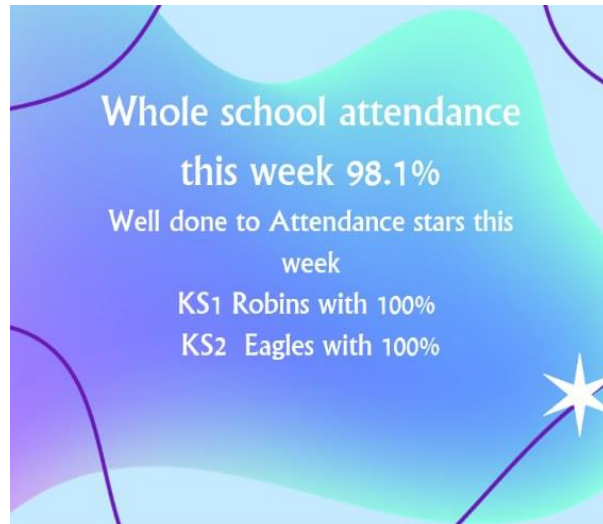


17th April 2026



Newsletter



Dates for your Diary

April 2026

21st April – Year 1 Library Visit

21st April – Year 1 Celebration Assembly (Parents Invited)

22nd April – Year 5 Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium

28th April – Reception Library Visit

May 2026

4th May – Bank Holiday (School closed)

5th May – Year 3 Library Visit

7th May – FOWS Meeting at Barchetta 8pm

8th May – Year 1 Trip to Crewe Green Sunflowers

11th-15th May – Year 6 SATS Week

19th May – Year 5 Library Visit

20th & 22nd May – Year 6 London Residential Trip

22nd May – Year 6 Water Fight

22nd May – School Closes

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

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

Sports News

It was the final cross-country event this week. The children pushed themselves and worked so hard, we are always so proud of them. Well done to Henry in Year 6 for being the top finishing boy from Wheelock of the tournament. Another well done to Fearne in Year 5 for being the top finishing girl of Wheelock. Thank you to all the children that took part and represented Wheelock so fantastically.

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

We are so proud of how well the children have settled back into school after the Easter holidays – what a fantastic start to the term!

This week in Drawing Club, we have been enjoying the story 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. The children have loved imagining where the seed might travel and what it could grow into. We are now encouraging them to create their own picture codes and use their phonics knowledge to write them, working hard to hold their sentences in their heads.

In Maths, we have been practising quick recall of our number bonds to 5 (numbers that add together to make 5). Do ask your child if they can share these with you at home!

As part of our topic work, linked to our book of the week, we have been learning about the different parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. The children also created beautiful observational drawings of flowers using oil pastels. To finish the week, everyone planted their own sunflower seed, which they are very excited to look after and watch grow.

Well done to all the children for such a super first week back – we are looking forward to another week full of fun and learning next week!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Welcome back, Year One! We hope you all had a brilliant Easter break. The children have settled back into their routines wonderfully and have worked extremely hard this week.

In Literacy, we have immersed ourselves in our new text *There's a Tiger in the Garden*. The children have been exploring exciting new vocabulary, making predictions about the story, and writing character descriptions of Nora using our new vocabulary.

In Maths, we have been completing our unit on capacity and volume. The children have enjoyed comparing and measuring different containers using practical equipment.

In History, we have begun our new unit on 'Explorers'. We discussed what an explorer is and what they do and the children came up with some fantastic questions they would ask explorers from the past and present if they had the chance.

The children have also been working hard practicing their lines and the songs for our assembly next week and they are excited to share it with you!

We are very proud of the children's enthusiasm and focus this week—well done, Year One!

Owls and Robins

A fabulous first week back!

This week, in Literacy the children have been immersed in their new text "Cyril the Lonely Cloud". The children have made predictions about the story, explored new vocabulary and gathered ideas to write a setting description!

In Maths, the children have been exploring measure - comparing and ordering lengths/height and beginning to look at other measures e.g. mass!

Our new Science topic "plants" started with an exploration of what types of plants we can eat! We talked about fruits, vegetables and herbs!

In PSHE we have been thinking about relationships. We thought about what makes families special e.g. love/care and made a "happy home recipe"! We also explored "personal contact"!

In History, the children began to explore our new topic "What is a monarch". They learned about the many different jobs that a King / Queen does!

For Whole Class Reading, we have been exploring a non-fiction text called "Big City Atlas". We made predictions about this text, explored new vocabulary and retrieved information about some of the places!

Finally, in RE we started to look at 'Humanism' and treating others how we like to be treated!

Keep up the fantastic work Year 2 & enjoy your weekend!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

We have had a fantastic start back after the Easter break.

In Maths, we have been exploring fractions, focusing on adding and subtracting them with growing confidence.

