

21st March 2025



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

March 2025

26th March – Schools Gotta Dance – Crewe Lyceum (Dance Club)

27th March – FOWS Chocolate Bingo

April 2025

3rd April – Girls Football at Sandbach United

4th April – School Closes

22nd April – School Opens

23rd to 25th April – Year 4 Residential to Edgmond Hall

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

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

National Charity Events

We are aware that there are a few national charity events taking place today. As a school we were always having our non-uniform day to collect chocolate for the FOWS Chocolate Bingo event taking place on the 27th March. This event helps to raise funds for the FOWS charity so they buy the extra things for school that your children love to have. In recent years they have purchased a new trim trail and donated towards the bus for the pantomime trip.

If you wish to donate to other charity events happening today please find a couple of links below;



Donate to World Down Syndrome Day¹



Donate to Red Nose Day²

Science Week – Gadget Shop

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Wheelock families for their support in Science Week last week, with the gadget shop. In total we made handsome profit of £402.30, which will now be spent on funding equipment required to support the learning of our children through our science curriculum. The winners of our Gadget Shop Raffle were Emmy (Woodpeckers), Louie (Sandpipers), Ziah (Lapwings) and Theo (Kingfishers), and they were all delighted to receive their prizes earlier on in the week.

¹<https://donate.justgiving.com/charity/downsyndrome-uk/donation-amount>

²https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd25&_gl=1*1w3vdo9*_gcl_au*MTgxMDUwODY3MC4xNzQyNTY3MjEw



Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

This week we have worked super hard in Reception. In Literacy we have learned a new text type of instructions. We read the example text on 'how to trap a wolf' and used the key vocabulary, rehearsing the new words in sentences. We also answered questions about the text and sequenced instructions.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubles and how numbers within 10 can be made up of two equal parts. The children explored this concept using tools like dice, fingers, and visual patterns, and practiced recognising doubles as well as recalling some double facts without needing physical resources. We also focused on sorting objects by different characteristics, which helped the children develop skills to identify similarities and differences. Through working with the Numberblocks, the children began to understand how even numbers can be made from two equal parts.

In our topic, we have been learning about schools in the past. The children explored how schools used to look and how they were different from today. They looked at old-fashioned school equipment, uniforms, and how lessons were taught, comparing them to what we have now. The children also learned about the role of teachers and students in the past and discussed how things like playtime, classrooms and lessons have changed over time.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

It has been a very busy week in Year 1. We have written our own 'Portal Narrative' this week. The children have chosen a character and transported them to an imaginary land. We have been very impressed with the vocabulary that the children have used, especially using the suffixes: ed, ing and est. It has been lovely to read their stories and see how they have used their imaginations. Well done Year 1.

In Maths this week we have explored 'Mass'. Using weighing scales, we have looked at how we know when an object is heavier or lighter - some of us were surprised to work out that something large is not always the heaviest!

We have continued to look at the weather this week in Geography, completing our weather diary and also having a go at being a weather presenter. This was so much fun - we used BBC weather maps and used the compass and weather symbols to describe the weather in the UK's capital cities. See if your child can recall the 4 capital cities.

In RE we have begun to look at the Easter story. We have thought about how we would have welcomed Jesus if he came to visit us and then found out that the people in Jerusalem welcomed him by waving palm branches and shouting 'Hosanna'. We enjoyed making our own palm leaves and role playing the scene in Jerusalem.

Owls and Robins

In Literacy, Year 2 completed their "hot write". Inspired by our text 'Grandads Island', the children produced some exciting return narratives of their own! We are continually impressed by the children's creativity during writing tasks! Can your child retell their return narrative to you?

In Maths, the children completed their topic on 'Multiplication and Division.' The children thought about dividing between 5 and 10 as well as odd / even numbers. Next week, we will be starting our new topic on 'Length & Height!'

We thought ahead to Summer this week in Science, in our topic on 'Seasonal Change'. The children learned more about Summer, talked about their favourite things to do during this season & considered how to be safe and protect themselves from the Sun / overheating. The children had an excellent understanding of this!

In RE, the children learned more about 'The Easter Story'. The children demonstrated their knowledge by working as a team to correctly sequence the story. Then, the children created their own cartoon version of 'The Easter Story'. The children have also looked at symbols of Easter.

We took 'one giant leap for mankind' in History this week and looked at Neil Armstrong's flight to the moon! The children thoroughly enjoyed this learning and engaged very well! Can your child remember any facts about the Moon Landing and/or Neil Armstrong?

In Art, the children looked at the collage Artist 'Romare Bearden'. The children explored Bearden's work, creating an Artist research page which included the children sharing their opinions on it. Can your child share their opinion of Bearden's work with you? Can they describe one of Bearden's collages?

In PSHE, the children have looked at 'Elmer' and the importance of being unique. It was lovely to hear the children's considerate thoughts about difference. The children imagined Elmer was coming and made posters to welcome Elmer and make them feel like they belonged!

