



CULCHETH COMMUNITY



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 24th April 2026

I am writing this, literally, at 2:30am on Friday 24th April. We are currently in school with the children in Year 3 (luckily they are asleep) as they are exhausted after a day of Space Camp activities. We firmly believe that the success of our school is down to the experiences that we give our children as at Culcheth, 'Learning is Fun!'. In doing this, we look to build on the curriculum successes that they have whilst preparing them for the outside world. With Year 1 visiting Weaver Hall on Thursday, we're determined to ensure that the children have these opportunities throughout their time with us. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss R Fazackerley, Headteacher

WELCOME TO MISS KERR, MISS WARDLE AND MRS EWART

We have been delighted this week to welcome Miss Kerr into our school and Mrs Ewart on her return. Miss Kerr will be our school SENDCO for the Summer Term and has already hit the ground running as I know she has met with a number of parents already this week. Miss Ewart has returned and will be teaching Year 2 on a Thursday and Friday to release Miss Wardle as our Acting Deputy Headteacher. All are welcome additions to our school.

FRIDAY 1ST MAY - FUNKY FEET FRIDAY

OUTDOOR PLAY

We are trying to transform our playtimes during the Summer Term, but we need your help. We want to give the children more opportunities for imaginative, creative and active play. However we need your help to make this successful. We need donations for the children to use to let their imaginations run wild. If you have anything that you could donate to our school we would be very grateful. We are looking for the following items but the list is not limited to these items so anything that you think would fit the bill:

Bikes, scooter, durable plastic crates, outdoor games, cable reels, car tyres, dressing up clothes, tarpaulins, guttering, pots and pans, prams, ropes, wellies, safe offcuts or anything else you can think of. Drop your donations off at school and our children would make good use of them.

REACH MORE PARENTS

We have started to use our Reach More Parents App. Please make sure you have downloaded the app. It has so many features and will hopefully be a one stop shop for all the apps you need for school. We appreciate your patience this week if you have received messages more than once. We are still finding our feet with using it. However, over the next few weeks it will only continue to improve as we add more information to it. It will also link with our new school website which will launch at the beginning of May.

RUN FOR TOM

I have been asked to share this by Year 6 children who knew Tom.

On April 26th, Victoria, Steve and our friend Shaun, will be taking on the London Marathon. We are running every mile in memory of our beautiful son, Thomas.

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UNIFORM

Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform, especially for PE. PE kit should be their school PE sport top, navy, black or blue shorts, navy blue sweatshirt (not hoodie or zipped jacket) - the children can wear their school jumper or cardigan and navy blue jogging pants only. A number of children have not been wearing correct kit this week.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE REACH MORE PARENTS APP, IT WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE NOW IT IS UP AND RUNNING. USE THE CODE YOU WERE EMAILED TO LOG IN. WE WILL BE USING THIS AS OUR MAIN FORM OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL PLATFORM.

REACH MORE PARENTS

After listening to feedback from a number of parents since September we realise that parents were finding it difficult to manage all of the different communications systems that we have in school and some are having difficulty with School Ping. Therefore we have made the decision to switch to REACH MORE PARENTS during the Easter break.

We are asking parents to download the REACH MORE PARENTS app on to their mobile device. You have been directly emailed your own log in then for this app and code. It will then allow you to create your own password.

We have chosen Reach More Parents because it will literally become a one stop place for parental communication. Once you have logged into the app it will give you a page for each child you have at the school. The app will:

Show your child's attendance

Allow you to report absences

Show a targeted school calendar

Show a targeted newsfeed of events in school

Include link to Parent Pay

Include links to apps your child uses in school, e.g. Spelling Shed, Reading Plus, Times Table Rockstars, etc.

Allow you to message the office.

Allow the school to send you messages that you can automatically authorise, e.g. permission to give your child Calpol etc.

Parents Evening Booking And much more.

Please watch this short video to see what this will look like:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBjFNplGRWI&list=RDo3WdLtpWM_c

We will be continuing to update the app and add more information for the Summer Term ahead.

REACH MORE PARENTS - OUR NEW COMMUNICATION APP



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ATTENDANCE

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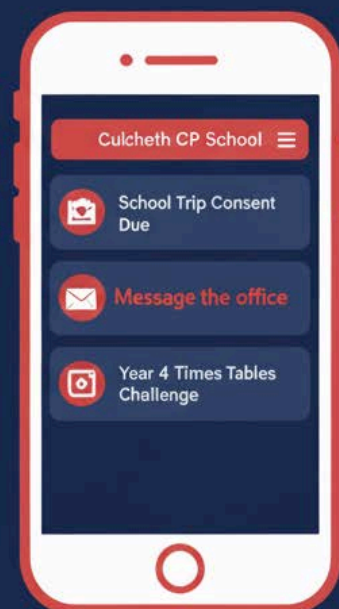
PAYMENT LINK
(ParentPay)

PERMISSIONS

SCHOOL
CALENDAR

LEARNING LINKS
(Spelling Shed,
Reading Plus, TTRS)

PARENTS' EVENING
BOOKING



Launching after Easter - Please download and log in

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!



