

10th January 2025



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

January 2025

15th & 16th January – Year 6 Bikeability

16th January - FOWS Meeting

17th January – Year 5 Bikeability (rescheduled)

20th Jan – 7th Feb – Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

28th January – Year 5 Singfest Rehearsal

February 2025

4th February – Year 1 & 2 Phonics Information Evening (Parents Invited)

14th February – School Closes

24th February – School Opens

All this information and more can be found under Events on our website

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

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

A fabulous week this week. We have had lots of snowy fun. We have been spotting signs of Winter and talking about the changes we will see over the Winter period. We have been experimenting with melting ice and have made some super predictions. In Literacy, we have started our new text and Juniper Jupiter and have designed our own superheroes. We have explained their superpower and described what they look like. In Maths, we have been

exploring zero and identifying representations that show zero. We have also been using our subitising skills to spot smaller amounts within bigger amounts speedily.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

What a wonderful first week back the children have had, they have worked really hard despite the cold weather outside.

In literacy we have been immersing ourselves into our new text 'Hermelin'. The children have been using role play to explore new vocabulary and we have been sharing our ideas on what a detective is.

In maths we have started to look at numbers to 20. The children have been using counters to show different numbers, and we have been showing different ways that we can show 10.

In whole class read the children loved our new text 'Chocolate cake' by Michael Rosen. We made predictions using the front cover as a prompt and we watched a clip of Michael performing his poem.

In RE this week we have begun to look at Judaism and who God is to the Jews. The children identified a promise and were able to understand that trust is important when making an agreement.

In PSHE we have starting to look at our dreams and goals. The children made their own treasure chests and they set themselves simple goals.

Have a fabulous weekend year one!!

Owls and Robins

We were very excited to welcome Year 2 back after half-term & we are very proud of how well they have settled back into their routines!

In Literacy, this week the children have had great fun immersing themselves in our new text 'Bog Baby'. The week started with lots of excitement as a Bog Baby habitat appeared outside the classroom. The children then made predictions about the text, looked at new vocabulary and have written some creative, descriptive poems about the Bog Baby!

In Maths, we have continued our learning about shapes. We have looked at symmetry, sorting 2D shapes and counting the faces of 3D shapes! Can your child recall what 'symmetry' is? Can they describe what a 'hemisphere' is?

History this week certainly captured many children's interests as we learned about the 'Wright Brothers'. The children learned about the 'Wright Brothers' and then created comic strips about their lives and the importance of their 12-second flight!

In RE, we have started a new enquiry question for our topic on Islam which looks at 'Who is God to Muslims?' This week's lesson focused on 'respect' and how to show this. The children were coming up with lots of ideas of how they can show respect in different ways!

Fantastic conversations were had this week during our myHappyMind session! The children thought about character strengths and told each other which character strength they show and how they show this. It was lovely to hear the positive strengths the children saw in each other! In PSHE, the children thought about achievements and how achievements make them feel.

Computing this week focused on spreadsheets! The children were extremely engaged during the session and enjoyed using 2Calculate on Purple Mash to explore all the different things that can be done on spreadsheets! The children were particularly impressed with how the software could solve calculations instantly!

Well done Year 2!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

Welcome back Year 3! It has been a cold start to the year but the children have warmed their brains up and made a great start on their new learning. In Literacy, we have started our new book, Jemmy Button, and the children have loved exploring the different parts of his journey. They have started to think about great vocabulary ready to write a lovely setting description next week. In Maths, we have started looking at multiplication and related calculations. The children couldn't believe that they could use 2×3 to help them to work out 2×30 . The children's recorder sessions have now sadly ended, but they have started a new exciting topic on planets in Music and they are also loving learning their new French vocabulary all about animals! In Science, they are beginning their new topic on rocks, which the children show a keen interest in. We are disappointed that our trip to Chester couldn't go ahead, however we will begin to immerse ourselves in Roman life next week at school. A great start to the spring term!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Christmas break. Despite being an extremely cold week and unfortunately our Chester visit being cancelled the children have worked incredibly hard and enjoyed starting some of our new units of work. In maths we have been looking at factor pairs and multiplying/dividing by ten. In Literacy, the children have been introduced to the new focus text 'Rhythm of the Rain' and have applied their understanding of lots of new vocabulary. We have also started our art topic which is based on 3D sculpture by completing an artist study of Magdalene Odundo who is a famous British potter. Although we were unable to visit Chester, we have

spent the day getting to know about life in Ancient Rome. We have looked at a variety of buildings from this time period and explored what this meant life was like. Well done for a great first week back, have a lovely weekend.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to 2025.

In literacy, we have started our new text all about Charles Darwin. The children are engaged and some have recalled knowledge from science last year. In maths, year 6 have started their ratio unit of work whilst year 5 have been learning about long multiplication. In science, we have started our living things and their habitats unit by leaning about natural scientists such as David Attenborough. During RE, we have looked at commitments and what the children are committed to. In French we have recalled names of fruits and vegetables whilst in PSHE we have discussed our goals and dreams.

The children have been extremely patient this week with regards to the weather. They thoroughly enjoyed the snow but the ice and cold have been less favourable. They have been excellent in their attitudes with the change in routine though. Thank you!