In Computing, the children have been looking at 'binary trees'. The children had lots of fun and were confident 'debugging' a binary tree with a partner - we were impressed by some of the fantastic teamwork we saw during this lesson!

Once again, well done Year 2 - keep up the super work!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have started learning about Mass in maths. They have worked very hard at learning strategies to interpret different intervals on a scale counting in different jumps. In literacy, we have continued our vehicle text 'Seen and not heard', but have now started work towards writing instructions on how to be a mischievous child. We have reminded ourselves how to use imperative verbs to be 'bossy'. In science, we have been exploring transparent, translucent and opaque materials as well as the shadows they create. In geography, the children thoroughly enjoyed listen to Shackleton's journey to Antarctica and plotting his route on a map using four figure grid references. In French, we have continued learning to count to 20 and ask each other how old you are. In PSHE, we have discussed our knowledge on emergency services and how they help us live a safe life. In music, the children have been learning about 4 bar rhythms and keeping a steady beat. Super week of learning year 3.

Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week in year 4 we have been writing our stories about a character who leaves home in search of excitement and adventure but ultimately realises that adventure can be overwhelming so returns home to peace and calm. As mentioned in previous weeks, the writing is based on the story Jemmy Button and the children have produced some really wonderful writing which they are very proud of. They have been publishing and this work will go on display in the school. We are still looking at fractions and have now moved on to how to calculate with them. The children have been working hard but found finding

equivalent fractions tricky. If you want to practice something with them at home, you can ask us for guidance on this. In science, we have been continuing our learning about rocks and have been learning about the 3 main types of rock, sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. Ask your children if they can explain how they are formed! In computing this week, we have been revisiting safe searching on the internet and in DT we will be finalising our biscuit designs ready to create our own biscuits in the last week of term. In French the children have learnt the numbers to 20 and we have been playing bingo in French. As we are approaching the time table check in June, please could we ask that the children are practising on Times Tables Rock Stars at home particularly the timed tests as working at speed can be tricky.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week in literacy, we have started our next genre- biographies. The children have enjoyed learning more about Shackleton's life. In maths, year 6 have moved on to a shape unit, as have year 5. Area and perimeter of rectangles and squares has been year 5s focus whilst year 6 have found the area of triangles.

In science, we have explored what happens to our bodies during the teenage years. In French, we have been using adjectives to describe clothes. In geography, the children enjoyed learning about the Great Barrier Reef and the threats to it. In art, we looked at recreating the Front Line image by John Singer Sargent. We did this using freeze frames. During computing, the children continue to enjoy making their own computer games.

Year 5 had a visit from the fire service on Thursday. They talked about fire safety and how to look after themselves in the event of a fire.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine returning this week. Let's hope it stays for a little bit longer. Have a wonderful weekend everyone 😊☀️

Praise

Principal's Praise

Name	Reason
Alys	For resilience in solving challenging Maths.

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Amelie	For working really hard in Maths to recognise and use her knowledge of doubles.
Cygnets	Raul	For being a great role model!
Pufflings	Willow	For fantastic doubles and odd and even knowledge.
Pufflings	Arlo	For retelling the instructions to capture the wolf.
Goldfinches	Melody	For a week full of good choices
Goldfinches	Jaxx	For super progress with his independent writing
Woodpeckers	Addie	For making lots of progress in her writing.
Woodpeckers	Rowan	For being able to reason and explain how he got his answer to a challenging question in mathematics.
Owls	Daniel	For becoming more confident communicating his wants, needs, feelings and ideas!
Owls	Ella	For being aspirational with her Literacy writing!
Robins	Hollie	For trying her best in all lessons and listening to instructions.
Robins	Bella	For excellent effort with her writing this week.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Martha	For always asking important questions that help her to improve her work to the best standard.
Sandpipers	Lucas	For great use of interesting vocabulary in Literacy.
Sandpipers	Maisie	For ensuring her work is always beautifully presented and well thought out.
Moorhens	Layla	For making a super start to Wheelock and always trying her best in her learning.
Moorhens	Edith	For showing resilience and determination in her number sense.
Kingfishers	Theo	For such a positive working attitude noticed by everyone and for a huge effort in his writing.
Kingfishers	Orla	For really working hard on her writing and being independent.
Lapwings	Emily	for a writing a fantastic return narrative, including noun phrases, prepositions and lots of wonderful fronted adverbials to show time passing. I really enjoyed reading this Emily, well done! Emily has also become a total book worm, and cannot stop reading! She has now hit 77,000 words in 4 weeks! AMAZING!
Lapwings	Juan	If there is one thing I have learnt about Juan since September, it is that he relishes a challenge! So, Juan is doing his very best to read and hit 159,000 words read this half term. Awesome effort Juan!
Kestrels	Harper	For producing some excellent pieces of writing recently – well done for writing with accuracy and making it interesting!
Kestrels	Louie	For always asking and answering questions with interest and knowledge- you listen superbly. Well done!
Hawks	Grace	A valued member of our class who always demonstrates both the Wheelock behaviours and values.
Hawks	Emily	For always being a kind friend to others and a mature member of our class.
Eagles	Alys	For showing excellent resourcefulness when solving problems in Maths.
Eagles	Lewis	For always being a supportive talk partner and building great relationships with others in class.
The Hive	Poppy and Phoebe	For always using their manners and helping others in the Hive.

