

16th May 2025



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

May 2025

20th – 23rd May – Year 6 Residential to Stanley Head

21st May – Last Cross Country at Sandbach United

23rd May – School Closes (Half Term)

June 2025

2nd June – School Opens

3rd June – Class & Year 6 Photographs

4th June – Town Sports Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Parents Invited)

16th-17th June – Year 2 Residential to Tattenhall

24th & 25th June – Year 6 Transition Days

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

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



Pharmacists can now provide treatment or some prescription medicine, if needed, for seven common conditions, without having to see a GP.

Each condition is subject to age eligibility when providing prescription medicine:

Condition	Age eligibility
UTI	16-64 years
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Earache	1-17 years
Sore throat	5 years and over
Shingles	18 years and over
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected Insect Bite	1 year and over

Find out more, nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst



Times Tables Rock Stars

This Summer term, each year group are in full competitive mode as they take part in times table battles to win a golden token for their class.



This week's winners are

- Woodpeckers
- Robins
- Sandpipers
- Kingfishers
- Hawks

Next battle commences Friday 16th May- 4pm.

We have also set Yr4-6 an extra challenge of getting us further up the leaderboard of nearby schools by improving the school's 'Mean Studio Speed'.

We have moved up to **18th** on the Leaderboard with a new mean speed of **3.61secs**

WELL DONE!

Well done to the new leaders of **Year 2 and 3** on our current studio speed leaderboard

Year One	Harvey W
Year Two	Eliza T
Year Three	Arthur A
Year Four	Imogen F
Year Five	Oscar B
Year Six	Connor G

Pupil Achievement

This week, we had some wonderful news, Wheelock girls won their U9 and U10s Mid Cheshire finals at the weekend! Great to see the Wheelock girls celebrate together at the end!



Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

This week in Reception has been full of rich learning experiences across all areas of the curriculum!

We've been busy exploring instructions and how to follow and understand them clearly. The children had lots of fun applying their phonic knowledge to label items they might need to plant a seed. In Maths, our focus has been on understanding the composition of numbers 6 to 9, using the familiar and supportive '5 and a bit' structure. The children showed great confidence in identifying the parts that make up each number and began to explore how the number 10 can be composed in different ways. We introduced the concept of the 'ten-ness of 10' through hands-on activities where children created their own collections of 10 objects. They enjoyed using double dice frames, 10-frames, and finger patterns to represent and subitise the two parts of 10. We encouraged them to spot a larger part first, especially when using the '5 and a bit' structure, and then subitise the smaller part. These experiences are helping to build a strong foundation for number sense and early addition skills. In our topic work, we've been learning all about life cycles. The children were fascinated by the journeys of the butterfly and frog, and we explored how both creatures change and grow through different stages. We looked at real images and diagrams, talked about each stage from egg to adult.

It's been a fantastic week of hands-on, engaging learning. We're so proud of how the children are developing their independence, confidence and curiosity each day.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Another Sunny week and Year 1 have had a great week.

In Literacy we have all finished writing our return narratives and have 'purple polished' our writing. It is great to see some of the children spotting their own mistakes and putting in Capital letters and full stops when they re-read their own work. Well done Woodpeckers and Goldfinches.

In History this week we have focused on Christopher Columbus and his exploration to the Americas. We discovered that his story was not as positive as expected. See if your child can tell you all about it!

The highlight of our week was definitely in Design and Technology where we made our fruit kebabs. The children tasted different fruits first so they could decide what to put on their kebabs. They then designed, chopped, assembled and finally ate their kebabs. It was a fun afternoon!

Our classrooms were a sea of Green on Friday as we supported Mental Health Awareness week - thank you for your support. We did some mindfulness yoga, learnt a new song and contributed to a whole school display linked to our community.







Owls and Robins

This week in Year 2, the children have been busy completing their 'Hot Writes' in Literacy. This was a letter to the King asking him to lift the ban on the dark. The children had some fantastic reasons for why we need the dark and they produced some persuasive arguments!

In Maths, the children have continued to consolidate their arithmetic skills. The children have thought also about how to solve word problems and have explored different statistic representations - eg block diagram / pictograms.

In Science, we have been thinking about what plants need to survive.

