



Key Dates Nov/Dec

Weaverham High School

Monday 10th November - Black History Month Lecture at Manchester University

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Service - St Mary's Church - School Council

Wednesday 12th November - Year 10 Art Trip World Museum

Thursday 13th November – Year 11 Assembly Reaseheath College

17th – 28th November – Walking Talking Mocks Year 11

Thursday 20th November - Year 9 Theatre Trip A Christmas Carol

Saturday 22nd November - French Exchange Trip Departs

Wednesday 26th November - Cologne Christmas Markets Trip Depart

Friday 28th November - School Closed to Pupils INSET Day

Friday 28th November – Parent Lost Property Collection Event 10am – 1pm

Friday 28th November - Nominations open for the Autumn Term Awards

Wednesday 3rd December - Year 7 & 8 Trip to Matilda the Musical, Liverpool

Thursday 4th December - CCSW college motivational day Year 11

Friday 5th December - Study SMART Liverpool Hope University Trip

Friday 5th December – School Choir at OAP lunch, Weaverham Community Centre

w/c 8th December - Year Group Autumn Term Awards Assemblies

Thursday 11th December - Year 11 Photography Mock Exam

Wednesday 17th December - SEN Christmas Trip to Blakemere

Thursday 18th December - Girls Cricket Competition

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Concert

Friday 19th December - Christmas Church Service

Friday 19th December – School Closes to all pupils at 1pm

Literacy at Weaverham High School

At Weaverham High School, literacy is at the heart of everything we do. We believe that strong reading, writing, and communication skills are essential for academic success and lifelong learning. Our approach is evidence-informed, consistent, and tailored to meet the needs of all students.

Key Literacy Objectives:

- Improve reading fluency and comprehension for students below age-related expectations.
- Enhance spelling accuracy across all key stages.
- Support other schools in developing reading practices (DfE Pilot).
- Embed disciplinary literacy across all subjects.

How We Support Literacy:

1. Disciplinary Literacy

Each subject teaches the specific reading, writing, and speaking skills needed to succeed in that discipline. For example, History focuses on structured factual writing, while Maths emphasises understanding technical vocabulary.

2. Reading Culture

Reading is promoted across the school through:

- Accelerated Reader Programme (Years 7 & 8): Students take regular reading tests, choose books suited to their level, and complete quizzes to track progress.
- Library Lessons: Fortnightly sessions with access to a wide range of books and librarian support.
- Word Millionaire Challenge: Rewards for reading achievement.
- WeavWords Festival: Our annual celebration of reading.

3. Tutor-Time Reading

KS3 – Read Aloud: Tutors read aloud twice weekly; students follow along and discuss themes such as identity and relationships.

KS4 – Register, Read, Respond: Focuses on academic texts and vocabulary to support GCSE success.

4. Targeted Reading Support

Students with significant reading difficulties receive personalised interventions such as:

- Lexonik Leap (phonics)
- IDL Literacy (for dyslexic traits)
- 1:1 and small group support from trained staff

Progress is tracked and parents are kept informed.

5. SEND Literacy Support

Students with special educational needs benefit from:

- Exam Access Arrangements
- Support from a Dyslexia Advocate
- Assistive technology (e.g., Chromebooks, Claro Read, Reading Pens)
- Visual stress screening and coloured overlays
- Literacy support in The Hive (our provision for vulnerable learners)

🎯 2025–26 Literacy Goals:

- ☒ Improve reading fluency and comprehension for students below age-related expectations.
- ☒ Enhance spelling accuracy across all key stages.
- ☒ Support other schools in developing reading practices as part of the DfE Pilot.
- ☒ Embed whole-school disciplinary literacy across all subjects.

How Parents Can Help:

- o Encourage regular reading at home.
- o Use the Tutor-Time Reading Website to explore recommended texts and purchase books.
- o Talk to your child about what they're reading and celebrate their progress.

If you have any questions or would like support with your child's literacy development, please contact the Literacy Lead or SEND team at Weaverham High School.

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Sunday 9 November Remembrance Day Parade and Service – The parade will leave Northwich Road shops at 2.30pm followed by the service and wreath laying at St Mary's Church at 3.00pm

Tuesday 11 November – 10.50am a short act of remembrance at the Cenotaph outside St Mary's Church including the 2-minute silence.

Challenge at Weaverham

At Weaverham we believe that every student deserves to be challenged and supported to reach their full potential. Our commitment to academic excellence and high aspirations has once again been reflected in outstanding student achievements.

Challenge at Weaverham High School this term

Week commencing 3rd Nov - JG to meet with endeavor pupils to look at different revision methods trying to find the one that meets their learning style.