In Literacy, we have introduced our new class text *Seen Not Heard*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the story, making predictions and laughing at the mischievous things the children in the portraits get up to overnight.

In History, we have begun our learning about the Ancient Egyptians and explored different sources of historical evidence.

During our Art lessons, we created a double-page spread all about Pablo Picasso and were amazed to discover that his full name was over 100 letters long. We are looking forward to continuing this hard work and enthusiasm for learning over the coming weeks.

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have had a great first week back, and we have loved learning all our new topics!

In literacy, we have started our new quality text which is Leon and the place between. We have loved the enchanted, magical setting and have now met the magician Abdul Kazam who we have written a character description all about.

In maths we have continued our work on fractions, looking at subtracting fractions, adding fractions and subtracting fractions from a whole number. With our multiplication times table check pending in June, we are putting in a lot of work to support children with their times tables. This week we have looked at our new square number times tables, including 10 x 10, 11 x 11 and 12 x 12, And we will now be ramping up our homework on times Table Rock stars to support our timetables knowledge.

In science we started learning all about electrical appliances, as this is the start of our electrical circuit's topic this half term. We thought about what appliances in our home use electricity and how the electricity is used dash is it for cooling, heating, movement?

In RE we have started a new unit all about Judaism and started thinking about what it was like to be part of a group or club. We created our own clubs and the rules for our club, which links nicely to learning about a new religion and being part of a religious group.

In art, we have started our sculpture unit. This is very exciting and this week we have explored creating chalk sculptures, in the style of Magdalene Odondu who makes huge vase sculptures and believes the lines of the vase are synonymous with the curves of the human body.

Kestrels and Red Kites

Welcome back after Easter. We hope that you have had a fantastic holiday!

In maths, we have moved on to our next unit of work - properties of shape. We have learnt how to measure using a protractor. This has been challenging as we have had to decide which side to read the numbers from and position it accurately on the angle. Angles is this week's homework which will hopefully help to consolidate our work in class.

In literacy, we have been reading the story of Macbeth. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the story and retelling it. We have been looking at the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. The children have discovered that she is manipulative and also enjoyed taunting her husband.

In computing, we have started to explore the features of Word and how to change things such as the font, colour and alignment of a text. In RE, we discussed what makes a role model. We looked at the characteristics which we most admire in a role model. During French, the children enjoyed looking at creating an ID card to describe their name, age and place of birth. We have used body percussions to create loops in music. We need to work on our timing and counting silently!! In PSHE, we explored the relationships which we have with ourselves. We discussed positives about our personalities. During history, we looked at the Ancient Greeks and whether or not the city states were divided or united.

A really lovely first week back after Easter. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Eagles and Hawks

Year 6 have had a shorter week than usual as we settled back in after the Easter break, but that certainly hasn't slowed us down.

In maths, the children have been interpreting line graphs and exploring pie charts, using fractions and percentages to deepen their understanding of data.

In literacy, they have been crafting narrative writing designed to build tension, weaving in dialogue inspired by the story *Rock, Paper, Scissors*.

Our Design and Technology sessions have seen pupils adding the final touches to their steadyhand games, applying their earlier science learning to the electronic components with impressive confidence.

In music, Year 6 have been investigating themes and variations within pop art and discovering how these ideas translate into musical compositions. A busy and creative start to the term.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Reception	Chloe	For super engagement in her learning this week – keep it up!
Reception	Arlo	For huge improvements with his listening and attention this week – keep it up!
Goldfinches	Alfie	For working hard in Literacy this week. Keep it up!
Goldfinches	Ava	For working hard in Literacy this week. Keep it up!
Woodpeckers	Aurora	For settling into Year 1 so confidently and showing enthusiasm, kindness and a great attitude to learning.
Woodpeckers	Isla	For making super progress in writing. Your handwriting has improved and you are taking pride in presenting your work neatly.
Owls	Harry	For showing resilience and challenging himself with all his learning despite a broken elbow!
Owls	Maddison	For aspirational work in Literacy, challenging herself in sentence accuracy all week!
Robin	Coen	For a great start back to school showing the Wheelock values.
Robins	Melody	For a great start back to school showing the Wheelock values.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Grace	For an enthusiastic and positive attitude during addition and subtraction of fractions.
Sandpipers	Isaac	For being a respectful, thoughtful and empathetic learner, always helping his peers to be successful and being the first to celebrate others' success.
Moorhens	Dylan	For his unique review of the worst hotel!
Moorhens	Ava	For her interesting and entertaining writing throughout the day.
Kingfishers	Jax	For showing resilience with his literacy work and for his fantastic reading NFER score. Be proud of yourself!
Kingfishers	Iris	For being a supportive friend and going out of her way to help others. Keep up your hard work!
Lapwings	Aria	For absolutely smashing reading over the Easter Holidays and having read 4 books and 118,000 words! Absolutely astounding!
Lapwings	Bonga	For coming back to school after Easter with a very positive, 'can do' attitude and completing beautifully presented work in all of his books, showing care, consideration and attention to detail.
Kestrels	Charlie	For having a great attitude this week - super focused, keen to listen and answer questions, and fantastic pieces of work. Keep up the great work!
Kestrels	Astrid	For always showing wonderful enthusiasm in the classroom and having a strong desire to listen and learn. You are always aspirational! Well done.
Red Kites	Harley	For showing a fantastic improvement in his focus during lessons! Keep up the amazing effort!
Red Kites	Indiarna	For showing great determination in lessons, especially Literacy. Well done!
Hawks	Lewis	For thoughtful contributions to class discussions and for always making me smile with his fantastic sense of humour. Well done, Lewis!
Hawks	Eden	For her effort and determination shown in the lead-up to SATs. You should be incredibly proud of your focus and perseverance. Well done, Eden!
Eagles	James	For excellent problem solving in Maths with line graphs and pie charts.
Eagles	Sophie	For showing excellent teamwork with her peers in the classroom.