The Hive







The Hive has been full of activity this week. This week the children have been creating magnets with Kerry, the children have loved sharing their unique creations with others.

In the hall the children have enjoyed sharing games with each other and building things from the Lego and the Straws.

Outside the children have embraced the warmer temperatures with ball games and team games.

Kerry has asked if you have any spare magazines at home that could be donated for the next art project, thank you.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

   News from FOWS   

Thank you all SO MUCH for the generous chocolate donations! What a fantastic haul - we are really proud to be part of such a generous school community.

Tickets are still available for chocolate bingo next Thursday! Get them here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock>

See you there!



Best wishes,

Lisa Sumner

PTA Chair

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

fowscontact@gmail.com³

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

³<mailto:fowscontact@gmail.com>

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](#)

New Summer Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 21.04.2025, 05.05.2025, 19.05.2025, 09.06.2025, 23.06.2025, 07.07.2025.	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Chicken Curry served with Rice	Roast Beef served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Panini served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Veggie Curry served with Rice	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream 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: 28.04.2025, 12.05.2025, 02.06.2025, 16.06.2025, 30.06.2025, 14.07.2025.	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Chicken Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Veggie Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Beans	Cheese
	Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit

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VANGUARD GAMES

SPRING INTO ACTION



FREE SPORTS EVENTS!

Free to attend sports events run in partnership with Crewe Alexandra in the Community.

Crewe—9th April & 30th May
Sandbach—10th April & 29th May
Alsager—11th April & 27th May
Congleton—16th April

Sessions are 10:00-16:00, free lunch included
Multi-Sport Activities



THIS YEARS BUZZ EASTER FAMILY TRAIL STARTS AT MARRIOTT HOUSE

(JUST INSIDE SANDBACH PARK NEXT TO THE BOWLING GREEN)

Join us at the entrance where you will get instructions and then head off around the shops to hunt for the eggs.

Then return to Marriott House for more fun
....refreshments, crafts and brain games.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE ALL CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN A BOOK AND AN EASTER EGG!

FUN FREE FAMILY EVENT EVERYONE WELCOME!!

NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult

Buzz!

EASTER FAMILY TRAIL

Saturday 29th March 1pm-3pm starts
@ Marriott House
(just inside Sandbach Park next to the bowling green)



FREE FOR ALL THE FAMILY



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WEBSITE: WWW.GRACE-SANDBACH.CO.UK



Parents and Carers Coffee Morning



All Welcome

Join us for coffee, cake and chat

Joined by

Joan Sherry (CEAT)

Experience Rhino UK's Sensory
Trailer

When:

4th April

Time:

9am - 10.30am

Where:

St Peter's Church Hall

Please email to confirm attendance
cara.marrow@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk



CHESHIRE FOOTBALL TRIALS

APR
7TH
2025

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO JOIN US



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GREAT EGGS-PEDITION TO EASTER ISLAND...

Easter holiday club and camp dates:

- April 7 - April 18
- 8:45 am - 3:15 with wraparound available dependent on venue!

BOOK HERE

- ✓ Childcare vouchers accepted
- ✓ # HAF available soon
- ✓ Tax-free childcare



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DROP-IN WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY TEAM



The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering parent/carer drop-in sessions at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held once per half term in both the North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice, and explore strategies to support your child. They are not for Local Authority processes (e.g., EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

Examples of topics include:

- Concerns about speech development
- Managing challenging behaviours
- Social skills or play difficulties
- Anxiety or school-related issues
- Preparing for adulthood

Parents/carers can book a 30-minute slot by calling their local Family Hub. Sessions will be themed based on age groups (e.g., Start for Life, Primary, Secondary/Post-16) to align with the Family Hub journey map. Afternoon sessions will coincide with the Little Stars stay-and-play group for children with SEN.

Date	Location	Age Range	Times
14.03.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am - 4.15pm
18.03.25	Oakencloough Family Hub	Secondary/Post 16	9.30am - 4.15pm
01.05.25	Congleton Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pm
02.05.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pm
09.06.25	Ash Grove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am-4.15pm
13.06.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Secondary/Post-16	9.30am - 4.15pm
15.07.25	Oakencloough Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pm
18.07.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am - 4.15pm

We will also be asking parents/carers to complete an evaluation form after the drop-in to help us shape the service and improve practice to meet needs in the best way possible.

Call your Family Hub to book a slot:

Oakencloough - 01625 374180 Monks - 01270 371240

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21ST MARCH
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SANDBACH
YOUTH THEATRE
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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

