

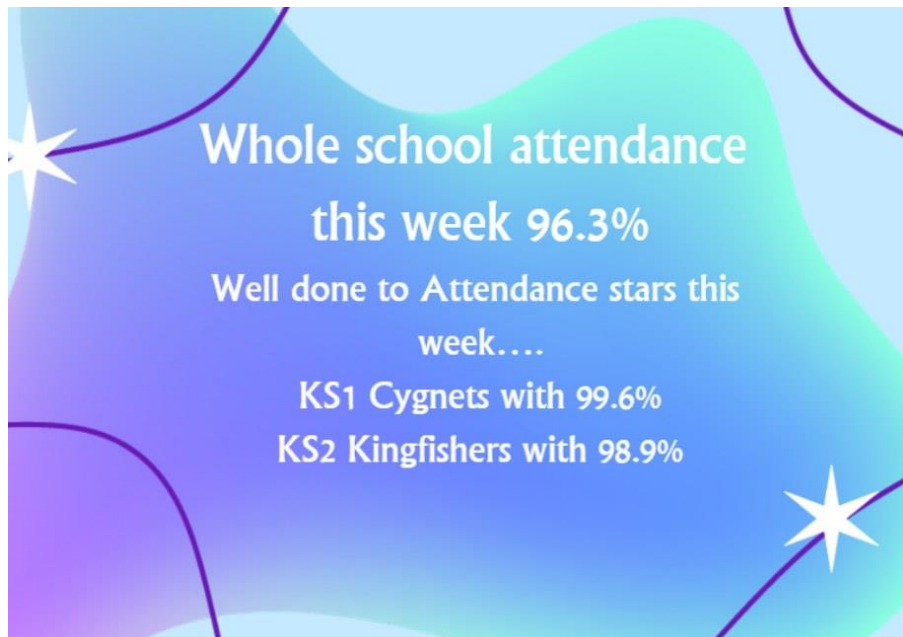
18th September 2026



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter



Dates for your Diary

September 2026

21st September – Year 4 Swimming - Kingfishers

23rd September – Tempest Individual Photos

24th September – Year 5/6 Boy's Football Tournament

28th September – Year 4 Swimming – Lapwings

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

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

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

This week in Reception has been full of exciting learning and lots of achievements!

In Phonics, we have continued our learning journey and have now learnt our first five sounds. The children have been practising both reading and writing these sounds and are becoming increasingly confident at recognising them. We are so proud of how enthusiastically they are taking part and developing their early reading and writing skills.

We have also begun our Drawing Club adventure. Drawing Club is a creative approach to literacy that encourages children to develop their imagination, storytelling, vocabulary and early writing skills. Each week, the children explore exciting stories, characters and adventures before drawing, discussing and creating their own ideas through pictures and writing magic codes.

In Maths, we have been learning about sorting. The children enjoyed sorting objects into different groups and explaining their sorting rules to their friends. We have also been comparing groups of objects using the mathematical language 'more' and 'fewer', helping to build our understanding of quantity and number.

Our topic work has focused on emotions and wellbeing. We have been discussing how it is normal to experience lots of different feelings and that all emotions are okay. Together, we explored ways we can help ourselves when we are feeling different emotions, as well as how we can show kindness and support to our friends. We have also been learning about self-portraits. Using mirrors, the children carefully observed their own features and created fantastic self-portraits. They showed great concentration and attention to detail while celebrating what makes each of us unique.

It has been another wonderful week in Reception, and we are incredibly proud of how much the children have already learnt and how confidently they are settling into school life. We can't wait to see what next week brings!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

This week in Literacy, we have continued our work on *Old Bear*. The children have been thinking carefully about the characters' feelings and discussing how they might feel in different parts of the story. They have shown great empathy and have enjoyed sharing their ideas.

In Maths, we have continued exploring numbers to 10. The children have been finding **1 more** and **1 less** than a given number and comparing numbers using mathematical language such as greater than and less than.

In PSHE, we discussed what makes a happy learning environment in our school. The children shared some fantastic ideas about kindness, respect, helping others and making everyone feel welcome.

During Whole Class Reading, we read *Not Now, Bernard* and thought about the character of the monster. The children considered how the monster might behave, move and eat, using evidence from the story to support their ideas.

In Science, the children investigated different materials and sorted objects according to what they were made from. They also explored the properties of materials, discussing questions such as whether materials like metal and glass can be bent.

The children had another wonderful session in the woodlands this week, where they focused on weaving. They demonstrated excellent fine motor skills and showed great perseverance as they carefully threaded and wove materials to create their own designs.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning!

Owls and Robins

This week in literacy, the children have analysed the model text. We have explored how sentences are started and looked at the features of a text. We looked at how the author crafts the text by using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. We have also been working on joining two letters at a time in handwriting.