NEW PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE!

Help Us Create a New, Exciting Play Space!

We're transforming our playground to give children more opportunities for imaginative, creative, and active play. The children will help choose the name for this amazing project!

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

- ★ Pallets
- ★ Bikes / Scooters
- ★ Durable plastic crates
- ★ Cable reels
- ★ Car tyres
- ★ Tarpaulins
- ★ Guttering
- ★ Pots/pans for mud
- ★ Dressing-up clothes
- ★ Fabric
- ★ Ropes
- ★ Safe wood offcuts
- ★ Wellies

Please donate any items that could be useful to our new playground initiative - let's work together to create an amazing play space for our children!

ANYTHING YOU CAN SPARE PLEASE DROP AT SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY

KS2 READING (Y3-6) = Miss Lloyd (Max 15)
KS1 Athletics (Y1-2) = Active Sports (Max 15)
KS2 Rounders (Y3-6) = Miss Coates (Max 20)

TUESDAY

Arts (Y1-6) = Miss Wardle and Miss Heywood
(Max 30)
KS2 Netball (Y3-6) = Mr Wall (Max 20)
KS2 Choir (Y3-6) = Miss Challis (Max 30)
Yoga and Meditation (Y1-4) = Miss Edwards and
Miss Farrington (Max 12)

WEDNESDAY

Stage School (Y2-6) = Active Sports
(Max 15)
KS1 Multi-skills (Y1-2) = Mr Wall (Max 20)
KS2 Tennis = Active Sports (Max 20)

THURSDAY

KS2 Cricket (Y3-6) = Mr Chesworth (Max 20)
KS2 Football (Y3-6) = Active Sports
(Max 20)

FRIDAY

Gymnastics & Dance (Y1-6) = Active Sports
(Max 15)
KS2 Athletics (Y3-6) = Active Sports
(Max 20)

Clubs will run from:

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May (5 weeks)
Monday 1st June - Friday 3rd July (5 weeks)

Clubs run by school staff = £10
Clubs run by Active Sports or Mr Wall = £15

STARS OF THE WEEK

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Year 3 = For a fantastic experience at Space Camp and throwing themselves into every experience during their first school sleepover.

Class	Name of child	Reason for award
EYFS	Willow Mayers Ruth	<i>Star of the week – Willow has always been the first one ready on the carpet for every session this week, she has listened carefully to every instruction and has tried her very best with everything that has been asked of her. Well Done Willow. Kindness - Ruth has had a super week this week, she has been so kind and thoughtful to her friends in class, helping them to find things and to tidy things away, and she even made sure that she rubbed someone's hands better when they fell over in the playground.</i>
YEAR 1	Molly Poppy	<i>Star of the week – Molly always does what is asked of her and always tries her very best. Kindness -Poppy is a great friend to all and shows respect and kindness to everyone.</i>
YEAR 2	Lily Astrid	<i>Star of the week – Lily is an excellent role model in class. She is always ready to learn and has a positive attitude towards learning. Kindness -Astrid always shows kindness towards her classmates and teachers. She is always looking after everyone.</i>
YEAR 3	George B Harry McDonald	<i>Star of the week – George has had a super first week back. Well done George! Kindness – Harry was really pleased when his friend won an award (even though it meant he didn't!).</i>
YEAR 4	Anastazja Poppy	<i>Star of the week – Anastazja has been a true star this week in every sense of the word. Kindness - Poppy has shown kindness in helping her friend with their learning.</i>
YEAR 5	Rosie P Rosie G	<i>Star of the week – Rosie P has made a fantastic start to the summer term, returning with a positive attitude and great focus. Kindness - Rosie G has shown wonderful kindness this week, always thinking of others and offering help when it's needed.</i>
YEAR 6	Jenson Chloe	<i>Star of the week – for the effort and enthusiasm he has put into his independent writing this week. Kindness - for always showing kindness and compassion to everyone. She is a great friend to all and will do what she can to help someone in need.</i>

ATTENDANCE

I'd like to remind parents of the importance of attendance and the impact it has on schooling. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless it for fills the criteria in the Attendance policy. Please keep this in mind when considering any holiday booking. Even being 5 minutes late each day across a year equates to 15 hours lost learning.

