

**WELCOME BACK! AS ALWAYS ATTENDANCE IS KEY. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAVE RELEASED NEW STATUTORY PROCEDURES REGARDING UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES WHICH INCLUDES FAMILY HOLIDAYS.**



Welcome back, everyone!

It's so lovely to see our school once again full of life and laughter! The children have returned, and the atmosphere is just as it should be—buzzing with energy and excitement. We've enjoyed many smiling faces, and it truly warms the heart to see everyone re-establishing those treasured relationships.

A huge shout-out goes to our new Reception children who have settled in beautifully! It's wonderful to see how quickly they've joined our school family, making new friendships and already falling in love with their new surroundings. It's as if they've been here forever! Lessons are well and truly underway, and the children are already soaking up the knowledge and skills being shared with them. The classrooms are alive with enthusiasm and curiosity, and it's been a sheer joy to witness their eagerness to learn.

As we embark on another exciting year together, I encourage everyone to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. Let's keep that positive energy flowing as we support our children on their learning journeys. Here's to a fantastic term filled with fun, growth, and plenty of memorable moments!

## Attendance Matters!

Last year, a small number of families took unauthorised holidays during school time.

We understand the unfair price hikes during school holidays for both families and staff, but the impact on children's learning is significant.

In August, the government introduced new rules regarding unauthorised absences, which now includes any holiday taken in term time. The new rules involve tougher penalties, with the previous limit of five days now applied cumulatively rather than consecutively. We want everybody to be aware of this rather than being unexpectedly shocked.



The Ellesmere Port  
C of E College



**YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN EVENING**  
TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024 6:00PM - 8:00PM



**Dates and Notices**  
**Monday 9th September - 6F** Swimming  
**Thursday 12th September - 4R** Swimming  
**Friday 27th September - European Day of Languages**  
 (more information to follow)  
**Friday 27th September - 6F** Class Assembly  
**Friday 4th October 9:00 - 9:30 - Whole School** Stay and Read  
**Friday 11th October - 5/6C** Class Assembly  
**Monday 11th November - Flu immunisations**  
**Friday 15th November - 5M** Class Assembly