

17th January 2025



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

January 2025

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

What a great week! In Literacy we have been answering questions about Juniper Jupiter and have sequenced key events from the story. In Maths we have been subitising dice patterns and counting up to 10. We have been learning about woodland creatures and exploring their habitats and have created woodland collages in the style of Megan Coyle.

Well done to everybody who read 5 times this week - super work! Please read every night where possible as it really does make a difference.

Weekly challenge: Next week we will be learning all about nocturnal animals in the UK and starting to explore polar habitats. We will be focussing on Antarctica. We would like you to find out a fact about Antarctica. Please bring something in, draw a picture or write something that you can share with your friends next week.

Have a great weekend!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

We have had busy week in Woodpeckers and Goldfinches. In Literacy we have been looking closely at the text 'Hermelin the Detective Mouse'. There is some interesting vocabulary in the text and we have tried to use some of the new words in our writing. We have explored Hermelin's character and how he feels throughout the story. The children have thought of some great questions that they would like to ask Hermelin too.

In Maths we have been working with numbers to 20 and writing our 'teen' numbers correctly. We have applied our knowledge of 1 more and 1 less when using a number line and continued to use pictorial representations to check our understanding of numbers to 20.

In History we have used our photographs - baby, toddler and present to talk about how we have changed over time. We have made a simple time line - starting with the present and working backwards into our past. We questioned why we had no 'future' pictures!?

In Science we have started our new topic - 'Animals including Humans'. We began by talking about our favourite animals and then found out how they were all different and we could sort them into different groups. Can your child remember the 5 different groups?

Goldfinches had a great time in the Woodland on Wednesday - We roasted marshmallows on the fire and enjoyed our amazing space outside with our friends. It was lovely to see our Wheelock Behaviours used by all the children.

Owls and Robins

Another super week in Year 2!

This week in Literacy, the children have continued to explore their new story 'The Bog Baby'. The children started the week considering the author's language choices. The children worked as a class to gather ideas for a setting description - thinking about what they could hear, see, smell and touch in the enchanted Bluebell Woods. The children then completed a 'cold write' using their ideas. We were impressed with the beautiful writing produced. At the end of the week, the children started to analyse the text - looking at its structure and the language features used!

In Maths, the children completed their topic on Shape! The children have been especially resilient learning to accurately count: faces, vertices and edges on 3D shapes! Can your child recall what vertices are? We're looking forward to starting our new topic on 'Money' next week!

Our Science focus this week, was to understand new vocabulary for our new topic - 'Living Things & Their Habitats'. The children looked at 5 key words from our topic - habitat, micro-habitat, respiration, excretion and reproduction. To help the children remember the meaning of these words, they drew pictures! Can your child explain what these words mean?

In PSHE, the children thought again about 'dreams and goals'. As classes, the children created a goal for them all to achieve - considering if this was realistic and the specific steps they would need to reach this goal. Then, the children reflected on what step would be most challenging for them. Owls' goal is for all children in the class to complete the 'Kevlar' stage on Numbots, by the end of Year 2. Robins goal is for them to win the most golden tokens this half term!

The children enjoyed starting our new Geography topic - 'Why is our world wonderful?'. This week, we have looked at the UK. The children labelled the countries of the UK and their capital cities. Then, the children looked at significant human and physical features from around the UK. Can your child tell you about any of the places they learned about?

In RE, the children have been thoughtfully discussing Allah. The children learned about how important Allah is in the Islamic faith and why there are no pictures created of them.

Music was lots of fun again this week, with the children enthusiastically singing 'London's Burning' in a round!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week year 3 have been putting their times table knowledge to the test by learning how to use expanded written methods to multiply 2d by 1d numbers. We have been continuing to learn about Jemmy Button in Literacy and have filled our working wall with lots of descriptive language ready to write our return narrative next week. The children have loved learning about rocks and exploring their appearance and putting them into groups of their choice. In art we have been sketching animals in the style of cave painting and using charcoal. We have also been learning about animals in French. In music, the children have started to explore 'The Planets' Orchestral suite by Gustav Holst. Year 3 are really enjoying their new units of work this term!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have had a brilliant week. We have been busy learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 in maths and have explored related facts. In literacy, we have continued to focus on our setting descriptions and have identified features within an example narrative. In computing this week, we have begun our 2Logo unit where children had to write code to create different shapes. The children had the chance to put their debating skills to practice in

History as they discussed whether or not tribes of ancient Britain should have fought back during Roman invasion. Finally, in science the children sorted a range of appliances into mains or battery powered. A busy busy week! Next week swimming will begin, please check your emails for this information. Have a great weekend everyone!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

We have had a very busy week in Year 5 and 6.