Whole School Attendance target for 2025-2026 is 96%

Attendance since 3rd September = 95.3%

Attendance this week = 97.6%

Attendance winners this week

Year 5 = 100%

School Dinner Menu

Please find below the School Dinner Menu for the Spring Term 2026. It is vital that you book your child's school meal a week in advance, using the school booking system. The rotation of school meals will be across 3 weeks. Below will be the menu for WB 27.4.26

Week Two

Meat Free Monday

🌱 Margarita Pizza Rounds
Served with Baked Jacket Wedges
and Sweetcorn

Doughnut

Tuesday

🌱🌱 Chicken Served with Herby Diced Potatoes
and Sweetcorn

Fresh Fruit Salad or
Yoghurt

Wednesday

🌱 Spaghetti Bolognaise
Served with Garden Peas

Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream

Thursday

🌱 Brunch Lunch
(Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette)

🌱 Raspberry Jelly and Fruit

Friday

Crumb Coated Chicken Served with Chunky Chipped
Potatoes, Peas or Baked Beans

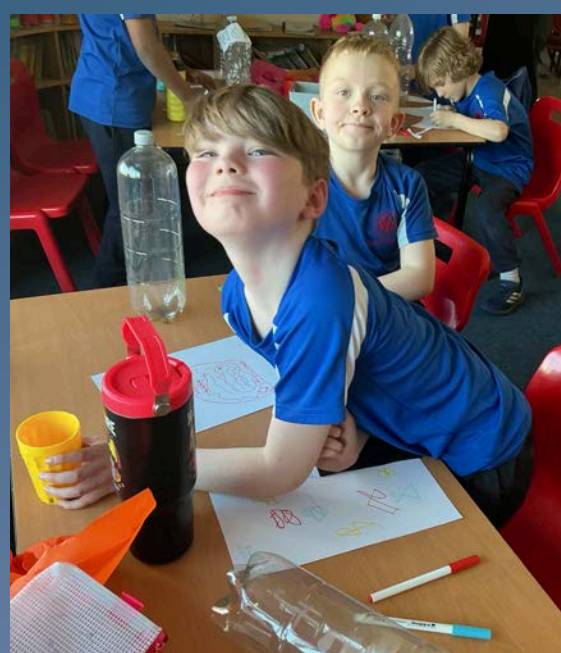
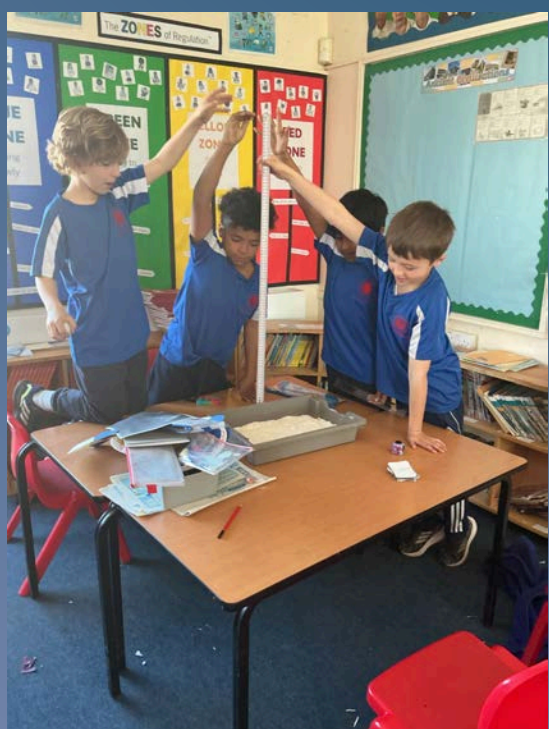
Oven baked Battered Salmon
served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas or Baked
Beans

Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit

YEAR 3 SPACE CAMP

We have had a lovely first day. The children started by making space masks to enable them to fly to space! After that, we learnt about the Solar System and completed a quiz on Kahoot before turning Pringle tubes into the planets so that we could compare their masses. After lunch, we then completed Moon jigsaw puzzles and carried out an experiment to see how the moon's craters are made. To finish, we used chalk to create some pictures of the planets.

Once, school had finished, the children put up their Space pods and decorated their bottle rockets. We then had a chippy tea and took to the launch pad to fly our rockets. They are now all settled in our sleeping bags and watching Lightyear! They do seem quite sleepy so fingers crossed.



YEAR 3 SPACE CAMP



YEAR 1 WEAVER HALL

The children in Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Weaver Hall. They took part in a number of activities and impressed the staff with their vast knowledge of the Fire of London.



