# 12th September 2025





# Newsletter

# Dates for your Diary

### September 2025

22nd September – Whole School – Flu Immunisations

24th & 25th September – Year 6 First Aid Course

24th September – Tempest Individual Photographs

26th September – Sports Day (weather permitting) (Parents Invited)

#### October 2025

1st October – Family Hub Parenting Course

7th October – Tempest Sibling Photos

21st & 22nd October - Parents Evening

22nd & 23rd October – Year 5&6 Viking Workshop (In School)

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

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

### Class News

# Cygnets and Pufflings

Our first full week in Reception has been a busy and exciting one, filled with smiles, new experiences, and growing independence. The children have begun to settle into daily routines, learning to navigate their new environment with increasing confidence. We've

focused on building positive relationships, exploring the classroom, and understanding the rhythm of the school day.

A key mantra this week has been "choose it, use it, put it away", helping children develop a sense of responsibility and independence in their learning and play. This simple but powerful phrase supports personal, social, and emotional development, encouraging children to make choices, take care of resources and consider others in a shared space.

We've seen lovely examples of children exploring the areas of provision, showing curiosity, and beginning to engage with both familiar and new activities. Through play, they are learning how to take turns, express their ideas, and manage transitions, all important skills that lay the foundations for future learning.

We're incredibly proud of how well everyone is settling in and look forward to building on this strong start in the weeks to come!

# Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

What a fantastic start Year 1 have had! We have been blown away by their resilience, energy and efforts and they have settled exceptionally well.

In Literacy, the children have enjoyed immersing themselves into the book 'Old Bear' and have produced some fantastic sentences about Old Bear's looks and feelings. Some children could include an 'and' in their sentence to make it even better! They have enjoyed bringing their ideas to life in the continuous provision by role playing with old toys, building a house for Old Bear and his friends, and drawing him, explaining his looks with some labels.

This book has linked nicely to our History topic, with a focus on old toys. This week we discussed what toys our parents and grandparents may have played with. They were excited to go home and ask their families lots of questions!

In Maths, we have continued to explore numbers to 10, and the children's counting knowledge is becoming more solidified. They are very quick with it now! We are continuing to work on number formation, as lots of children are struggling with the number 5. It would be fantastic if you could continue this practise at home.

The children did a fantastic job at sorting materials in Science, categorising everyday objects into metal, wood or plastic. They loved hunting for different materials.

The children have made a strong start in their phonics groups this week. We have had lots of phonics stars and great engagement. Please try and read the children's phonics books with them at least 4 times a week, a gold star if they reach 5 times a week!

A truly brilliant start for Year 1. Well done!

#### Owls and Robins

What a fantastic week in Year 2! In Literacy, the children have explored the story 'A River' and the WAGOLL 'A journey on a river'. The children have: looked at using conjunctions, thought about what the character does and how they feel and have written a character description too! We were impressed by some very creative writing in only week 2! In Maths, the children have been identifying the tens and ones of a number within 100. There was excitement on Friday, when the children had their first arithmetic lesson too! In Science, we have been identifying what materials different objects are made from. In Geography, we looked at the 7 continents of the world and enjoyed singing the Continents Song! We thought about rights and responsibilities in PSHE - there were some thoughtful conversations about why looking after the environment is a big responsibility we all have. Our focus in RE was the story of the Good Samaritan - we thought about which people in it showed kindness. In Computing, we have been busy beginning to use PurpleMash to code. Finally, lots of fun was had in Woodland where we collected natural objects to use for our DT project. A super week of learning Year 2 - Well done! Keep it up:)

# Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have been busy analysing the vocabulary and structural features of their threat narrative in preparation to write their own next week. They have really impressed with their use of vocabulary as well some lovely handwriting already! In mathematics we have continued to review and build on place value knowledge. Year 3 have coped very well with some rather trickier flexible partitioning. Some superb mental arithmetic displayed throughout. We had lots of fun in science investigating whether longer legs meant you could jumper further. The children discovered that it was more about skill and technique. In history, we have been using toilet roll to truly understand how long ago different 'ages' in history are. In art, we have started our botany unit by exploring the life and works of the artist Maud Paudy. We would like to thank the children for persevering while we test them on the KS1 common exception words- super attitude to learning. Today they will have brought home their reading diaries. These have your child's logins for TTrockstars, purple mash and accelerated reader plus their ZPD. You will also find KS1 common exception words. You will see the words that have not been ticked for the children to be working on at home.

# Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have had an excellent first 2 weeks back in school! We have dived head first into our Literacy book 'The Whale' and we have explored the text, making predictions, investigating the structure and language features, how the writer has added tension and we have even acted out some freeze frames, to bring the text to life. In Maths we have started the year focusing on the place value of numbers, looking at thousands, hundreds, tens and ones and

partitioning these numbers, writing them on number lines and also flexibly partitioning the numbers, which has been great fun as we have used manipulatives such as denes and counters to make our new numbers.

