Newsletter September 2024







'Love on another as I have loved you' John ch 13 v 34

Welcome Back



We are delighted to welcome back all of our families. We hope that everyone enjoyed the Summer holidays and had a good rest and spent some quality time with your families. On behalf of all of the staff team, I would like to thank you for the many thoughtful cards and gifts that we received at the end of last term. It was very kind of you all and much appreciated.

A warm welcome to our new families, who are joining us for the first time this September. We wish you a special welcome into our Great Budworth School family and we look forward to working with you all.

Our staff have been working hard to prepare for a busy term ahead which we are very excited.

Please look out for your class newsletter on School Spider

School Spider (School Website)

All school communications will be sent out via this app.

Please make sure you have downloaded the School Spider App onto your mobile/ laptop. If you have any problems downloading the app, please inform the office and we shall endeavour to help.





Open Days

'Every day is an open day here at Great Budworth School.'

However, we have set aside some specific dates across the year where we invite people to our school and we showcase our little school. Please share these with people who might be looking for a school place.

Wednesday 16th October - Autumn/Harvest theme.

Monday 9th December – Christmas Craft theme

If you would like to, you can also leave a review on our school website. Better still, send one into us and we'll upload it for you.

School Council

Our School Council consists of representatives from each class (Years 1-6) and is elected by the children themselves. The Council meets regularly with Mrs Phoenix

to discuss any concerns or ideas from our pupils. The issues are then forwarded to our staff team for consideration. The School Council is very popular with our pupils, as it gives them a voice in school and enables the whole school community to work together. Mrs Phoenix will soon be holding our School Council elections and shall be sending out letters. Please could you discuss this process with your children and encourage them to apply if they feel it is something that they would like to be involved in.

Eco- Committee



At Great Budworth we care deeply about our World and the impact of climate change on the environment. We feel compelled to do something positive and make a small difference. We have set up a small eco committee, registered with Eco Schools, completed a review and formulated an action plan on what we feel

are actions that we can implement to make a difference to our little part of the World. If you would like to support our Eco committee, please get in touch with Mrs Corradine, Elizabeth Blight or Oscar Lyon and we would be happy to welcome your ideas and help. We meet weekly as part of our school 'watch'/eco club. Please see our after-school club offer for further details.



FoTS (Friends of the School)

Get Involved! We are so grateful for the amazing support and fundraising events the FoTS team organise for our children. Last year we had some amazing events including the Super Summer Fair which, despite the inclement weather, was a great success and forged good community relations. I know they have some wonderful events planned for this term including autumn disco and Christmas Fair and Wreath making to name just a couple of events, which they will confirm in their newsletter. Our FoTS team are a small, but friendly group of volunteers, if you would like to get involved and support, in any capacity, please do get in touch with Emma Woods or come to their AGM (Date to be confirmed).

Please keep an eye on the FoTS notice board for up and coming events.

Attendance Matters

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. Please

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE
<mark>90</mark> %	11	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	MATTERS
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE
80%		190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
		BE SMART BE THERE! Percentages based on 190 academic days	

note that I am unable to authorise absences for holidays taken outside of school holiday dates and fines will be administered for holidays of 5 or more consecutive days.

Family Support



Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust was established in 1995 to provide information, advice and support for unpaid carers across Cheshire and Warrington. The Trust has offices in Northwich, Chester and Crewe. They are a network partner of <u>Carers Trust</u> giving Carers links to over 100 local carers organisations.

The Carers Trust Offers:

- Quarterly newsletter: For carers and professionals.
- Carer's Helpline Monday to Friday 9-5: Offering information, advice and support to carers and professionals.

• **Monthly support groups**: Social group for carers in Frodsham, Winsford, Northwich, Neston and Chester to encourage peer support and to give a break from the caring role. Refreshments included.

