

14th March 2025



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

March 2025

18th March – Year 5 Cross Factor Easter Church Trip

21st March – FOWS Non-Uniform Day – In exchange for a donation of chocolate

26th March – Schools Gotta Dance – Crewe Lyceum (Dance Club)

27th March – Year 5 Singfest – Congleton

27th March – FOWS Chocolate Bingo

April 2025

4th April – School Closes

22nd April – School Opens

23rd to 25th April – Year 4 Residential to Edgmond Hall

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

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

Sporting News

We would like to say a huge well done to our cross-country team who, after battling with very unpredictable weather, ran their socks off. There were some impressive performances from the Wheelock pupils, as well as some personal bests. We were also very proud of how they supported each other. Well done!

A special congratulations goes to **Oscar**; whose placement did the largest jump. He came in at a very impressive 11th place.

Sports Praise

For **Leah, Quinn** and **Imogen** for having self-confidence, ambition and a huge smile on your face. These girls have shown that if you put your mind to it, you will succeed. Well done girls you are all great role models.

Thursday 3rd April-Girls football at Sandbach United. Please see Mrs Forrester or Miss Millward if you would like to join the team. Letters will be given out nearer the time.

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

A fabulous week in Reception. We have writing the story of Little Red using the story friends. We used our Phonics to write some super sentences and have tried to use language from the story. In Maths, we have been exploring and comparing length and height. We have also started to learn about time and the days of the week. We have really enjoyed measuring and comparing the items using key vocabulary; short, long, shorter, longer. In our topic, 'Once upon a time' we have been comparing homes into the past to homes now. Some of us were shocked to learn that there was no electric or central heating!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Another fabulous week in year one this week!

In literacy the children have been using the suffix 'ing' 'ed' and 'er' to write a character description about a Wild Thing at the Wild Rumpus. The children are starting to use alot more interesting vocabulary in their sentences and we are really proud of them.

In maths we have moved onto our length and height unit. The children have been introduced to the different mathematical language linked to length and height and they have started to measure things in the classroom using non-standard units of measure.

Art was fun this week and the children made 3D drawings by exploring and making different shapes with paper.

In geography the children were investigating daily weather patterns. We made our own weather chart and had a go at presenting the weather incorporating the different compass points that we have learnt.

In computing the children put the final touches on to their E-Books and then we shared these onto a class display board so that we could read each other's stories.

Owls and Robins

This week in Literacy, the children have been busy 'analysing' our WAGOLL 'An Adventure with Grandad'. The children have looked closely at how authors use different language techniques - eg apostrophes to show possession, expanded noun phrases, questions, exclamation sentences ... The children have also considered the feelings and actions of the main character 'Syd' who, eventually, leaves the Island without his beloved Grandad. Finally, in preparation for their 'hot task' next week, the children have been practising writing a character description. The character descriptions were full of creativity and flair, making us excited for the writing that will come next week ...

In Maths, the children have impressed us with their understanding of division! The children have looked at how to divide by making groups and sharing. Can your child recall how to work out the answer to $18 \div 2 = \underline{\quad}$ knowing that that $2 \times 9 = 18$?

In Science, we thought more about Seasonal Change and focused on Spring! The children learned about different types of weather in Spring, the plants that appear, which animals come out of hibernation and what happens to deciduous trees!

Another messy session was had in Art this week - which the children thoroughly enjoyed! We explored texture and how to create this using different household objects. The children were given a word - e.g. 'rough' and had to choose and paint with an object that would then create this texture! Can your child recall any of the other words they had to make a texture for?

In PSHE, the children have been learning another way to keep themselves healthy - through safe medicine use! The children discussed different types of medicine and the rules for how / when to use medicine safely. The children had an excellent understanding of this and created some informative posters to demonstrate their knowledge.

In Geography, the children have continued their topic 'Why is our world wonderful?' looking a lot closer to home than in previous lessons where we have explored wonders of the world ... this week the children looked at what is wonderful about the local area in Sandbach! First, the children learned about maps and symbols. Then, they looked at an aerial image of Sandbach town and picked out key features e.g. library / church / park. Then, using the same image the children created their own keys and maps of the area! The children really enjoyed this and produced some fantastic maps!

In RE, the children learned about Palm Sunday and had fun role-playing the crowds in Jerusalem waving their palm leaves to celebrate Jesus' arrival!

Well done for another wonderful week Year 2! Have a brilliant weekend!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have had a fabulous week this week.

In Literacy, they have completed their hot write. They have written a mischievous narrative based on the book 'Seen and not Heard'. They have loved this book, especially because it is all about children doing mischievous things! Their writing has been very creative and they have impressed us with their imagination.

