

20th December 2024



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

January 2025

6th January – Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

7th January – School Opens

10th January – Year 3 & 4 Chester Deva Roman Experience

10th January – Year 5 Bikeability

15th & 16th January – Year 6 Bikeability

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

A fabulous Christmassy week in Reception. We have been sharing and discussing our favourite Christmas stories. We have moved into our new Phonics groups and have been working so hard on our blending. In Maths, we have been identifying and combining four sided shapes. We have sorted the shapes based on their sides and created Christmas shape pictures. We have been using painting techniques to create calendars and have talked about Christmas traditions from the past. Have a well-earned Christmas break everybody!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Our final week of the term has been a busy one! In whole class Read we have thought about which animal we would prefer to be out of the story 'Oi Frog'. The children had to justify their reasons and write a sentence using the word 'because'. We then performed the story with our talk partners - this was great fun.

In PSHE we have ended our unit which has been all about celebrating our differences. This week we have been thinking about what makes a good friend and we made 'friendship tokens' for people who showed us the qualities of being a good friend.

In Art we have applied our colour mixing skills and painted a paper plate in the style of Clarice Cliff's 'Circle Tree' design. We have been very impressed with the children's attention to detail and how they were able to mix their own colours.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed our theatre visit on Wednesday. The sword fighting and dancing were our favourite parts - we hope they have told you all about it. We were so proud at how

they represented Wheelock school using the Wheelock behaviours at all times. Well done Woodpeckers and Goldfinches.



Owls and Robins

What a busy (but brilliant) final week of term Year 2 have had!

This week, the children completed their 'hot write' in Literacy. The children produced diary entries, imagining they had woken up and discovered an elephant topiary in their gardens! We were wowed by the quality of the children's writing and very impressed with their independent editing skills!

The children finished their RE unit which looked at why Christians believe that Jesus was a 'gift from God'. The children produced some thoughtful work which considered: the Christmas story, what gifts Christians believe Jesus gave to the world and how the children could help the world.

There has been lots of 'hands on', tasks that the children have certainly approached with resilience and creativity! In Design Technology, the children explored Ferris Wheels. The children first designed their own Ferris Wheels and then begun looking at creating a working axle, wheel and pods! The children also enjoyed completing a STEM project where they used recyclable materials to make a boat for Santa!

In Science, the children looked at medicines and how these help us to be healthy. The children were excellent at explaining the importance of only taking medicine that is meant

for you and in the right amounts! After this, the children completed a little Science quiz to finish their unit on 'Animals including Humans', showcasing their knowledge of what they had learned this half-term!

In Whole Class Reading, the children looked more at the 'Queen Victoria' book and learned about how the first Christmas Trees arrived in Great Britain, under Victoria's reign! The children used their inference skills to imagine what children thought and how they would have felt having their first ever Christmas tree!

Of course, one of this week's highlights was the theatre visit to watch 'The Three Musketeers'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the lovely performance and their behaviour was fantastic! You should be proud of representing the school in such a wonderful way!

Well done on completing Owls & Robins you have had a great first term in Year 2! Enjoy your well-deserved break & stay safe! We can't wait to welcome you back in January!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

What a term it has been! Our year 3 children have faced the new challenges of joining KS2 in their stride. They have impressed us all with how quickly they stepped up to the new expectations of being a year 3 pupil. We have been astonished by the improvement in handwriting and how most have confidently grasped cursive and are now in pursuit of their pen licences! Looking back on the term's literacy, the children can hardly believe that they have been writing 4-5 paragraphs in their hot write with so much new vocabulary learnt. The children have gone from strength to strength in their mental arithmetic. Science has been a popular subject this half term as the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring forces and magnets in a range of practical activities. The children have also used their science knowledge on circuits to light up their information posters in DT. Year 3 have loved learning all about volcanoes in geography, writing about them in Literacy, creating posters of them in DT and finally making their own models in school this week. Have a fantastic Christmas break- you've earned it Year 3. We will see you in 2025!



Kingfishers and Lapwings

What a lovely last week we have had in year 4! Firstly, a huge thank you to those who joined for our carols evening, it was lovely to see so many of you. The children have been busy completing their persuasive letters in Literacy, thinking about the impact of deforestation on an animal of their choice. We have had time this week to finish our DT project and the children have worked incredibly hard sewing their book sleeves together. This has taken a lot of resilience and patience but they all have a successful product as a result! On Wednesday, a number of the pupils enjoyed Christmas dinner together in the hall and we have ended our week with a festive day of Christmas jumpers and a movie. Well done to everyone for their hard work over this term, enjoy all of the celebrations and family time over the break and we look forward to seeing you all back in January. Merry Christmas to you all, the year 4 team.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

We've made it!!! This term has certainly flown by!

The children completed their hot writes this week. They have learnt how to write a newspaper and use formal language features. The children have done an excellent job. In maths, Year 5 concluded their fractions unit whilst Year 6 finished measures. The children have enjoyed using our new iPads to create Samba pieces of music using 'Chrome Music Lab'. In science, we have learnt about the moon phases and completed our end of unit quiz. We

have enjoyed our PE sessions outside when the weather has been kind to us. All three classes have concluded their poetry units in WCR.

