19th September 2025





Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

September 2025

22nd September – Whole School – Flu Immunisations

23rd September – Tempest Individual Photographs – New Date

24th & 25th September - Year 6 First Aid Course

26th September – Sports Day (weather permitting) (Parents Invited)

KS2 – Morning, KS1 - Afternoon

October 2025

1st October – Family Hub Parenting Course

7th October – Tempest Sibling Photos

21st & 22nd October – Parents Evening

22nd & 23rd October – Year 5&6 Viking Workshop (In School)

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

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

Harvest Food Donation Appeal (6th-20th October)



Harvest food donation appeal

BEANS & SAUSAGES JUICE/CORDIAL CEREAL MEALS IN A TIN **GRAVY GRANUALS** SUGAR COFFEE SWEETCORN TOMATO SAUCE **BROWN SAUCE** PORRIDGE OATS CEREAL HOT DOGS JAM MARMALADE CORNED BEEF

This year we are again supporting our local food bank to help and support families in our community.

> Our collection window is Monday 6th October -Monday 20th October. Collection trays will be located in the office or send donations into class.

Please check dates before sending in.

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Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

We've had a brilliant start to our first full week in Reception, with lots of exciting learning taking place across all areas.

In Phonics, we have begun our daily structured lessons following a systematic phonics programme Read Write Inc. This week, we focused on the first four sounds: m, a, s, and d. The children have been busy practising how to say, hear, read, and begin to write each sound through a range of engaging activities. Please continue to practise these sounds at home to help build confidence and fluency.

In Literacy, we launched *Drawing Club* inspired by Greg Bottrill. The children have loved exploring new vocabulary such as *discombobulated* and *enraged*. We've drawn our own characters and settings and used our imaginations to create exciting adventures. During adventure time, we made maps to help retrieve our stolen emotions from the Emotion Thief and even began writing secret codes—some of us using the sounds we've already learned in Phonics!

In Maths, we've been sorting objects using different rules and comparing amounts by lining up objects and using key mathematical language like *more* and *fewer*.

Our topic, 'It's Good to Be Me', has helped us explore and understand our emotions. We've been talking about how different feelings make our bodies feel and learning strategies to help us regulate our emotions in different situations.

It's been a busy and exciting week, and we're so proud of how well the children are settling into their routines and learning.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

The children have worked really hard this week and they are settling into their new routines.

In literacy we have started to write the octopus opening of our text 'Old Bear'. The children have been using new vocabulary in their writing and trying hard to remember their full stops and capital letters.

In maths we have been comparing numbers within 10. The children have been making different numbers on the ten frames and using words like 'fewer' and 'greater' to compare them.

History was fun this week as we had a special visitor who came to talk to us about toys from the past. The children had prepared questions to ask our visitor and they were very interested to see and hear about his favourite toys. The children were shocked to find out that there were no play stations or electronic toys and children mainly played outdoors.

In computing this week, the children all logged on to their purplemash and created their own avatars. Logins have now been stuck in the back of the children's reading diaries so they can enjoy exploring purplemash at home if they wish.

In science this week the children have been describing physical properties of a variety of different everyday materials. The children then matched up a material to its correct property.

Woodpeckers and Goldfinches are really enjoying their woodland sessions this half term. This week we have been talking about different emotions and the children were creating different faces out of natural materials that could find in the forest.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing all the children next week.

Owls and Robins

Another fabulous week for Year 2!

In Literacy, the children have started to 'analyse' our WAGOLL. The children have identified features of a circular narrative. The children have also spent time looking at using openers to make writing more exciting, as well as writing in the past-tense.

In Maths, the children have continued to explore numbers to 100 - they have been partitioning into tens and ones as well as challenging themselves and looking at flexible partitioning - eg 46 = 40 + 6 // 46 = 30 + 16.

In Science, the children were tasked with finding the best material to make a house for the three little pigs!

In RE, the children looked at the story of "The Tax Collector".

The children were very inquisitive in History, where they explored artefacts from our school in the past! The children looked at old photographs, registers and letters to Teachers. Then, the children came up with considerate questions that they'd ask someone who went to our school in the past.

In PSHE, the children have been thinking about rewards and consequences. The children were great at identifying what an appropriate reward / consequence would be for different scenarios.