In Maths, we have finished our unit on fractions. They have done lots of work on equivalent fractions and used bar models and number lines to support their working out.

In DT, the children had an exciting lesson learning some life skills of peeling and chopping. Hopefully they can showcase their new skills at home when helping to cook dinner.

In Geography, the children are continuing their learning on Antarctica. They have enjoyed learning that nobody permanently lives there, and have immersed themselves into the life of a researcher. They wrote postcards home imagining they are a researcher, and thought about the difficulties they may face.

The children have also been practising their touch-typing skills in Computing. This is a skill I am sure lots of them will need as they go through their lives.

Lastly, the children have really enjoyed the gadget shop this week. A huge thanks to all who sent money in with their children to help to raise funds for the school.

Kingfishers and Lapwings

We have had a wonderful week of learning this week, and we have celebrated science week with some exciting lessons! First of all, we focused on the theme of change and adaptation, with a STEM lesson where we thought about the adaptations that animals had made (such as a bird adapting to fly more efficiently through evolution) and then we made airplanes and adapted them to be able to fly. We then joined in with a national, interactive science lesson all about farming and the adaptations farmers have made on their farms. Ask us about this and what we learned.

In Literacy, we have now started writing our return narrative - ask us about this and what a return narrative is! Earlier on in the week, we wrote about a character who visited a city for the first time, and we thought about how he could show his feelings through his actions. In maths, we have been learning all about fractions, and converting improper fraction to mixed numbers (and vice versa) and finding equivalent fractions.

In geography, we have been learning all about the rainforest and this week our focus was on the people of the rainforest. We learnt what an indigenous person was and how they use the rainforest for food and shelter. In music, we created our own composition with inspiration from In The Hall of the Mountain King by Edvard Grieg, thinking about making a scary melody and a footstep beat.

Finally, in DT this week we are thinking about designing packaging and who our target audience for our delicious biscuit is going to be. We will also have a budget for our biscuit and decide what ingredients we can purchase, and exciting toppings/additions we can use to make them as tasty as possible!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week in maths, year 6 have continued to explore algebra and using formula to solve problems. Year 5 have moved on to a shape and space unit.

We have been looking at the perimeter of shapes.

In literacy, we have completed our hot writes. The children have found this unit a little tricky but have persevered well. They have tried to express the character's determination to conquer Antarctica.

In science, the children learnt about how a foetus develops. We also enjoyed a live lesson, as part of science week, where we saw a cow and sheep being born. In geography, we learnt about the uses of the ocean including trade routes for import and export. During RE, we discussed if it was Jesus' destiny to be crucified- a really tricky concept. In French, we have learnt how to say he wears, she wears and I wear.

The children have picked this up well. In art, we have looked at the art of Hockney and Rego to study how they create their unique prices.

We have had a lovely week and really enjoyed the gadget shop during break and lunch. We have missed the sunshine. Let's hope it reappears this weekend. See you on Monday 😊☀️

Praise

Principal's Praise

Name	Reason
Jacob, Myla, Isla-Mai	For being dedicated to their progress by attending their mentor sessions.

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Hadley	For writing a super sentence!
Cygnets	Rose	For being such a kind friend!
Pufflings	Isla and Ember	For fantastic writing this week and making the staff very proud.
Goldfinches	Georgina	For always working hard and following our Wheelock behaviours.
Goldfinches	Harry	For using his amazing imagination when beginning to plan his story.
Woodpeckers	Amberley	For helping others and being a supportive talk-partner.
Woodpeckers	Ashbel	For contributing more to class discussion in Maths and using some mathematical language.
Owls	Harley	For being resilient with her Maths learning!
Owls	Toby	For being aspirational with his Literacy learning!
Robins	Boaz	For trying so hard with his writing this week.
Robins	Sonny	For trying really hard to improve his presentation.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Arthur	For being attentive, accurate and articulate with his answers in all lessons. Well done.
Sandpipers	Jenson	For showing resilience on Numbots, and making great progress. Well done!
Moorhens	Autumn	For settling well into Wheelock and already displaying the values and behaviours.
Moorhens	Edith	For sharing her creative ideas in planning a mischief narrative with the class.
Kingfishers	Ava	For working very hard on her writing.
Kingfishers	Jacob	For being a great support in Science Week.
Lapwings	Jasmine	For creating a fantastic stop frame animation in computing! We have been inspired by Wallace and Gromit's filming technique and created our own animations. I loved your dancing person Jasmine!
Lapwings	Ziah	For excellent work in Literacy, writing an amazing description of the characters feelings in a city and showing feeling through action. Ziah has worked hard all year, to get his Pen Licence, and has demonstrated all the skills required to achieve this. Well done Ziah, keep up the great work!
Kestrels	Cody	For a super attitude in the woods and super perseverance when using a knife and identifying trees. Well done!
Kestrels	Holly	For a wonderful hot write – you really listened and created a super piece of writing!
Hawks	Quinn	For consistently engaging in class discussions with thoughtful and mature responses.
Hawks	Jack	For persevering with maths, especially our current unit on Algebra. It's been wonderful to see your confidence grow!
Eagles	Arabella	For working well and always showing great kindness to her talk partner and others in class.
Eagles	Kadence	For being someone who shows great reciprocity and always works well with others.
Forest School	Reuben	For showing resilience and patience in learning how to tie a ribbon himself!
The Hive	Samuel and Amber	For always expressing lovely manners and respect towards their friends and the Hive team.

