Friday 6th March	Cake sale number 1 (Y5 & Y6 to donate the cakes please)
Monday 9th March	Y4 Trip to Barnstondale British Science week Cross country race at Birkenhead Park after school
Friday 13th March	F1 Mother's Day Stay and Play at 10.30am-11.30am. Both new starters and current families are welcome to join us. PTA Mother's Day Cake sale number 2 (Y3 & Y4 to donate the cakes please)
Monday 16th March	Parents' evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Tuesday 17th March	Parents' evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday 18th March	Activity for All - Liverpool FC Football Tournament (more details to follow)
Friday 20th March	Cake sale number 3 (Y1 & Y2 to donate the cakes please)
Monday 23rd March	Cross country race at Arrowe Park after school
Thursday 26th March	Cake sale number 4 (Nursery & Reception to donate the cakes please)
Friday 27th March	Easter egg hunt in school Rock Steady Concert at 10:00am SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS at 3:25pm