In Science, our topic this half term is Animals including Humans, and we have learnt all about how we digest food and how movements of mass peristalsis move out food down our oesophagus into our stomach. We have also learnt about teeth, and the purpose of each tooth, as well as how many sets of teeth we get in our lifetime and why babies don't have teeth. Why don't you ask - what are the canines for!?

Music has been really exciting and up-beat, as we have been learning all about the history of Rock & Roll music. We have been dancing to Rock around the Clock, using the hand jive, which was great fun! We have now learnt to sing Rock around the clock, and will be practising learning to play this over the next few weeks! In History, we have been looking at primary and secondary sources to learn about how children's childhood has changed overtime, from the Romans, the Tudors to the Victorian times.

In Art, we have been learning all about Clara Peeters and her artwork, as she is going to be our artist focus for this half term. Coding, began this week as part of our Computing scheme of work, and we loved trying to make the turtle move off the page on Purple Mash. In NumberSense we are recapping our 2 times tables, and will soon be introducing our square numbers and our 5 times tables, so if we can start practising this at home, this would be great!

We are looking forward to a fun week of learning ahead next week with the Lapwings and Kingfishers!

#### Kestrels and Red Kites

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks with year 5. It's been so nice to welcome them back after the summer holidays - ready for UKS2.

In literacy, the children have been looking at space and creating an exploration narrative. They have built up vocabulary and recognised how an astronaut might feel or react whilst on the moon. They produced some lovely work so far.

In maths, we have been working on place value. The children have been securing their knowledge of numbers you to 1,000,000 as well as Roman numerals.

In science, we started out Earth and space topic by ordering the planets and finding key facts about them. During history, we explored where the Vikings came from and why they would want to come to Britain. In RE, we discussed our commitments and how we show we are committed to things. In art, we continued to look at space and focussed on retro futuristic art. The children created some small sections of space images. In PSHE, we spoke about our

hopes and fears as well as discussing being a good global citizen. During French, the children are learning how to say how they feel such as I am hungry! During music, we sang an Egyptian song. Finally, the children had great fun in computing coding using Minecraft.

A wonderful couple of weeks- well done year 5. You've been great- keep up the fantastic work! Have a wonderful weekend!

# Eagles and Hawks

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to the academic year and are already showing great maturity as the oldest children in the school. Several members of staff across the school have commented on this, with both classes already earning several golden tokens for setting an amazing example across the school.

This week in maths, Year 6 have been exploring place value of numbers up to 10 million, including rounding numbers and understanding negative numbers. In literacy, the children have been exploring the book When We Walked on The Moon and have begun to use this to write imaginative setting descriptions. In science we have begun to explore how the circulatory systems works. In computing, we have been learning how to use code to create games with timers and scoring systems.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Welcome to Year 6' meeting. The slides from this meeting are available on the website. All Year 6 pupils are invited to attend arithmetic boosters after school, which start on Tuesday 16th September. We will be continuing different booster sessions throughout the year to help the children prepare for the SATs tests in May 2026 and will keep you informed of this throughout the year.

# Praise

# Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets & Pufflings	Whole Class	All of Reception for settling so beautifully!
Goldfinches	Isla	For working incredibly hard in Literacy and producing some fantastic detailed sentences.
Goldfinches	Elise	For working incredibly hard in Literacy and producing some fantastic detailed sentences.
Woodpeckers	George	For writing some fantastic sentences independently.
Woodpeckers	Rose	For always being ready to learn.
Owls	Hattie	For aspirational writing in Literacy - creating a creative and careful character description!
Owls	Rowan	For aspirational learning in Maths - solving every (extra!!) challenge each day this week!
Robins	Carter	For working hard in PE and getting 5-star superstar☆
Robins	Abigail	For working hard in PE and getting 5-star superstar ☆

# Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Layla	For showing aspiration during her maths and Literacy lessons this week.
Sandpipers	Grace B	For being a respectful member of Sandpipers and helping her peers.
Moorhens	Orin	For showing an excellent attitude to learning in all areas of the curriculum this week.
Moorhens	Ada	For being a role model for the Wheelock values and behaviours.
Kingfishers	Deacon	For following instructions and setting a great example.
Kingfishers	Thea	For trying really hard to improve in Maths.
Lapwings	Sophie	For being conscientious, hardworking and always on task. Sophie has made a great start to Year 4, and is interested, attentive and always ready to learn. Well done Sophie!
Lapwings	Arthur	For being a good friend to others and showing a lovely, caring nature. He is considerate of others feelings and a kind and caring friend. Arthur has also made a fantastic start to Year 4, showing he is ready to learn and making great contributions to all his lessons.
Kestrels	Theo	For an outstanding start to year 5 - I am so impressed with your attitude to learning and your work. Well done!
Kestrels	Orla	For a super effort shown in maths - great participation in lessons and a good understanding of our topic. Well done!
Red Kites	Teddy	For being very focused and working hard throughout the week.
Red Kites	Jasmine	For being very focused and working hard throughout the week.
Hawks	Lucas	For making a superb start to Year 6, demonstrating readiness and maturity for the year ahead.
Hawks	Eden	For showing confidence and a determination to succeed. I am certain that Year 6 will be a really successful year for you Eden. Well done!
Eagles	Beatrice	For fantastic work across the curriculum and being a very thoughtful member of our class.
Eagles	Liam	For excellent vocabulary choices in his written work throughout literacy lessons this week.

#### The Hive

Welcome back after the Summer holidays and welcome to the Hive Autumn one term.

Over the last two weeks the children have enjoyed getting back into their routines and meeting up with their friends. The children have played sports games with the Sports Coaching team, indoors the children have showed off their creative skills through drawing and colouring activities.

The new children to the Hive have also settled in with the Hive routines.

Can we take the time to remind you to not share the Hive gate code with the children, for safeguarding reasons, also please make sure that the gate is closed behind you, please do not leave the gate open!

The Hive praise this week is awarded to Sophia and Oliver for being a great team member and sharing their skills with others.

### FOWS NEWSLETTER





🚨 🚨 News from FOWS 🚨 🚨



Welcome Back to a New School Year!

We hope you've all had a great summer. At our AGM last week, we took a moment to look back on everything we achieved together in 2023/24 — and what a year it was!

With your incredible support, we ran three fantastic events — the Summer Fair, Christmas Fair, and Chocolate Bingo. Whether you donated prizes, baked cakes, volunteered your time, or simply came along to join in the fun, we are so grateful. Your generosity and enthusiasm made each event such a success.

Thanks to this, we were able to give some brilliant donations back to the school. These included funding the coaches for the theatre trip, providing the Year 6 leavers' hoodies, and buying the Christmas tree to bring festive cheer. Our biggest achievement, though, was being able to fund a school counsellor, employed by Swans, who will be in school one day a week to work with children both in small groups and one-to-one. We are so proud that our fundraising can support something so valuable for the children's wellbeing.

We're really looking forward to another exciting year ahead. Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 9th October, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible — it's a great chance to get involved, share your ideas, and help us plan what's next.

Thank you again for being such an important part of our school community. Together, we can make this another fantastic year for Friends of Wheelock School!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

The Friends of Wheelock School Team

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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

## Autumn Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 01.09.2025, 15.09.2025, 29.09.2025,	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Panini served with Chips & Vegetables
13.10.2025, 03.11.2025, 17.11.2025,	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
01.12.2025,	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans
15.12.2025.	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 08.09.2025, 22.09.2025, 06.10.2025, 20.10.2025, 10.11.2025,	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Beef Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
24.11.2025,	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Beans	Cheese
08.12.2025.	Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake 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

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# **Community News**



#### Football

Tuesday Yr 1/2 09.09.25 - 21.10.25 3:15 - 4:15 £42 (7 weeks)

#### Football

Friday Yr 3-6 11.09.25 - 23.10.25 3:15 - 4:15 £42 (7 weeks)

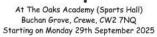
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# Crewe Football Development



# In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1 School years - Year 1 & Year 2 School years - Year 3 & Year 4 School years - Year 5 & Year 6

5:30pm - 6:15pm 6:15pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 7:45pm 7:45pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents, Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Monday at The Oaks Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be bewn? Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previou attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Belton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigna.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\*

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including. Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

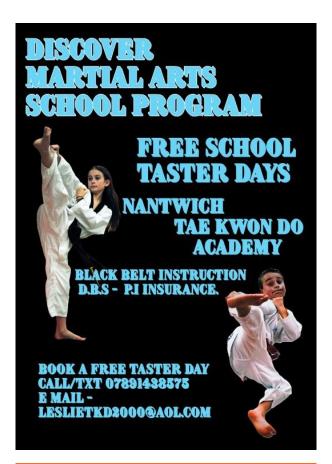
To book a place for your child please telephone:



#### Conrad 0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534 www.firstkick.co.uk

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks so note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been bo





# **BOOKING UPDATE**





We are moving to a new booking system! All bookings will now be made directly through our website, and we will no longer be using ClassForKids.

Please visit <u>www.sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/bookings</u> to make bookings going forward.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our team at info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support!

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# **Open Evening**

For Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents and Carers

# Thursday 25 September 2025 5-8pm

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Impetigo	1 year and over		
Infected Insect Bite	1 year and over		

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