- **Regular training for carers**: Training takes place in Northwich, Chester and Ellesmere Port and covers topics such as First Aid, Moving and Handling.
- **Benefits advice, form filling and advocacy**: Help with filling in forms for Blue Badge, Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance and PIP. Help with appeals and benefits checks.
- Weekly drop ins: Regular drop ins at Northwich, Chester and Ellesmere Port resource centres call in for information, advice and support.
- Monthly lunch clubs: Lunch club in Northwich, Chester and Ellesmere Port for carers including light lunch and a speaker.
- Events for carers throughout the year: Including Carers Celebration Day, Carers Rights Day and days out.
- Working carer groups and carer support: Regular working carer evening groups in Northwich and Chester, and specialist working carer support for those carers who juggle a paid job with their caring role. Support for employers to become carer friendly.
- Early identification of carers in Primary Care: Working with GPs to identify new carers at an early stage in their caring role and refer them to appropriate support services
- **Personal Budget**: To help carers access a break from their caring role. Each break is personalised to the carer. Examples of past breaks include visiting relatives, a gym membership, a day out or theatre trip.
- **Carers in Crisis Fund**: Small amount of money available to carers who find themselves in financial difficulty. At the discretion of the Chief Officer.

Helpline: 0300 102 0008

(Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm) (answer phone outside of these hours)

Home - Cheshire & Warrington Carers Trust (cheshireandwarringtoncarers.org)

If you would like any further information or to be referred, for this service, by our Family Support Worker - please contact Suzanne: sking@antrobus.cheshire.sch.uk suzanne.king@greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mrs Gould - PE lead – ably supported by the rest of the Great Budworth staff team. We look forward to applying once again in 2025!

After School Clubs - Great Budworth

Our enrichment curriculum for this half term is as follows:

All clubs for this half term will start during week commencing 2nd September and will run for 8 weeks unless stated below.

Payment for clubs will be made via ParentPay in a block booking.

Day & Time	Club	Cost	Run by
Monday 3:15- 4:15pm	Eco Club / Autumn	£2	Mrs Corradine
	Watch	(£14 Block booking)	
	A superb opportunity to make a difference. Find out about Eco projects and how we can make eco changes in school. Find out about nature in Autumn, through craft, art, exploring and researching.		
Tuesday lunchtime	Playground Games	free	PE Coach
Tuesday 3:15- 4:15pm	Rounders	£4 * (£28 Block	
		booking)	
Wednesday 3:15-	Lego Club	£2	Mrs Corradine
4:15pm		(£16 Block booking)	

	Build creations using Lego using our creator kits or go freestyle with our store of Lego		
Thursday 3:15-	Outdoor games	£2	Miss Crowson
4:15pm	Learn to play the French games of Boules and French Cricket	(£16 Block booking)	
Friday lunchtime	Netball	free	PE Coach

After school clubs at Antrobus School are also available for Great Budworth Pupils to attend. Parents will be able to collect their child at 3pm to transport the children to Antrobus ready for the club at 3:15pm. The same terms and conditions for payment will apply to Budworth children as at Antrobus. Clubs on offer at Antrobus are as follows:

	After Schools Clubs at Antrobus St Marks	Time	Year Group	Cost
Monday	School newspaper club with Mrs Almond	3:15-	Year 1-6	£28
(7 Week block) Starting Monday 9 th September	Space for 8 pupils who would like to help create Antrobus' very own school newspaper. This is a great opportunity to develop computing skills as our pupils create our paper using schools new laptops.	4:15		Block booking
	This club will run all year and if more than 8 children sign up we will set up a waiting list.			
Thursday	Volleyball and dodgeball	3:15-	Reception-	£28
(7 weeks- No clubs on parents evening 17.10.24)	An opportunity to learn the skills and rules of volleyball one week and then enjoy dodgeball on the other. These indoor sports are perfect for the unpredictable autumn weather that we have.	4:15	6	Block payment
Thursday	Movie club with Mrs Hughes	3:15-	Reception-	£28
(7 weeks- No clubs on parents evening 17.10.24)	An opportunity to enjoy some down time with your friends and enjoy a movie and popcorn snack before heading home. (Please note movies will be U and PG rating chosen by Mrs Hughes. If you sign up for this club you give permission for your child to be shown these rated movies)	4:15	Year 6	Block payment

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Please sign up for clubs via school spider.

School Uniform

I am very eager to promote a sense of pride about being part of Great Budworth School and believe that school uniform is an important part of this. I speak for all staff and Governors when I say that school uniform is a simple but powerful way of promoting a sense of belonging, unity and equality

across the school. Please support us by ensuring that your child has the correct uniform requirements. Our preloved uniform is also available, and our FoTS team hold regular opportunities for you to access this.