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SUMMER TERM

PE DAYS

**EYFS = TUESDAY (INDOOR)
THURSDAY (OUTDOOR)**

**YEAR 1 - WEDNESDAY (INDOOR)
FRIDAY (OUTDOOR)**

**YEAR 2 = WEDNESDAY (INDOOR)
FRIDAY (OUTDOOR)**

**YEAR 3 = TUESDAY (OUTDOOR)
THURSDAY (INDOOR)**

**YEAR 4 = MONDAY (OUTDOOR)
FRIDAY (INDOOR)**

**YEAR 5 = TUESDAY (INDOOR)
THURSDAY (OUTDOOR)**

**YEAR 6 = MONDAY (INDOOR)
WEDNESDAY (OUTDOOR)**

CULCHETH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Grey bottoms – skirts / shorts/ trousers/ pinafore

- White polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan
- Plain socks
- Black shoes



- Summer dresses/ shorts (Until Autumn Half Term only)

Jewellery

On safety grounds, the only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch and earrings. Earrings must be plain stud earrings only – children will be required to remove all other jewellery.

Hairstyles

The Governors have set a uniform policy that includes hairstyles. We request that children do not have extreme hairstyle, lines shaved into hair or hair dyed an unnatural colour. Please can all hair accessories be of school colours: red, navy, black or white.

PE Kit

- School PE T-shirt
- Black or blue Shorts
- Navy blue sweatshirt (not hoodie or zipped jacket) - the children can wear their school jumper or cardigan,
- Navy blue jogging pants, Trainers.



THIS WEEK

CLASS AMBASSADORS

RECEPTION



Evie has been very proud of herself this week during our early morning activity

YEAR 1



Archie and Charlie enjoyed their trip tomorrow Weaver Hall to learn about the great fire of London. They enjoyed dressing up and acting out some scenes.

YEAR 2



Our class ambassadors have enjoyed learning about our new topic in History on the Gunpowder Plot.

YEAR 3



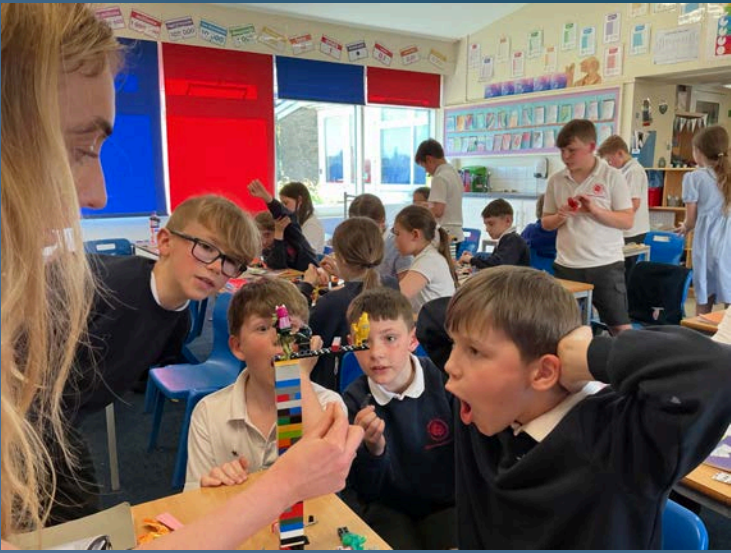
Our class ambassadors tried especially hard and took his time doing his space art.

YEAR 4



Year 4 have persevered this week with their Maths work correcting their mistakes.

YEAR 5



I really enjoyed our science lesson this week, it was really good. We made the paperclips float using the force magnetism. I'm looking forward to next week.

YEAR 6



Year 6 have really enjoyed playing handball and building their confidence during games.

CULCHETH VALUES RECOGNITION

HAS YOUR CHILD GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL IN DEMONSTRATING OUR SCHOOL VALUES OF KINDNESS, HONESTY, FRIENDSHIP, RESPONSIBILITY, DETERMINATION AND TEAM SPIRIT. NOMINATE THEM FOR A VALUE AWARD AND WE WILL SURPRISE THEM IN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY. NOMINATE YOUR CHILD BY SENDING AN EMAIL WITH REASON AND SUPPORTING PHOTO IF APPROPRIATE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

KINDNESS

DETERMINATION

FRIENDSHIP

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

TEAM SPIRIT

**WE NEED YOUR
NOMINATIONS!
EMAIL THE OFFICE
WITH A PICTURE
AND EXPLANATION
OF WHICH VALUES
THEY HAVE
DEMONSTRATED
AND HOW.**



Run for Tom

26 April 2026

Created by Steve

About

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