In maths, we have been using number lines to count in tens and in between 10s also. We looked at what numbers come between 50 and 60 for example. We also use expanded forms to find numbers to 100 such as $40 + 5 = 45$ but $30 + 15 = 45$ too.

In science, we used material munchers to organise what different objects are made from. In PSHE, we looked at rights and responsibilities. The children talked about who is responsible when things happen such as making a mess. During history, we thought about what we want to ask people about schools in the past. The children are intrigued about behaviours and also what they learnt historically. In art, we used rubbings to create different patterns. The children have enjoyed reading *The Invisible* and/or *The Proudest Blue* in WCR. In RE, we talked about kindness by using the story of Zacchaeus.

We have had a lovely week in Year 2. The children have been immersed in the learning, and we are starting to see them challenge themselves too. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week, Year 3 have continued to thoroughly enjoy exploring *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. In literacy, we have deepened our understanding of the story and have now begun planning our own **threat narratives**. We have been developing our use of expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and similes to make our writing more descriptive and engaging.

In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of **place value in three-digit numbers**. We have explored number lines, including solving missing-number problems, comparing numbers and identifying numbers up to 1,000.

In Science, we planned and carried out our first practical investigation. We investigated whether **people with longer legs jump further and whether people with longer arms can throw further**. The children enjoyed making predictions, carrying out the tests and thinking carefully about how we could make our investigation fair and reliable.

In History, we travelled back to prehistoric times to explore **Skara Brae**. We used archaeological evidence to find out more about how people lived and what their homes may have looked like. The children particularly enjoyed our 3D model immersion activity, which helped bring the prehistoric settlement to life and gave them a fascinating insight into everyday life during prehistory.

In French, we have been learning some useful **French greetings**, practising how to say hello, goodbye and introduce ourselves. Year 3 have been developing their **football skills**, with a particular focus on dribbling with control and improving the accuracy of our passing and shooting. It has been another fantastic week in Year 3, with the children showing great enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience across all areas of their learning. We are incredibly proud of the progress they are making!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have had another busy and brilliant week! We are now full immersed with topics across all of our curriculum subjects. In literacy we continue to focus on 'The Whale' text and children have produced excellent setting descriptions of a storm in the ocean. We have then focused on analysing the example text to identify language features and writer's knowledge. In maths our focus has remained on Place Value with emphasis on using number lines with numbers to 10, 000. The children have enjoyed learning about teeth in science, and we have set up an investigation to see the effect that different liquids have on the health of our teeth. In PSHE this week we have thought about our role within school and what we can take responsibility of within the school environment. All the children enjoyed their first swimming session and are looking forward to next week already! Homework has been set this week, and you will find all passwords within their books. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kestrels and Red Kites

Week 3 is already at its end, what a fantastic time we've had. In literacy, the children have continued their exploration of space and the book Curiosity. As well as recapping on the rules of speech, they have developed their technical vocabulary and began to use their expanded lexicon in character description. Maths has seen the very quick expansion of their number knowledge as they begin to bridge the gap from thousands in year 4, to millions in Year 5, ordering and comparing numbers thinking about place value.

Music has been a blast, and the children have loved hearing an absolute banger from The Bangles 'Walk Like an Egyptian' and making their own graphic scores.

Other notable highlights this week have been art where they have continued to learn about retrofuturism and RE with deepening their understanding of Hinduism.

And finally - many children now know the order of the planets. Ask your child if they know the order from closest to furthest from the sun. If not, help them to come up with a handy mnemonic. As a child I remember coming up with one in Year 6.

Mercury Venus Earth Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus Neptune (Pluto)

Middlesbrough Versus Everton Merson Just Scored Under Nigel (Pearson)

Good luck and have a great weekend!

Eagles and Hawks

It has been another busy week in Year 6 as we continue to get to grips with the exciting Year 6 curriculum. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of column methods for addition and subtraction, while also beginning to explore the factors of different numbers. The children have shown great determination when tackling increasingly challenging calculations and reasoning tasks.

In Literacy, we have been planning our exploration narratives, which we will begin writing next week. Inspired by our learning about Charles Darwin, the children have been developing ambitious vocabulary and descriptive phrases to help them write about Darwin discovering a new species of animal. We are looking forward to seeing their creativity shine through in their final pieces.

Our science lessons have continued to focus on Evolution and Inheritance. This week, we explored how different animals are adapted to survive and thrive in their habitats, considering how particular features help living things meet the challenges of their environment.

In Music, we have been listening to and responding to *Fingal's Cave*, exploring the musical elements of dynamics, pitch and texture. The children have enjoyed discussing how composers use these features to create atmosphere and convey different moods.