We have purchased some Great Budworth logos, which will enable you to purchase a pack of red polo shirts or white PE shirt and iron on the Budworth School logo instead of purchasing individual polo shirts with the logo already on them. These are available from the office and payable via parent pay. They will make a huge saving on individual uniforms.

In addition:

- Can all uniform be clearly labelled and ensure that PE kits are always kept in school. This will help to ensure all pupils are prepared for their weekly PE sessions and that any misplaced uniform can easily be found and returned to its owner.
- Only totally black trainers and traditional school shoes are to be worn in school.
- All earrings must be a simple stud which can be removed in PE lessons or covered with tape.
- Please note that nail varnish is not to be worn.

Your support is essential to maintain the highest standards and will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Snack

We are very excited to introduce our Great Budworth Tuck Shop Snack which will replace daily toast and bagels. Your child will be able to order from the snack list and our admin team will charge the order to your parent pay account. Here is the list of items your child may purchase:

Day	Item	Cost
Mon - Fri	Croissant	40p
	Pain au Chocolat	40p
	Ribena (reduced sugar) carton	40p
	Orange Juice carton	40p
	Belvita Cereal biscuits	40p
	Dairylea strip cheese	40p
	Yogurt tube (frube/Choob)	20p
Thursdays Only	Bacon Butty	f1
	Toast/ Bagel	30p





	Dates for Your Diary	
Date	Event	What you need to do/bring
W/C 2 nd Sept	Week 1	
	After School Clubs start	Make sure you've signed up on School Spider
Monday 2 nd	INSET	Don't come to school
	School Re-opens	Come to school Bring your PE kit
Friday 6 th	Family collective worship starts 9:00 am in the school hall	All welcome
W/C 9 th Sept	Week 2	
Monday 9th	Budworth Explorers Starts	Contact Hayley Gaylard Rees for details
W/C 16 th Sept	Week 3	
Wed 18 th	Year 4,5,6 football Leftwich	
Friday 20 th	Reception and new families welcome service 2:30pm in church	All families welcome to join us in welcoming our new families.
W/C 23 rd Sept	Week 4	
Thurs 26th	European Day of Languages	Children will explore different European countries
	Theme day	Luropean countries
W/C 30 th Sept	Week 5	
	NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week	
Thursday 3 rd October	National Poetry Day Macmillan Coffee Morning	Children will be sharing their favourite poems. Contributions of cake & bakes, helpers and attendees – All welcome.
W/C 7 th Oct	Week 6	
Tue 8 th October	Parent's Evening 3:30-5:00pm	Sign up for a slot on School Spider
Wed 9 th October	Parent's Evening 3:30-5:00pm	Sign up for a slot on School Spider
W/C 14 th Oct	Week 7	
Wed 16 th October	Great Budworth Open Morning	All welcome
	(Look out for the flyer with additional information)	
Fri 18 th October	Whole School Harvest	All welcome to join us
	Thanksgiving and Celebration in Church 1:15pm	Donations to the Foodbank and Changing Lives Together.

Wed 23 rd Oct	Netball at Leftwich	
Thurs 24 th October	School closes for half term	Have a lovely break ③
Fri 25 th October	Staff INSET day	Don't come into school
Mon 4 th Nov	School Re-opens	Please come to school 🗐

Collective worship

Collective worship this half term is based on the Christian Values of: Thankfulness and Kindness. Please see the home – school values sheet which will be uploaded onto Spider for ideas as to how you can explore these values together.

Each month we post the Action for happiness calendar on our Facebook Page. It suggests an activity each day of the month to enhance our well-being. Why not give it a try?

At the start of this academic year, may I share our school prayer with you:



School Prayer

This is our school. Let Peace dwell here Let there be love Love of one another And love of life itself And let us remember that as many hands build a home many hearts make a school Amen



As always, I am available most mornings or afternoons at the school gate to talk to parents. Please do let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way. We are very much looking forward to working with you all to build towards a successful year ahead, for our children, our families and our whole school community.

Kind Regards

Mrs R Corradine Head of School