We hope you have a great weekend and the weather warms up slightly next week!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Rose	For super sentence writing. Well done!
Cygnets	Rory	For super subitising in Maths. Well done!
Pufflings	Mya & Ava	For a super start to the term.
Goldfinches	Ewan	For being very observant in Maths and spotting mistakes on the board.
Goldfinches	Robin	For sharing her amazing ideas in Literacy this week about being a detective.
Woodpeckers	Emmy	For trying really hard to improve her writing.
Woodpeckers	Poppy	For being more independent in maths and engaging well with Numbots.
Owls	Ronald	For creating a fantastic comic-strip about the 'Wright Brothers' in History which included some incredibly detailed drawings!
Owls	Ella	For an aspirational piece of writing in Literacy! Ella wrote a creative poem describing 'Bog Baby' using smilies, expanded-noun phrases and newly-learned vocabulary!
Robins	Finley	For sharing his ideas in literacy lessons.
Robins	Harper	For her arithmetic skills in Maths today.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Bonga	For showing a keen interest in learning the new vocabulary all about animals in French.
Sandpipers	Nyla	For being a lovely, helpful talk partner. Keep it up!
Moorhens	Deacon & Lily	For using their imagination to create descriptive similes.
Kingfishers	Sid	For trying his best to show resilience with his learning and find solutions when things get difficult!
Kingfishers	Isaac	For showing a mature attitude towards learning and having a fantastic first week back, completing some great writing in Literacy using new vocabulary.
Lapwings	Mason	For taking on the challenge of writing cursive this week and doing an excellent job! He has written neatly, clearly and absolutely beautifully. Well done Mason!
Lapwings	Zara	For writing some excellent sentences in Literacy this week, and using her green and orange pencil crayons to find her punctuation and the word focus. Well done, adding colour to your sentences has Cleary helped you and you have produced some brilliant work.
Kestrels	Jacob	For showing such determination and self-belief this week! We are very proud of you. Well done!
Kestrels	Bea	For always making positive contributions in the classroom and being a supportive friend to her peers. Well done!
Hawks	Henry	For using ambitious vocabulary choices in his Literacy work this morning – well done Henry!
Hawks	Frankie	For contributing to class discussions with thoughtful and mature responses. Well done Frankie!
Eagles	Ethan	For excellent work solving problems using ratio this week.
Eagles	Sophia	For always taking extra responsibilities to keep the new building tidy
The Hive	Harley & Jack	For always helping and sharing with others.

The Hive

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all.

The children have settled back into the Hive routines playing with their friends and catching up on each other's news. Celebrating their news is something that the children are really proud of.

We have been able to use the different classrooms this week, Kerry's group has created pompom turtles, which were lovely and named by the children. Mr Sutton has also taken small groups of children to do indoor sports activities.

In the main hall colouring and Lego are still the favourites.

As always if you need to contact myself or Kerry this can be done by the school office, thank you.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

 News from FOWS 

What a wintery start to the new year! We hope you have all had a lovely festive period.

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to volunteer more for your community and you've already given up on the rest... then look no further than FOWS! It certainly gives you that warm, fuzzy feeling inside to help out and be part of a team. If you'd like to see what we are all about, be involved in planning events and have a say in how money is spent by the school, come along to our FOWS meeting on Thursday the 16th of January at 7.30pm in Barchetta. The first 30 mins is more of a social chat, a chance to get to know other parents, then we get into the meeting from 8pm.

See you there!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

Friends of Wheelock School

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Free School Meals

Please find below the link to apply for Free School Meals. If you do qualify for this it covers lots more than just the school meals therefore it may be worth taking a look.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

NEW Spring Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 06.01.2025, 20.01.2025, 03.02.2025, 03.03.2025, 17.03.2025, 31.03.2025.	Main Choice	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Chicken Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Roast Beef served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Cottage Pie served with Vegetables & Gravy	Fish & Chips served with Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Veggie Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Dippers served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Tuna	Ham
	Dessert	Homemade Shortbread or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Shortbread or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Muffin or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 13.01.2025, 27.01.2025, 10.02.2025, 24.02.2025, 10.03.2025, 24.03.2025.	Main Choice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	All-Day Breakfast
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Meatballs & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Sausage served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Veggie Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	All-Day Vegan Breakfast
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Ham	Tuna	Cheese	Ham	Cheese
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

All cakes, biscuits and pizza bases are homemade on the premises
All meat and poultry products are supplied fresh by Anderton's Butchers



MINI MOVIES

**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

ITV's hit kids' show, Mini Movies, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part.

You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills!

If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email...

casting@thechancercollective.com

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

**CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON [ITVX](#)
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Football Wednesday Yr 3-6 08.01.25 - 12.02.25 3:15 - 4:15 £30 (6 weeks)	Target Games Thursday Yr 1/2 09.01.25 - 13.02.25 3:15 - 4:15 £30 (6 weeks)
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What does my child need?

- Old trainers/football boots
- PE kits
- Water bottle

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Click [HERE](#) to book HT3

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☎ 01270 449770
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JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY **event**
9.30AM TO MIDDAY



JOIN OUR
**Spectacular
Junior
Scientist
Event**

THE
QUEEN'S SCHOOL
GIRLS AGED 4-18

SANDBACH YOUTH THEATRE MIDDLEWICH

Hello! Allow us to introduce ourselves...

Sandbach Youth Theatre was relaunched this year. We are a group for young people interested in devising theatre and showcasing their creative voices. For ages 6 - 12, sessions take place at Sandbach Library on Wednesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

We currently have spaces for new members, we are offering a free trial session after half term! It will be opportunity for your young person to meet new people, participate in drama games, and work creatively!

If you would like to come along to the session, you can sign up with the email below. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you would like to join us, please contact us at
info@sandbachmiddlewichyouththeatre.co.uk