The Hive

Welcome back! We hope you all have enjoyed the Easter break; the children have had lots of fun and have loved sharing their adventures with their friends.

The children have settled into the Hive routines, crafting, building and playing sports outdoors.

The Hive Praise this week is awarded to Albie and Lili for being a kind friend and inspiring other children through play.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

Friends of Wheelock School are currently working hard towards our summer events. If you'd like to find out more, you are welcome to join our 'Willing Volunteers' WhatsApp group - it's a great way of being involved and volunteering when you can without the commitment of joining your PTA. Here's the link to

join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CqwDjj3nxUB8KHp2FZuzn7>

Or, if you think you'd rather become part of the team! Join us on Thursday 7th May at 8pm at Barchetta. (7.30pm for a drink and a chat before hand!)

See you there!

Lisa

Chair of FOWS

fowscontact@gmail.com

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 Summer Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c: 13.04.2026, 27.04.2026, 11.05.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Vegetable Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese	Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Chicken Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c: 20.04.2026, 04.05.2026, 18.05.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	Beef Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Veggie Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	Southern Fried Vegan Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Tuna	Cheese & Beans	Beans	Cheese
	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	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

Parenting Support

Parenting online support - Password Wheatsheaf

[Pathways library - Togetherness](#)

Year 6's: important resources to support the children with sats and transition to high school

[Parent guide to KS2 SATs: what to expect, how to help | LbQ | LbQ Primary](#)

[Moving up - Togetherness](#)

Attendance & Morning Drop-Off Reminder

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the following morning routines and attendance expectations:

- Gates open at 8:30am
- Classroom doors open at 8:35am
- The register is taken at 8:45am

Pupils arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late.

Arrivals after 9:15am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, as in line with our attendance policy.

All absences must be reported by 9:30am on the day of absence. Please contact the school office directly to inform us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain excellent attendance and punctuality.

Please note that the school car park is designated for staff and deliveries only. It should not be used for dropping off children who arrive late. This helps ensure safety and smooth operations during school hours.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Every Day At School Counts

More days in school = more friends, more learning

90% attendance = 19 days missed

80% attendance = 38 days missed

27% of primary pupils miss 10+ days of school

6 days absence = drop in reading and maths



Give your feedback!



Sandbach Neighbourhood Plan Community Engagement

Why is the Neighbourhood Plan
important for our town?



The population of Sandbach has increased significantly since the original Plan

New planning applications will be considered against the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan



We want to be sure that the updated Plan reflects the needs of our community

<https://sandbach.gov.uk/working-groups/neighbourhood-plan-2/>
info@sandbach.gov.uk



Crewe Football



Development

At The Oaks Academy (Astroturf)
Buchan Grove, Crewe, CW2 7NQ
Starting on Monday 11th May 2026



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	5:30pm - 6:15pm
School years - Year 1 & Year 2	6:15pm - 7:00pm
School years - Year 3 & Year 4	7:00pm - 7:45pm
School years - Year 5 & Year 6	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.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

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 on the fantastic astroturf pitch so trainers should be worn. 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 previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.67 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 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:



Henry
0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534
www.firstkick.co.uk



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

After School Clubs



Football

Tuesday
Yr 3-6
14.04.26 - 19.05.26
3:15 - 4:15
£36 (6 weeks)

Ball Games

Thursday
Rec - Yr 2
16.04.26 - 21.05.26
3:15 - 4:15
£36 (6 weeks)


Please click [HERE](#) to book HT5

✉ info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

☎ 01270 449770

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Think pharmacy first

Boots UK, 7 High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AH
Tel: 01270 767226

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