We started out our topic "texture and tone" by looking at the German artist - Kathe Kollwitz. The children made some creative artist research pages and had some strong reactions to her Expressionist work!

Finally, much fun was had in our Woodland sessions once again! First, the children worked in teams to design a chair for baby bear. Then, during the session the children started to build their design!

Keep up the great work Year 2:)

Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have had an incredibly busy week, packed full of exciting learning experiences! In Literacy, they focused on expanded noun phrases, honing their skills and gathering ideas for their upcoming 'threat narrative' outcome. Their creativity shone through as they came up with fantastic similes and imaginative vocabulary. In Maths, the classes worked hard

comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000, strengthening their number sense. In Science, Year 3 revisited the bones of the body before diving into the fascinating world of muscles, exploring what happens when they contract and relax. The week was also a hit with History, as they stepped back in time to explore Skara Brae. The students were captivated by a 3D reconstruction of the houses and had fun making predictions about what each part might have been used for. They were particularly surprised by the beds and had some doubts about living in a house with a fire pit in the middle! It's been a week full of hands-on learning and great discoveries!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have had another brilliant week of learning! In Literacy, we have been busy planning and writing our very own setting narratives, inspired by our class book 'The Whale'. We thought carefully about how our descriptions bring our settings to life by using features such as noun phrases, fronted adverbials and speech. In Maths, we have continued to explore place value by using number lines and counters to deepen our understanding of numbers up to 10,000. Science has been very exciting – we set up an experiment using hard boiled eggs to investigate the effects of different drinks on our teeth. We can't wait to see the results and find out which liquids cause the most damage!

In History, we travelled back to Tudor times to discover what jobs were like for children. Music has kept us moving, as we began learning how to walk the bass line on glockenspiels. We also made great progress in French, practicing numbers up to 20, and in RE we continued our topic on Islam, thinking about what the best way for Muslims is to live a good life. It has been another action-packed week, full of curiosity, creativity and fun. We are really looking forward to even more learning adventures next week with the Lapwings and Kingfishers!

Kestrels and Red Kites

This week, in literacy, we have been writing our hot writes. The children are working hard to using descriptive language and structure paragraphs with the correct information.

In maths, we are still focussing on place value. We have been partitioning and compare numbers. They children have used place value to order numbers too.

During RE, we have looked at the Puja tray and how this is used for worship in Hinduism. In art, the children got messy making a printing plate ready to paint next week. They will use this to create backgrounds for their artwork. In history, we delved into historical sources to see what we could infer about the Vikings. During French, the children have been extending sentences using because to say how they feel. In computing, we have been learning how to code. The children are beginning to debug when things go wrong. In PSHE, we discussed the

difference a between wants and needs. The children discussed how we don't all need a new PlayStation- we might want one, but definitely don't need one!!!!

Today, the children will come home with their homework books. They will be responsible for writing the pages in every week and returning it in time. Please mark the homework with the children when they have completed it- the answers are at the back of the books. Please encourage the children to look after them as they are expensive.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Eagles and Hawks

Year 6 have had another great week and are developing some excellent leadership skills as role models for the school. As well as both classes continuing to collect multiple golden tokens as recognition of their excellent behaviour at the end of breaktime, several Year 6 pupils have taken on the role as helpers at lunchtime, supporting our younger pupils and keeping things tidy in the hall.

This week in maths, Year 6 have been practising column addition and subtraction methods, as well as exploring factors and multiples. In literacy, the children have been exploring the book When We Walked on The Moon and have written an exploration narrative. In science we have begun to learn more about how the heart works. In art, we have explored the work of different artists famous for creating portraits.