Well done, Year 6, for another week of hard work and enthusiasm! Keep it up!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Pufflings	Lia	For fantastic oral blending in our phonics learning this week.
Pufflings	Ophelia	For super independent drawings in choosing time and fantastic letter formation in phonics.
Cygnets	Mohammed	For a fantastic first week at school. Well done!
Cygnets	Ben	For following instructions and the class rules. A fantastic role model!
Goldfinches	Harry	For working carefully and patiently while weaving ribbons and making a beautiful design in Forest School.
Goldfinches	Jacob	For showing great enthusiasm about the world around us when exploring in Forest School.
Woodpeckers	Ethan	For always demonstrating our school values and consistently following the Wheelock behaviours.
Woodpeckers	Luna	For being a wonderful role model and a kind, caring friend to others.
Owls	George	For always making the right choices – you are an extremely responsible Year 2. Well done!
Owls	Roxy	For having the confidence to share her talents in the classroom – you were very brave. Well done!
Robins	Mya	For excellent teamwork during PE.
Robins	Rose	For excellent teamwork during PE.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Melody	For her kind and caring attitude and being helpful.
Sandpipers	Kit	For fantastic independent work in maths.
Moorhens	Penelope	For always being fully engaged in lessons and for sharing some brilliant ideas in literacy!
Moorhens	Abigail	For always demonstrating our school values and consistently following the Wheelock behaviours.
Kingfishers	Harriet	For sharing brilliant ideas in Literacy and always trying to develop her ideas further.
Kingfishers	Grace	For being a great talk partner and support to others on her table.
Lapwings	Ben	For aspiring in all his learning and for being a respectful and responsible member of our class.
Lapwings	Dylan	For sharing fantastic ideas in Literacy.
Kestrels	Will	As well as giving 100% with his work every time we get the stationery out. Will also gives his all with our classroom environment too. Tidying up, being a considerate classmate and helping to maintain a friendly atmosphere. Thank you Will, this hasn't gone unnoticed.
Kestrels	Lucas	I finally got to meet Lucas this week and I haven't been disappointed at all. Lucas is incredibly bright, super positive, and has only improved the atmosphere in Kestrels with his return. Cheers Lucas, keep it up.
Red Kites	Oscar	For coming into Year 5 with a positive, can-do attitude and being present in lessons, focused and joining in brilliantly with maths and literacy each day! Well done Oscar!
Red Kites	Aria	For working hard in lessons, to understand and apply her speech punctuation accurately and effectively to communicate messages between Curiosity and Earth!
Hawks	Darcie	For consistently demonstrating the Wheelock values and behaviours, setting a fantastic example for others through her positive attitude and actions. Well done, Darcie!
Hawks	Neve	Through her kindness, Neve has helped her Reception buddy develop a sense of belonging within our school community. Well done, Neve!
Eagles	George	For fantastic work and effort in his Maths learning.
Eagles	Orla	For showing great enthusiasm for learning across the curriculum.

The Hive

The children have had a fantastic time at our Afterschool Club! They have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities, including **role-play games, chess and colouring**.

They children have had lots of fun playing **ball games**, getting active and enjoying the fresh air. It has been wonderful to see the children making **new friends, sharing games and enjoying time together**.

Well done to everyone for making our club such a happy and fun place to be!

FOWS NEWSLETTER

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

PTA Newsletter

Goodbye from Lisa

I just want to say one final farewell as Chair of FOWS.

I've had almost five fantastic years in the role, and during that time we've raised SO much money for the school - and had a lot of fun doing it!

I'm sure FOWS will continue to go from strength to strength as I leave it in the very capable hands of Jessica Edge, who has a daughter in Year 1 at school.

A massive THANK YOU for all the support you've shown me over the years, whether you've volunteered your time, helped at an event, donated or supported FOWS in any way. I couldn't have done it without you all - and, of course, the amazing FOWS team. They honestly are a fabulous bunch!

Please get down to the next meeting in October to see what it's all about, meet the team and get involved in your school community.

Lisa x

Hello from Jess - your new FOWS Chair!

Hi everyone! I'm Jess, and I'm really pleased to introduce myself as the newly elected Chair of Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS).

I have a daughter in Year 1, so like all of you, I want to help make our children's time at Wheelock as enjoyable and memorable as possible.

I'm really looking forward to working alongside the rest of the fantastic FOWS team to continue raising money for the school. We're hoping to bring you lots of exciting and fun events over the next year, while raising valuable funds that can make a real difference to our children and the school.

FOWS relies on the support of parents, carers and families, but there's absolutely no pressure to attend every meeting or event. Whether you can spare an hour occasionally, volunteer at an event, donate something or simply support our fundraising - it all helps!

We'd love to see some new faces at our next meeting.

