



Lavender Field provides innovative and enjoyable education, therapy and early intervention for pupils, enabling them to become independent, happy, positive and valuable members of society.



Autumn 1 Newsletter 2024

What a super half term it has been!

We are all ready for a well-earned rest over the half term break.

We finish on **Friday 25th October 2024** for the October half term and return to school on **Monday 4th. November 2024.**

Lockdown Procedures

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our pupils for their exemplary behaviour and maturity during our recent lockdown procedure practice. As part of our ongoing safeguarding this is an important drill to practice in order to ensure that everyone is aware of what to do in an emergency.

Road safety

This half term we welcomed local councillor Ben Wye back to Lavender Field school to host an assembly which congratulated pupils on their effort to improve road safety around the school. Last year, pupils voiced their opinions and concerns regarding traffic and road safety around the school and along with other local schools and this was taken to Crewe council who listened to the pupils and begun work installing speed bumps and a 20MPH zone around West Street. We are so proud of our pupils making such a difference!

Neil Smith

Head of School



Inter school competitions!

This half term we have kicked off the inter school sports competitions with a fantastic football tournament. Our KS2 team showed great teamwork and ended the tournament in 3rd place and our KS3 team battle until the end and after a close match finished the competition second. We are so proud of the passion, determination and resilience shown by all our pupils.



Parent engagement sessions.

Due to the success of our parent engagement sessions with our in-house therapist, Debora we will continue to host these this term. Sessions will be every Thursday from 9.45 until 11.15. They are a great environment to share concerns, experiences and successes, meet other parents and offload. To keep sessions personal there are a maximum of 5 spaces per session. If you would like to come along, please contact the office to book a slot.



Fundraising



A huge thankyou to our parents for your continued support. It was lovely to see so many of you at the MacMillan coffee afternoon. You helped the school raise a whopping £118.18 for the MacMillan cancer charity – a fund close to our hearts. We also supported Jeans for genes raising £21.50 for this charity.

Last year, as part of the Lavender 50 pledge, pupils raised money for charity through a school enterprise project.

We raised a total of £287.78 for The Wishing Well and two pupils who were selected by our school council members delivered a cheque to the charity. A huge thank you for your support in raising money for a fantastic charity.



Our next charity fundraiser, voted for by the school council is for Remembrance Day. In the lead up to this event children will be able to purchase hot chocolates with optional cream and marshmallows of Friday break times for the price of 50p. All money raised will support The Royal British Legion.

Enrichment days

Enrichment Days this half term:

World habitat day – across school, our pupils created explored world habitats and how they can be protected. This included tuff tray habitat exploration, habitat art and environmental debates.

For International Day of Democracy, we set up a school polling station. All pupils attended the polling station, registered to vote, and voted for their choice of school council members. Votes were then officially counted, and our new school council members announced. Congratulations to the new school councillors appointed.

Our KS4 have made an excellent start to their college courses. We love to support our pupils to make decisions for their future and Kayleigh our in-house careers lead works with pupils to help them make choices about their study in KS4. This year we have pupils studying health and social care, public services and gaming design.

For World Mental Health Day, pupils took part in a variety of workshops where they explored help available to people struggling with mental health, self-help strategies and success stories.



Trips and extra-curricular activities

- Orient, Coronation and Comet enjoyed a trip pumpkin picking as part of our Harvest celebrations.
- Broadsman enjoyed a trip to Nantwich Museum where they explored the Great Fire of Nantwich.
- Class Belle and Broadsman enjoyed a trip to Talacre beach to explore a beach setting linked to their English story.
- KS1 and 2 Coronation and Riviera enjoyed a trip to the pottery museum in Hanley to explore how history is preserved.
- Class Mayflower enjoyed tubing as part of their outdoor education.
- Class Mayflower and Class Jubilee enjoyed a trip to the airport café as part of their transport topic.

Dates for the diary



October

Friday 25th School closes for half term

November

Monday 4th School reopens.

Tuesday 15th Children in Need – wear something yellow or spotty!

December

Friday 6th Christmas fayre – 1.30pm

Monday 16th Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Friday 20th School Closes for Christmas



January

Tuesday 7th– Family IEP Day in school

Wednesday 8th School re-opened for pupils.