It's been an extra-Arty week this week, with the children delving into the new topic "Map it Out!". The children started the topic learning about the Artist Sir Eduardo Paolozzi. Then, the children created imaginative sketch-maps of the journey from school to the church!

We discussed "conflict" in PSHE - how this makes us feel and how we can move past it.

We thought about Internet Safety in Computing, focusing on what a scam is.

Finally, in RE we looked at three guiding ideas in Humanism - being curious, being free to do what makes you happy & showing kindness to the world, animals and people.

A fantastic week, yet again!

Well done, Year 2 - enjoy the sunny weekend ahead!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have had another fabulous week this week.

In Literacy, we have been preparing to write a Secret Diary imagining we are Egyptologists. The children have come up with some exciting vocabulary and thought carefully about their

style of writing. They have enjoyed looking closely at different Egyptian locations and artefacts.

In Maths, the children have started their unit on time. This is always a tricky topic to learn, however the children are doing really well with it. If you could support with telling the time at home with your child, this would be a great extension of learning for them.

In Science, the children enjoyed looking at the roots of some plants. They enjoyed looking at a variety of plants and their roots. If you are doing any weeding this weekend in the garden, ask your child what they have learnt!

In RE, the children have continued looking at Hajj, the pilgrimage Muslims take. They have enjoyed looking into the different parts of the journey.

In Reading, the children are thoroughly enjoying the book 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel'. They are so engaged with the different characters and are doing a great job at analysing the differing personalities on show.

The children are having a great time in PE practising their athletics. We have seen some real skill on show and the children are making great progress.

One more week until a well-deserved break for the children 😊

Kingfishers and Lapwings

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 4 this week. In maths, we are focusing on decimals still, but it is getting more complicated, as we look at partitioning decimals, and making a whole with decimals. In Literacy, we are loving writing our mischief narrative, and we are being extremely inventive with the naughty tricks our characters play! I just hope they don't bring this learning home... or you will have a very messy kitchen!

In Art, our prehistoric painting became very creative, as we used lots of natural herbs and spices, flowers and leaves to create paint. Our computing and music topic have linked this half term, so we are using the computers to help us to compose a jingle for the yummy biscuits we created last half term. We played detective in History, looking at artefacts from Sutton Hoo to work out what they were, what they were used for, and what this told us about the Anglo-Saxons. The children made some great deductions! Well done Year 4, for a fantastic week of learning!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, in maths, year 5 have been looking at coordinates and translating shapes. They have worked hard to read the coordinates accurately. During literacy, we have completed our dual narrative hot write. I have been impressed with the children's language choices and

attempts at speech. In science, we completed our investigations on thermal insulators. The children found that metal was an excellent insulator. In history, the children enjoyed researching British historical figures. We looked to see who is significant in British history. We discussed Lily Parr, David Attenborough and Stephen Hawking. The children then decided who should feature on a Bank note. During computing, the children designed a cereal box using the computer programme. What I am most proud of is the year 5's attitude towards the SATS tests for year 6. Every morning, we have worked in the hall to accommodate our peers. They have been calm, respectful and considerate towards the Year 6 children and I couldn't be prouder of them! Well done year 5!!!

Year 6

This week, year 6 tackled their SATS tests. The children have been magnificent. They've approached each test with confidence and determination. Everyday they've come into school with a wonderful attitude. The whole school is so proud of all of you! I think everyone, children, teachers and parents, are all relieved they are over now!!!! Friday is the day that year 6 love the most in SATS week- our annual water fight! The weather couldn't have been kinder either! Another great day! Well done year 6 - we are super proud of you all!!! Now, relax!