The Hive

This Hive this week has been bursting with activities. The children have been crafting 'Rainbow Fish' with Kerry, we have seen more proud faces which is always lovely.

The Straws and Lego have been the most played activity in the hall this week, the children created high towers and windmills to name a few.

Thank you to the Sports Coaching team for the team games that were played outside.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

Thursday, 27th March

Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and plenty of chocolatey treats!

Tickets are still available:

www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock¹

We Need Your Chocolate!

To make this event extra sweet, we're collecting chocolate donations on **Friday, 21st March**.

- Children can come to school in **non-uniform** in exchange for a donation.
- Look out for us outside the front of the new building to drop off your donations—big or small, every bit helps!

Essential information:

Two Sittings to Choose From:

- **First Sitting:** 4:30pm - 5:45pm
- **Second Sitting:** 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Tickets:

- **£4 per person** – Includes bingo AND a chip bap!
- **Cheaper option available (£2)** – This ticket includes a chip bap but *no bingo*. Families can still play together—parents can help their kids with their bingo cards, but remember, fewer bingo tickets mean fewer chances to win! (*Children on knees go free!*)

Thank you so much for your support. Let's make this a night to remember! 

¹<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock>



Best wishes,

Lisa Sumner

PTA Chair

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

fowscontact@gmail.com²

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

²<mailto:fowscontact@gmail.com>

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

Community News

CHESHIRE FOOTBALL TRIALS

APR
7TH
2025

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO JOIN US



PREMIER LEAGUE, CHAMPIONSHIP & LEAGUE TWO SCOUTS IN ATTENDANCE



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DROP-IN WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY TEAM



The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering parent/carer drop-in sessions at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held once per half term in both the North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice, and explore strategies to support your child. They are not for Local Authority processes (e.g., EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

Examples of topics include:

- Concerns about speech development
- Managing challenging behaviours
- Social skills or play difficulties
- Anxiety or school-related issues
- Preparing for adulthood

Parents/carers can book a 30-minute slot by calling their local Family Hub. Sessions will be themed based on age groups (e.g., Start for Life, Primary, Secondary/Post-16) to align with the Family Hub journey map. Afternoon sessions will coincide with the Little Stars stay-and-play group for children with SEN.

Date	Location	Age Range	Times
14.03.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm
18.03.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	Secondary/Post 16	9.30am – 4.15pm
01.05.25	Congleton Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm
02.05.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm
09.06.25	Ash Grove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am-4.15pm
13.06.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Secondary/Post-16	9.30am – 4.15pm
15.07.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pm
18.07.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am – 4.15pm

We will also be asking parents/carers to complete an evaluation form after the drop-in to help us shape the service and improve practice to meet needs in the best way possible.

Call your Family Hub to book a slot:

Oakenclough - 01625 374180 Monks - 01270 371240

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VANGUARD GAMES

THE BEGINNING



FREE SPORTS EVENTS!

Free to attend sports events run in partnership with Crewe Alexandra in the Community.

Saturday 15th March

10:00-12:00

Any participant receives 1 free parent/child ticket for Crewe Alex vs Doncaster Rovers, 3pm kick off



No room for racism



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SPORTS COACHING GROUP

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Football

Tuesday

Yr 3-6

25.02.25 - 01.04.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

- What does my child need?
- Old trainers/football boots
 - PE kits
 - Water bottle

Multi-Sports

Thursday

Yr 1/2

27.02.25 - 03.04.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

- What does my child need?
- Trainers
 - PE kits
 - Water bottle

Click [HERE](#) to book HT4

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Hot Food!! Raffle and Bar!!



QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY
21ST MARCH
2025**

Sandbach Rugby Club
Doors open at: 6:45pm
Food starts at: 7:15pm

£15

per person
including food
Maximum of 8
people in a team

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2025 CARNIVAL

Coming to Trentham 14th February - 2nd of March. Join us for a brand new jaw dropping, heart stopping production!

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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

