

INWS NEWS



October 2024



A note from the Headteacher:

Happy First Half term

Welcome back to INWS News. We've had a great first half term and we are excited to let you know what we have been up to and what your children have been learning.

We have some updates on the DFE statutory guidance on Attendance and lots of information support for home. We have also provided information on parenting courses through the ADHD foundation.

Jayne

Upcoming events:

- Return Date- 4th November
- 12TH Nov- odd sock day
- Careers Day for KS4- 12th November
- Children in Need Activity week- wb 25th November
- Inspector Calls Theatre Trip- 21st November
- 2nd Dec- Royal Navy Visit

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Our term so far.....

Hello everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! I'm thrilled to share with you what has already been an amazing start to the academic year. We began with a real high, celebrating the fantastic GCSE results of our outgoing Year 11 students. Every single one of them has secured their next step, whether that's moving into further education or taking up an apprenticeship. This is an incredible achievement, and I'm so proud of how they've embodied our school's values right through to the end of their time with us.

As we settle into the year, our focus on British Values continues to shape the experience for all our students. We've had some fantastic enrichment activities to bring these values to life. Theatre trips to Liverpool have sparked creativity and broadened cultural understanding, while visits to the stunning Liverpool Cathedral gave students a deeper appreciation of the importance of tolerance for all faiths, as well as the history and architecture of the building itself.

Our students also had the unique experience of participating in a "Mock Jury," supported by Liverpool John Moores University. This was an invaluable opportunity for them to explore the justice system and develop critical thinking skills in a real-world context. We've also had visits to the Black History Museum, which gave students insight into the contributions of black individuals throughout history and culture, enriching their understanding and appreciation of diversity.

Our Inter-House competitions have been a huge success so far, with students getting involved in a range of activities from creative writing challenges to science events focusing on sustainability – it's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and teamwork!

Looking ahead to the second half of this term, we've got even more exciting personal development opportunities lined up. We'll continue to offer experiences that not only support academic growth but also foster the social and emotional well-being of our students, encouraging them to think critically, act responsibly, and engage actively in the world around them.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to an equally exciting and successful second half of the term!

Warm regards,
Jayne Jones
Headteacher

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Updates



September- Tolerance

October- Democracy

November- Rule of Law

December- Individual Liberty

What are INWS doing to improve Reading and Literacy Skills?

For those students who need intensive support for their phonics we use Read Write Inc

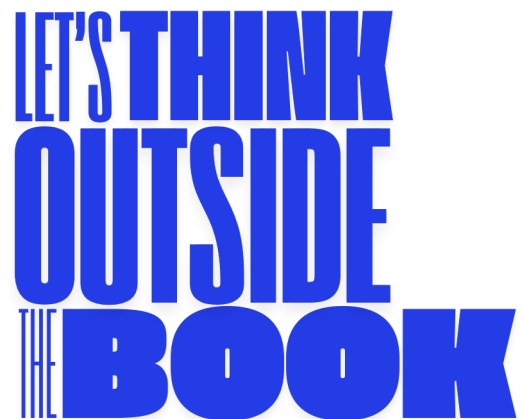
We use IDL Cloud for students who need some support for their reading speed and decoding

We have directed Reading time 3 times a week

Our website also has a library of audio books and a read along with me section to encourage reluctant readers

Local Library lessons for all students

Great work!



READY

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ADHD

If you would like to access free online webinars to support your child please email/call Suzy or Jayne for the link to any of the below courses

FOUNDATION

- ADHD: Neuroscience, treatment, stress management & well-being, self-regulation; supporting your child's emotional well being
- ASD: Neuroscience ASD, sensory sensitivities, meltdowns / shutdowns, promoting emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour: Functions of behaviour, behaviour triggers, Positive Behaviour Strategies, Self-care

Personal Development Updates

During this half term, we have been working hard towards Bronze Criteria for the Rights Respecting Schools Award. This prestigious award embeds values of respect creating a safe and inspiring environment for the staff and more importantly the students. We have been able to meet criteria for Bronze Certification. Here is some things we needed to do to secure it:

- Create a pupil led steering group
- Complete a staff and student questionnaire surrounding rights and respect
- put plans in place to achieve Silver Accreditation.

We are now putting plans in place, to go on further and achieve Silver Accreditation. I look forward to updating you on our progress, next half term.

Kind Regards,
Tom

www.tomrrowswomen.org.uk

We are a charity for women, run by women, offering support with a range of issues including domestic abuse, mental health, substance misuse, wellbeing & confidence, and social isolation.

We have a vision to support and empower women and girls from all backgrounds, facing any personal issues, to live equal and fulfilled lives.

If you need support and want to make positive changes in your life, Tomorrow's Women are here

Wirral timetable

for you.

Chester timetable

Support for Home

Charlotte's Brightside

Charlotte's Brightside charity was founded in memory of Charlotte Churchill, who died tragically in a car accident, the aims of the charity are to advance and relieve the needs of young people through: a) a provision of recreational and leisure activities, provided in an interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions in life. b) by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

<https://www.charlottesbrightside.org>

Crea8ing Community

Family, Mental Health & Employability Education and Support
<https://www.crea8ingcommunity.com>

Live Well Cheshire West

Information about local services and support for residents in Cheshire West.
<https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk>

West Cheshire Food Bank

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk>

Wirral Food Bank

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/>

National accreditations

so far.....