Jess

Chair, Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

Next FOWS Meeting

Thursday 1st October 2026

7:00-7:30pm start

Barchetta Restaurant, Wheelock

Come along, meet the team, share your ideas and find out how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome!

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

PTA MEETING
Everyone welcome!

Thursday 1st October 2026
19.00 – 19.30 start

Barchetta Restaurant
in Wheelock

Your child's school,
our community

New Members Welcome!
Whether you're a parent, carer or guardian, we'd love to have you join us!

No pressure to attend all meetings!
Come when you can, all support is appreciated, even if it's just a little bit of your time.

Can't make the meetings but still want to help?
Join our Willing Volunteers Group!
This is a great way to get involved, help out occasionally and be part of the PTA community – on your terms.

Join here:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CqwDij3nxUB8KHp2Fuzn77s-cl&q=i&mls=4&tr=4>

Together we make a difference

Safeguarding and Parenting Support

PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING
A WARM WELCOME, A LISTENING EAR, AND A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Does your child worry and feel anxious?

Is getting through the school gate a daily battle?

Are you feeling exhausted trying to navigate their unique needs alone?

You are not on this journey alone.

Join us for a **coffee and cake** and an informal chat alongside **Kirsten** from **CEAT** and **Beth** the Educational Psychologist.

On the 29th September, 9am – 10am | at St Peter's Church Hall.

Book your place here: by 25th September
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coffee-cake-and-a-chat-tickets-2000314125396>

All Welcome

You Are Not Alone - A supportive community for parents and carers

You Are Not Alone is an online support service for parents and carers who have a child diagnosed (or suspected) with autism and/or PDA. They are offering **a whole month free** access to a warm, understanding community for parents and carers seeking support, connection and practical guidance. This safe, welcoming space offers help with meltdowns, emotional regulation, education and everyday challenges, right from the start.

You'll have full access to weekly live dropins, a rich library of videos, articles and podcasts, and a supportive WhatsApp group to connect throughout the week. Even one month of steady support can help you feel less isolated, more confident, and better equipped to advocate for your child.

Follow the link for further information <https://www.youarenotalone.community/>

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: 31.08.2026, 14.09.2026, 28.09.2026, 12.10.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Spaghetti & Meatballs served with Garlic Bread	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	Chicken Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs served with Garlic Bread	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 Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit
Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 07.09.2026, 21.09.2026, 05.10.2026, 19.10.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Spaghetti Bolognese 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	Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese 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	Cheese & Beans	Cheese	Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Chicken 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

After School Clubs



Football
Tuesday
Yr 3-6
08.09.26-20.10.26
3:15 - 4:15
£42 (7 weeks)

Multi-Sports
Thursday
Rec - Yr 2
10.09.26-22.10.26
3:15 - 4:15
£42 (7 weeks)

Click HERE to book Autumn 1

Bookings go live during the summer holidays

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SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) **bookable** appointments for parents for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to book an appointment for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

September 2026

Tues 1st September 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Thurs 10th September 9.15 -12.15am Monks ~~Coppenhall~~ SEND Hub

Mon 14th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

Fri 18th September 9-11am Congleton family Hub

Thurs 24th September 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Tues 29th September 9.30am-11.30am ~~Oakenclough~~ Family Hub

October 2026

Thurs 1st October 9.15-12.15 Monks ~~Coppenhall~~ SEND Hub

Tues 6th October 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Friday 9th October 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre

Monday 12th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

Friday 16th October 9am-11am Congleton Family hub

Tuesday 27th October 9.30am-11.30am ~~Oakenclough~~ Family Hub

Thurs 29th October 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

November 2026

Tuesday 3rd November 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Monday 9th November 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

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Thurs 12th November 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
 Friday 13th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub
 Thurs 26th November 9.15-12.15am Monks ~~Coppenhall~~ SEND Hub
 Tuesday 27th November 9.30am-11.30am ~~Oakenclough~~ Family Hub

December 2026

Tuesday 1st December 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
 Thurs 3rd December 9.15-12.15am Monks ~~Coppenhall~~ SEND Hub
 Friday 4th December 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre
 Monday 7th December 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub
 Thurs 10th December 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
 Friday 11th December 9am – 11am Congleton Family hub
 Friday 15th December 9.30am-11.30am ~~Oakenclough~~ Family Hub

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or ~~Oakenclough~~ :

Email startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

At Monks ~~Coppenhall~~, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or

Email startforlifefouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Venues and contact numbers

Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU

Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484

Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061

Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB

Monks ~~Coppenhall~~ SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

~~Oakenclough~~ Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –

[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) – drop-in sessions in Cheshire East – Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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MIDDLEWICH JUDO CLUB

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AT MIDDLEWICH VICTORIA HALL

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Shingles	18 years and over
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected Insect Bite	1 year and over

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