Thank you to all the children who have attended arithmetic booster sessions so far. If you wish for a Year 6 child to attend arithmetic boosters and have not yet signed them up, please feel free to do so. These sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday until 4pm this half term.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets & Pufflings	Isla	For coming to school with a smile each day!
Cygnets & Pufflings	Ethan	For always doing the right thing and being a super role model to his friends!
Goldfinches	Alfie	For showing great enthusiasm in Maths this week.
Goldfinches	Dottie	For showing great effort with her writing this week.
Woodpeckers	Hope	For using her phonics knowledge to help her to spell words.
Woodpeckers	Isla	For working hard and independently in maths this week.
Owls	Harvey	For his carefully created artist research page!
Owls	Emmy	For working hard all week in Literacy!
Robins	Elsie	For creating a fantastic artists page for Kathe Kollwitz.
Robins	Kaelyn	For creating a fantastic artists page for Kathe Kollwitz.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Rhea	For having an incredibly positive start in year 3 and showing good Wheelock behaviours and values. Well done.
Sandpipers	Toby	For showing fantastic learning attitudes in Literacy and Maths this week, especially by being so positive and believing in himself. Well done.
Moorhens	Echo	For being a super helpful and kind member of Moorhens.
Moorhens	Ben	For taking responsibility for his learning and always trying his best.
Kingfishers	Jax	For working hard in literacy to produce a fantastic setting narrative. Be proud of yourself!
Kingfishers	Sophia	For having a fantastic attitude and not giving up when things become tricky. Well done, keep up the hard work!
Lapwings	Benjamin	For always being ready to learn, eager to answer questions and share his learning. Ben is always attentive in lessons and always giving 100% in every subject! Well done Benji, you are a great role model to your peers!
Lapwings	Arthur	For trying really hard in his writing group in Literacy and contributing some great ideas, for our Hot Write all about a character being out at sea, in a storm and looking for a majestic sea king! Well done Arthur! Keep those ideas flowing!
Kestrels	Harley	For an amazing attitude in maths this week- you've worked your socks off! Well done!
Kestrels	Jessica	For listening so well when crafting your hot write- your style is lovely and so are your ideas. Well done!
Red Kites	Zara	For showing great resilience.
Red Kites	Sophia	For taking on feedback and improving.
Hawks	Louie	For always making the effort to contribute to class discussions. A great start to Year 6 Louie, well done!
Hawks	Lewis	For always being polite and respectful to others. Lewis is a really valued member of our class. Well done Lewis!
Eagles	Sophia	For fantastic imagination shown in her exploration narrative writing.
Eagles	Jacob	For showing excellent commitment to being a great role model for others in his role as a Reception Buddy.

The Hive

This week in the Hive the children have enjoyed Autumn crafts and playing games with their peers. Outside on the main field the children have enjoyed ball game activities with the Sports Coaching Team.

The Hive Praise this week is awarded to Rowan for his exceptional manners and attitude to others and to Isla for sharing her skills with others and being a great member of the Hive team.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

Friends of Wheelock School – Weekly Update

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th at 8pm in Barchetta, with drinks and a chat from 7pm. Everyone is very welcome—we'd especially love to see some new faces join us and help make a real difference for the school.

A quick reminder: there are still a couple of raffle prizes waiting to be claimed! If you have a winning ticket, please get in touch with Lisa at fowscontact@gmail.com to arrange collection. One of the prizes is a brand-new king-size heated blanket—perfect for these chilly evenings!

We hope to see you on Thursday the 9th.

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

The Friends of Wheelock School Team

fowscontact@gmail.com1

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

¹mailto:fowscontact@gmail.com

Autumn Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 01.09.2025, 15.09.2025, 29.09.2025,	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables		Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Panini served with Chips & Vegetables
13.10.2025, 03.11.2025, 17.11.2025,	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
01.12.2025,	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans
15.12.2025.	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 08.09.2025,	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Beef Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
22.09.2025, 06.10.2025, 20.10.2025, 10.11.2025,	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
24.11.2025,	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Beans	Cheese
08.12.2025.	Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Ham 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

Community News



Football Tuesday Yr 1/2 09.09.25 - 21.10.25 3:15 - 4:15 £42 (7 weeks)

Friday
Yr 3-6
11.09.25 - 23.10.25
3:15 - 4:15
£42 (7 weeks)



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Crewe Football



School years - Reception & Year 1 5:30pm - 6:15pm 6:15pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 7:45pm 7:45pm - 8:30pm

School years - Year 1 & Year 2 School years - Year 3 & Year 4 School years - Year 5 & Year 6

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 cottomor 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 couching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The acessions are held in the fantastic sports hall 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 scademies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchetter United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 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 juve 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 Promissing Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:



Conrad 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.





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Open Evening

For Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents and Carers

Thursday 25 September 2025 5-8pm

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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





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