Leavers Hoodies

Thank you so much to FOWS for their generosity with the Year 6 leavers hoodies. Every year, FOWS provide the funding for our Year 6 children's leavers hoodies. They ensure every child has a hoodie for free! The children were very grateful to receive them after the water fight. They look great and they are ready for Stanley Head too! Thanks FOWS – you've made their day!!!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Millie	For her super maths showing different ways of making 10.
Cygnets	George	For his excellent progress in Phonics! Keep up the great work!
Pufflings	Francis	For recalling numbers bonds to 10 confidently.
Pufflings	Jasper	For recalling numbers bonds to 10 confidently.
Goldfinches	Sienna	For being a valued member of Goldfinches during her time at Wheelock - We will miss you.
Goldfinches	Charlie	For amazing independent writing this week.
Woodpeckers	Harvey	For making fantastic progress with his writing.
Woodpeckers	Albert	For reading with a good pace and fluency.
Owls	Ella	For her wonderful artwork! Ella showed her creativity, talent and aspirational attitude when she recreated a piece of artwork for an Artist Research page.
Owls	Isaac	For his fantastic 'flair' when writing! Isaac's work is a joy to read – it is littered with creative ideas and ambitious vocabulary!
Robins	Hollie	For excellent effort in Maths and Literacy this week.
Robins	Autumn	For a fantastic piece of persuasive writing using all the features we've learnt.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Arthur	For <i>always</i> following the Wheelock behaviours and aspiring to be the best he can be. A true role model for all.
Sandpipers	Leo	For using ambitious vocabulary in his diary sentences. Well done!
Moorhens	Matilda	For excellent progress in the vocabulary and accuracy of her writing.
Moorhens	Sophie	For super progress on her times tables and working her way up the ttrackstars leaderboard.
Kingfishers	James	For excellent work on his literacy and great concentration this week.
Kingfishers	Darcie	For very original ideas in her writing.
Lapwings	Eleanor	For incredible reading! She has read 5 books in just 4 weeks, which is an amazing 190,000 words! Well done Eleanor!
Lapwings	Fearne	For really focusing on her Literacy writing this half term, and writing an excellent set of sentences for her mischief narrative. She has focused on her grammar, spelling and punctuation, to write an excellent paragraph each day, and I am really proud of her progress!
Kestrels	Rowan	For being extremely helpful inside of the classroom, you've made a big difference and I appreciate your help!
Kestrels	Amelia	For overcoming challenges, even when it has been tough - you haven't given up. Well done!
Kestrels Year 5	Whole Year 5	For being considerate and patient towards year 6 this week. You've been wonderful friends. Well done!
Kestrels Year 6	Whole Year 6	For being superstars during SATS week. I am unbelievably proud of you all! Well done!
Hawks	Year 5	For being amazing this week despite the disruption to your learning due to SATs. You showed great focus and maturity – well done, Year 5!
Hawks	Year 6	For smashing this week with confidence and resilience. You tackled SATs with determination and pride – you are amazing!
Eagles	Year 5	For being a great support for Year 6 during SATs week.
Eagles	Year 6	For their outstanding efforts during SATs week. Well done!

The Hive	Mia and Rowan	For being a kind friend and respectful to others.
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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

Summer Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 21.04.2025, 05.05.2025, 19.05.2025, 09.06.2025, 23.06.2025, 07.07.2025.	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Chicken Curry served with Rice	Roast Beef served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Panini served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Veggie Curry served with Rice	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream 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: 28.04.2025, 12.05.2025, 02.06.2025, 16.06.2025, 30.06.2025, 14.07.2025.	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Veggie Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Beans	Cheese
	Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream 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



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- Level 2 Certificate in Mental health Awareness
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- Award in awareness of Dementia Care
- Certificate introducing caring for Children and Young People
- Certificate in principles of medication handling and administration for care settings

For more information on how to apply please contact – Julia Chiapparrone
juliac@acaciatraining.co.uk






Tommy's May-day MYSTERY

Who is his new friend ?

Holiday clubs

▶ **WHEN?** May 27th - 30th

▶ **WHAT?** Multi-Sports

▶ **TIME:** 8.45am-3.15pm
 (Early drop-offs and late pick-ups available)



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PARTY DAY



30th MAY

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Football

Tuesday

Yr 3-6

22.04.25 - 20.05.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (5 weeks)

What does my child need?

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

Dodgeball

Thursday

Yr 1/2

24.04.25 - 22.05.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (5 weeks)

What does my child need?

- Trainers
- PE kits
- Water bottle

Click [HERE](#) to book HT5

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VANGUARD GAMES

SPRING INTO ACTION



FREE SPORTS EVENTS!

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

Crewe—9th April & 30th May

Sandbach—10th April & 29th May

Alsager—11th April & 27th May

Congleton—16th April

Sessions are 10:00-16:00, free lunch included

Multi-Sport Activities

No room
for racism

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Premier League
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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., EHCs 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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Saturday 20 Sept
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Saturday 18 Oct
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