At the end of the week, we enjoyed making Christmas cards, watching Christmas films, attempting a Christmas quiz and we celebrated by having a party.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas. May your time together be restful and filled with love and happiness. We will see you in 2025! Merry Christmas!!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Whole Class	For working super hard all half term.
Pufflings	Ember	For a fantastic self-portrait for her Christmas card.
Pufflings	Mya	For a fabulous term and a lovely member of Pufflings.
Goldfinches	Coen	For showing lots of attention to detail when painting his Clarice Cliff inspired plate.
Goldfinches	Charlie	For working hard this term at being more independent and showing more resilience.
Woodpeckers	Sam	For showing a good attitude towards his learning in phonics.
Woodpeckers	Rita	For showing good listening skills and following instructions.
Owls	Harley	For always being a respectful and responsible member of the class! Harley is always ready to learn, she always challenges herself and she always takes great care of our classroom environment! Well done Harley!
Owls	Mason	For having a fantastic week! This week, Mason has been responsible, respectful and he has really engaged in his learning - this has been wonderful to see! Keep it up Mason!
Robins	Eliza	For consistently taking a responsible, aspirational and respectful approach to her learning, friends and school environment.
Robins	Piper	For her quiet determination to improve her work, from content to presentation.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Leo	For putting in lots of effort to make his handwriting the best it can be, including time at home and at the Hive. Well done!
Sandpipers	Will	For being a great leader of his group, and supporting others when they needed it.
Moorhens	Orla, Louie, Oscar, Reuben, Sophia and Grace	For achieving fantastic end of term assessment results in their reading fluency group through enthusiasm, improved self-belief and taking responsibility for their own progress.
Kingfishers	Henry & Lola	For showing resilience and determination with their DT sewing project this week - fantastic attitude!
Lapwings	Edward	For refusing to give up with his sewing this week in DT, even though he was really struggling with the technique, he was determined to get it right and watched me sew until he had learnt the skill and even went and sewed on another design independently. This is a great example of 'never giving up' and Edward even said himself 'I refuse to give up, this will not beat me!' and it didn't!
Lapwings	Indiarna	For really great work in DT. She created a complex design for her book sleeve, and managed to sew it all independently, and then when she was finished went around the classroom supporting and helping other children with theirs. Well done Indiarna!
Kestrels	Cody	For being a good friend to others and trying hard this term- well done!
Kestrels	Rowan	For always showing such enthusiasm in the classroom - well done for being passionate about your learning!
Hawks	Eden	For always brightening the day with her smile and for being a good friend to others.
Hawks	Zeke	For a really good effort in our Science unit 'Earth and Space'. Well done for trying so hard in your assessment.
Eagles	Sophia	For excellent work writing a newspaper report.
Eagles	Georgia	For super work in understanding problem solving with different measurements in Maths.
The Hive	Mia & Eva	for always helping and being respectful in the Hive with children and the Hive staff.

The Hive

In the Hive the children have loved creating their Christmas crafts with Kerry, children from all ages have enjoyed their time with their friends.

In the main hall the children have played board games, spent time sharing stories with the peers and creating pictures based on the Christmas theme.

We have seen some very aspirational builds from the Lego and many lovely roleplay games.

Please can I remind you that if your child is not coming to the Hive on a booked session, could you let the school office know, thank you.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas 🎄 and a Happy New Year.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

 News from FOWS 

The Friends of Wheelock School team would like to thank you all for your support this term and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

Friends of Wheelock School

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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

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

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Community News

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Swim Teachers:

Middlewich - Kate **Sandbach** - Aaron and Charlie

TIME	LESSON
9-9:30	STAGE ONE
9:30-10	STAGE TWO
10:30-11	STAGE THREE
11:30-12	STAGE ONE
12-12:30	STAGE TWO
1-1:30PM	STAGE TWO
1:30-2	STAGE THREE
2-2:30	STAGE FOUR
2:30-3	ADULT SWIM

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**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!

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TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!



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- ✓ Xmas presents!
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- ✓ Sports specific camps
- ✓ Nerf days
- ✓ Childcare vouchers
- ✓ Tax free childcare
- ✓ 10% sibling discount



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CHRISTMAS CLUBS	DECEMBER 23RD	DECEMBER 24TH	JANUARY 2ND	JANUARY 3RD
BRINE LEAS	XMAS PARTY! 8AM-3.15PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	×	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-3.15PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-3.15PM DANCE AND #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM
CHELFORD	XMAS PARTY! 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-3.15PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM
FARNDON	XMAS PARTY! 8AM-5PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM FOOTBALL 8.45AM-3.15PM
HOLMES CHAPEL	XMAS PARTY! 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	NERF DAY 8AM-3.15PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM
SANDBACH BOYS	XMAS PARTY! 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	×	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM/SWIM 'N SPLASH AND #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM
ST WILFRID'S	XMAS PARTY! 8AM-5PM	×	NERF DAY 8AM-5PM	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-5PM
WORTH	XMAS PARTY! 8AM-3.15PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	×	MULTI-SPORTS 8AM-3.15PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM	NERF DAY 8AM-3.15PM #HAF 8.45AM-3.15PM



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Wednesday

Yr 3-6

08.01.25 - 12.02.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

What does my child need?

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

Target Games

Thursday

Yr 1/2

09.01.25 - 13.02.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

What does my child need?

- Trainers
- PE kits
- Water bottle

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		JANUARY HOLIDAY CLUB ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME			
		KEY: COULD GET MESSY			
	MONDAY 30TH	TUESDAY 31ST	WEDNESDAY 1ST	THURSDAY 2ND	FRIDAY 3RD
8am	BREAKFAST CLUB			BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB
9.30am	ACTIVE ALLSTARS			ACTIVE ALLSTARS	ACTIVE ALLSTARS
10am	SNACK			SNACK	SNACK
10.30am					
12pm	LUNCH	CLOSED NEW YEARS EVE	CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	LUNCH	LUNCH
1pm					
2pm					
3.30pm	ALLSTARS AFTER-CLUB CLUB			ALLSTARS AFTER-CLUB CLUB	ALLSTARS AFTER-CLUB CLUB

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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