7th Nov Green Expo Youth Conference, Careers, Year 10

10th November BHM Lecture 2025 with Professor David Olusoga: "History Reimagined for A Changing World" (KS3-5)

17-21 November 2025 National Language Competition (NLC) will be returning in November this year. The NLC is open to Year 9 students, competing in teams of up to four. There is no maximum number of team entries per school. The NLC challenges vary in difficulty, require no prior language knowledge, and are worth varying amounts of points. We have an exciting new interactive format for your students to take on this year as well. Speak to Ms Blackwell in C9 if you would like to set up a team.

24th November - Higher nationals' presentation from University of Manchester

5th Dec Study SMART trip to Liverpool Hope Uni, Careers

Ongoing clubs that will Challenge you:

Year 9 D&T Masterclass – By invitation Speak to Mr Ripley

Elite Reader Club – Starting in January

War Hammer - Tuesday and Thursday after school speak to Mr Allcock

Weaverham News Writing Challenge Club – Speak to Mrs Cornwall for details

Maths Club – Wednesday speak to Miss Piggin or Mr Blackman

Supporting Parents to Keep their Child Safe

We have recently updated a key section of our school website that we urge parents to visit. The link below will take you to the correct page which is under the PARENT tab.

[Supporting parents to keep our pupils safe | WEAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL Lime Avenue, Weaverham. Cheshire. CW8 3HT](#)

This section of our website will provide parents with relevant information about a range of topics and includes appropriate links to external support to ensure our young people are supported at school and home. You will find 5 areas of focus, the most recent of which 'Ketamine' includes downloadable facts sheets that will support parents and pupils in understanding the risks associated with this illegal drug.



Road Safety

To help keep children safe, we all have a key role to play:

Park appropriately and within the law, away from:

- zigzag lines, double yellow lines, parking restrictions or school crossings,
- residents' driveways; and
- corners (parking on corners restricts other people's view of the road.)
- Consider collecting your child from one of the local car parks

Remind your child about road safety and remind them never to run across the roads between cars and buses. Not using a mobile phone when crossing the road. Weaverham staff in orange jackets are outside school to help pupils cross safely, please encourage your child to cross the road with one of these members of staff or use the pedestrian crossing.

Safe. Ready. Respect.

The vast majority of Weaverham pupils demonstrate our core values of Safe Ready and Respect in their every day interaction with staff, each other and beyond the school gates when they are in their local community. This makes us exceptionally proud of the incredible young people they are. We have high expectations of our pupils both in and out of school and when behaviour falls below those expectations it is right that we prioritise addressing those concerns. We are asking for your support as a very small number of pupils have not enacted these values after school as we have had a concern raised by a local resident in Sandiway living close by to Cuddington Primary School. We do not know which pupils are involved in anti social behaviour towards this resident and so we are working closely with them and our PCSO to address this. If your child does spent time in this area during an evening, please do reiterate to them the importance of being respectful to property and to members of the community. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Parent Lost Property Collection Event: 10am - 1pm Friday 28th Nov

We are holding a lost property collection event between 10am to 1pm on Friday 28th November in the Main Hall for parents to come into school.

We have several bin bags full of lost property, this includes:

COATS: mostly boys' winter coats including brands such as North Face, Under Armour, Berghaus, Bench and Fatface

We also have: LUNCHBOXES / WATER BOTTLES / SHOES / TRAINERS / PE BAGS

Unfortunately, 95% of these items are not named.

Please remember to write your child's name on all labels including coats.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

The Government strongly discourages the practice of taking holiday in term time. Holiday absence will not be authorised. Unauthorised holiday taken during term time will result in the imposition of a Fixed Penalty

Notice of £80 per parent, per absent child.

School term dates can be found on the school website [Calendar / Term Dates | WEAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL Lime Avenue, Weaverham. Cheshire. CW8 3HT](#)

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School Year 2025-2026

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING (Pupils last day in school before break)	DATE OF RE-OPENING
SUMMER 2025		Monday 1 st September
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2025	Friday 24 th October	Monday 3 rd November
CHRISTMAS 2025	Friday 19 th December	Monday 5 th January
SPRING HALF TERM 2026	Friday 13 th February	Monday 23 rd February
SPRING BREAK 2026	Wednesday 1 st April	Monday 20 th April
SUMMER HALF TERM 2026	Friday 22 nd May	Monday 1 st June
SUMMER 2026	Friday 17 th July	Tuesday 1 st September

MAY DAY 2026	School Closed Monday 4 th May
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INSET DAYS
Monday 1 st September 2025
Friday 28 th November 2025
Monday 20 th July 2026
Tuesday 21 st July 2026
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026

ABSENCE

If a pupil is absent for any reason parents/carers should contact the school office **every day** that the pupil is absent. This can be done by emailing

attendance@weaverhamhighschool.com or by telephone on 01606 852120 option 1 leaving a message on the attendance line, with the child's name, form and reason for their absence. Please also inform the school in advance of medical appointments and other known future absences.