- OFSTED - Good Grading
- Inclusion Quality Mark - Centre of Excellence
- National Online Safety Certified School
- Working towards**
- The Anti-Bullying Quality Mark Award
- UNICEF- Rights Respecting School
- Attachment Sensitive and Trauma Aware Award
- Allergywise Award

Sendlo Wirral-

SENDLO brings together information about the local services and support available across education, health and social care for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25, who have special educational needs and/ or disabilities.

<https://www.sendlowirral.co.uk>

Community Support

On Mobile phones....

As you maybe aware the Government and DFE have made a stance on mobile phones in schools.

Mobile phones will be strictly forbidden at INWS. No student is allowed to enter the premises with a mobile phone. If your child fails to hand in their phone at the door or is caught using a mobile phone, an instant suspension will be issued and it is the duty of the Parent or Carer to collect the child from school if a suspension is issued. Any transport costs incurred to the schools as a result of a failure to collect will be passed onto the Parent or Carer.

If you have any queries regarding this please feel free to contact a member of the leadership team.

Arbor

Parent Portal Login



Arbor is the schools system to report to parents. As a Parent / Carer you can download the app and have live access to attendance and behaviour data but also have the opportunity to go paperless and receive all notifications through the app. If you don't know your login details please contact Suzy and she will resend the details through to your email.

OCTOBER 24 UPDATES

Attendance has changed

As a Parent or Carer, what do I need to know?

The government and DFE have the way they monitor school attendance.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education'.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

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Family Support

Wirral Students and Families

Get help if you need advice about debt or changes to your income. The Ask Us Wirral service run by Citizens Advice Wirral can help if you need specialist benefits, debt or housing advice. Call 0808 278 7848 and if the line is busy, leave a message for the team to get back to you.

You can also get advice if you have become unemployed, or are self-employed and this has resulted in changes to your income. Call the Citizens Advice Wirral Help to Claim team on 0800 144 8444.

Cheshire West and Chester Students and Families

Help in Emergencies for Local People. (HELP)

HELP is a discretionary scheme offering local welfare assistance including:

- support for exceptional needs
- limited payments for emergency funding in a crisis
- to help people moving out of care.

Any awards that are made are conditional, with you accepting any support from us that we consider you need. All awards are subject to a means test. This means we will look at your income and expenditure, which as any income that is available to you and may include income we usually ignore when looking at claims for Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction. Funding will be made on a one-off basis and will be restricted to one award in any 12 month period. Normally, awards will be restricted to provide help with food vouchers or recycled goods.

Apply for HELP online or call on 0808 175 3599 to request a paper form be sent to you. Our phone line opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

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Kids Eat Free and Offers

Liverpool 1 menus [https://www.liverpool-one.com/whats-on/kids-eat-free-menus/Main ones](https://www.liverpool-one.com/whats-on/kids-eat-free-menus/Main%20ones)

TGI Fridays- Kids eat free with 1 adult meal purchased
Slim chickens. Tenders kids meal £5.95

Asda

Children aged 16 and under can eat for £1 when dining at any time of day in [Asda Cafés](#).

Beefeater

Two kids, under the age of 16, eat free breakfast with any adult breakfast purchased for £10.99.

Brewers fair

Two children under 16 eat for free when one adult orders the £10.99 unlimited breakfast.

Hungry horse. Every Monday, children can eat for £1, some higher options are £1.50

Tesco

The supermarket's cafes will be offering one free Kids Hot Meal Deal, Kids Breakfast or Kids Pick 'n' Mix deal with each item bought by an adult from as little as 60p when showing their Tesco Clubcard at the till. <https://www.tescopl.com/kids-eat-free-scheme-returns-to-tesco-cafes-for-school-summer-holidays/>

Morrisons

Kids eat free. Offer only applies when you purchase any one adult meal with a value of £4.50 or over. <https://my.morrisons.com/kids-eat-free---tscs/>

Term Dates 24/25

Term Dates for Impact North West Schools 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Inset Days	Monday 2nd September 2024 Friday 08th November 2024
Open	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 to Friday 25 th October 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2024 to Friday 01 st November 2024
Open	Monday 04 th November 2024 to Friday 20 th December 2024
Christmas Break	Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Friday 03 rd January 2025

Spring Term 2025	
Inset Days	Friday 14th February 2025
Open	Monday 06 th January 2025 to Thursday 13 th February 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2025 to Friday 21 st February 2025
Open	Monday 24 th February 2025 to Friday 04 th April 2025
Spring Break (includes Easter Bank Holidays)	Monday 7 th April 2025 to Monday 21 st April 2025

Summer Term 2025	
Inset Days	Friday 06th June 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Open	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 to Friday 23 rd May 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 05th May 2025
Half Term (includes Bank Holiday)	Monday 26 th May 2025 to Friday 30 th May 2025
Open	Monday 2 nd June 2025 to Monday 21 st July 2025
September Return	Monday 01st September 2025 (INSET) Tuesday 02nd September (return)