During maths, Year 6 have continued to learn about ratio and proportion, whilst Year 5 have been learning about writing methods for multiplication and division. In literacy, we have been analysing the text and identifying how the author has created the text. We have also recapped how to use speech punctuation. In science, the children learnt about gestation periods in mammals and why they are different. We have explored Ancient Greece and where it appears on a historical timeline. In my happy mind we are discussing appreciation, whilst in French we are learning how to say what our favourite fruits are. In RE, we have looked at how Muslims show commitment and why this is important.

The lockers have arrived this week - the children are very excited. We are awaiting the bases and then the children will be able to use them. They look very smart.

We had our first woodland sessions too. The children had a wonderful time and started to explore how to make bridges. They did come back a little muddy, some classes more than others (Kestrels - oops!). It just shows how much fun they had! Make sure they have old clothes on as we will continue to have fun in the mud - sorry! 😊

The children have also participated in bikeability sessions. They have been blessed with milder weather, thank goodness! They thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Apologies for the miscommunication in what the children needed to wear.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Betsy	For always doing the right thing. Betsy you are a star! Keep it up.
Cygnets	Theodore	For making an amazing small world setting for woodland animals and using key vocabulary like hibernation. Super work Theo!
Pufflings	Arlo	For believing in his writing and completing beautiful name writing.
Pufflings	Orla	For believing in herself and creating some lovely phonics.
Goldfinches	Orlaith	For amazing hot seating as Hermelin the Mouse Detective.
Goldfinches	Denny-Gray	For demonstrating our Wheelock behaviours all week.
Woodpeckers	Harvey	For trying his best and making lots of progress.
Woodpeckers	Freyah	For working hard in maths and making lots of progress.
Owls	Echo	For always being a respectful and responsible member of the class.
Owls	Felix	For putting 100% effort into his reading and for being aspirational with his book choices!
Robins	Bella	For working more independently in writing.
Robins	Logan	For helping Mrs Campagnaro to know the rules and routines in Robins class and setting a great example.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Jacob	For having an engaged and focused start to the spring term, your hard work is paying off!
Sandpipers	Jack	For engaging well with Numbots and making progress. Well done.
Moorhens	Jacob	For making good choices and showing respect and friendship to others.
Moorhens	Sophie	For great progress in both content and grammatical structure of her descriptive writing.
Kingfishers	Darcie	For her great debating skills in History this week. She spoke clearly and with confidence.
Kingfishers	Eleanor	For excellent computing skills this week and completing the challenges set.
Kingfishers	Henry	For brilliant computing skills this week and completing the challenges set.
Lapwings	Holly	For excellent engagement in lessons. It has been wonderful to see Holly putting her hand up in class and confidently answering questions related to our learning and sharing her experience that link to what we are teaching. Well done Holly, keep it up!
Lapwings	Freddie	For amazing reading! Freddie has nearly read 1.000,000 words independently this year (so in under 5 months), which is absolutely amazing. Well done Freddie and keep reading!
Kestrels	Phoebe	For a super effort in Maths whilst learning how to multiply $4dx2d$ numbers. Excellent work – well done!
Kestrels	Esmae	For an increased effort in literacy and making sure she writes with accuracy. Well done – keep it up!
Hawks	James	For superb ideas in Literacy, using ambitious vocabulary to improve his work. Well done James!
Hawks	Dexter	For always engaging and contributing to class discussions and having the confidence to 'have a go!'. Well done Dexter!
Eagles	Isabelle	For using and applying her mathematical knowledge to solve ratio problems.
Eagles	Ella	For demonstrating excellent vocabulary ideas to use in her narrative writing.
The Hive	Year 6 Children	For always helping, caring and sharing with others. Thank you for always helping in the Hive.

The Hive

The children in the Hive this week have been busy creating crafts with Kerry, playing games with their friends and enjoying the activities that have been available in the hall.

The lighter nights mean that Mr Sutton is able to do sports outside with small groups, which all children enjoy.

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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JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY event
 9.30AM TO MIDDAY



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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