

23rd May 2025



Wheelock  
Primary School



# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

### May 2025

23rd May – School Closes (Half Term)

### June 2025

2nd June – School Opens

3rd June – Class & Year 6 Photographs

4th June – Town Sports Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Parents Invited)

16th-17th June – Year 2 Residential to Tattenhall

24th & 25th June – Year 6 Transition Days

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

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

### Staff Retirement

We have all said goodbye today to Anne Redfern. Anne has worked in the kitchen at Wheelock for 11 years and is now going to enjoy her retirement. The staff and children will really miss her and wish her well.



## Times Tables Rock Stars

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This Summer term, each year group are in full competitive mode as they take part in times table battles to win a golden token for their class.



This week's winners are

- Woodpeckers
- Owls
- Moorhens
- Lapwings
- Kestrels

*Next battle commences Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- 4pm.*

We have also set Yr4-6 an extra challenge of getting us further up the leaderboard of nearby schools by improving the school's 'Mean Studio Speed'.

**We have now moved up to 17<sup>th</sup> on the Leaderboard with a new mean speed of 3.54secs**

**WELL DONE for another step up the leaderboard!**

**Our current studio speed leaderboard:**

Year One	Harvey W
Year Two	Eliza T
Year Three	Arthur A
Year Four	Imogen F
Year Five	Oscar B
Year Six	Connor G

## Sporting News

This week marked the last race of the season and it was a very, very long one. The children, which consisted of only Year 5, ran a massive 1200m. We were so proud of their determination, focus and drive to finish the race. The children who have attended cross country all year have made massive progress in their fitness and running technique. We can safely say, that they all know how to pace themselves. A huge well done to the new recruits this week, who amazed us with their confidence to take on new challenges. We can't wait to see you all on the Cross-Country Team in September.

A huge thank you to all of the parents, carers and friends who have supported the children over the year in all weather conditions. We really do appreciate it.

### Dates to Remember

Town Sports on Wednesday 4th June at Sandbach Boys School

Please hand letters back asap or email the office if it's easier.

### Sports Praise

Lowen and Archie	For always having a fantastic attitude when taking part in school sports. You both represent Wheelock perfectly and are an absolute pleasure to have on the Cross-Country Team. You are definitely on Mrs Forrester's CC list for next year!!!
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### Class News

#### Cygnets and Pufflings

This week in Reception, we've had a fantastic time exploring numbers, developing our writing skills and getting creative with our topic work. In Maths, we have been focusing on ordering numbers on a number line and playing track games to deepen our understanding of numerical patterns and relationships. These activities are helping the children build a strong sense of number and the ability to compare and reason mathematically. In Literacy, we've been learning how to write instructions for growing a plant. The children have been practising holding a sentence in their heads, using finger spaces and applying their phonics knowledge to spell and write sentences with greater independence. These writing sessions are helping us to become more confident in forming letters correctly and understanding how to structure simple sentences. In our topic work, we've been planting seeds and learning about what they need to grow, nurturing curiosity about the natural world and encouraging careful observation. The children also expressed their creativity through using collage techniques to create butterflies and flowers, using a range of materials and techniques to explore texture, shape, and symmetry. We have certainly earned a rest! Enjoy the half term break!

#### Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Well done year one for another busy half term, you have all worked really hard and we are so proud of the progress you have all made!

In literacy this week we have gone back to basics, writing simple sentences using the correct punctuation and trying to make our sentences more interesting by adding adjectives and verbs.

The children really enjoyed playing with the bee-bots in maths to help support them with this terms position and direction unit. We programmed the bee-bots to move in different directions and used vocabulary like quarter turn/ half turn and used our knowledge on left and right to make them move.

In history the children compared the journeys of Christopher Columbus and Ellen Macarthur and discussed how exploration has changed over time. The children loved looking on google maps to see where each of the explorers went to and we plotted them on a timeline to see how far apart each voyage was.

The children have loved reading Fantastic Mr Fox as our whole class read book this half term and we are looking forward to watching it today, to see if there are any comparisons or differences between the movie and the book.

## Owls and Robins

A fantastic final week of half-term, in Year 2!

We are very proud of Year 2 this week, more than ever! The children have worked incredibly hard during their SATS.

Well done to everyone - you should be proud of yourselves!

Alongside SATS, the children have wowed us with their learning across other subjects! In PSHE, the children have been exploring the 'No Outsiders' text - "Hair, it's a family affair!" The children looked at how this links to Article 2 (no discrimination) on the Rights, Respecting Charter.

In RE, the children looked at the "happy human" symbol used in Humanism. The children then, thought about everything that makes them happy - both now and in the future! As well as this, the children thought about the Humanist belief about being kind to the world, animals and people. The children thought of a problem in the world (eg ocean pollution) and created a poster about this - including ways we can help solve the problem!

In Art, the children have been busy using their sketch maps from last week to create 3D maps, detailing their journey from school to the Church! We have been wowed by the children's creativity and attention to detail!

There was much excitement in our Geography lesson where we learned more about the Jurassic Coast! The children were excellent at describing the coastal features in this area and were very interested in the area's paleontological finds!

History too caused lots of excitement as the children explored the Bayeux Tapestry and learned about William the Conqueror and how he became the King of England!

In ICT, the children looked at the internet. They tested their learning with a quiz on searches!

Finally, in Science the children have looked at the life-cycle of a plant ready for next half-term, when we do some planting!

Happy half-term Year 2 - enjoy your well-deserved break!

## Sandpipers and Moorhens

A fabulous end to the half term in Year 3. The children have worked hard to write some lovely secret diary entries imagining they are an Egyptologist finding some ancient artefacts. They used some great technical vocabulary and worked really hard. In Maths, we have been carrying on with telling the time. They are becoming more confident with this as we go along. In Science, the children began an investigation by putting some white flowers in water with red food colouring. They made some great predictions about what might happen to the flower using their new knowledge. In RE, the children have continued their diary entry writing skills by writing a diary entry imagining they have been on the Hajj pilgrimage. They thought about how they would feel and what they would have done whilst there. The children have worked so hard this week and have earned a well-deserved break next week. Stay safe and have fun :)

## Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week the children went back in time and created cave walls in our classrooms. They made their own textured paint using a variety of natural products such as soil, leaves, spices and couscous. They then painted two textured backgrounds which will be the background of their cave paintings on which they will draw a British animal out of charcoal on to. We will be selecting some of them to be entered into a trust wide exhibition and competition. In literacy, the children have begun to learn how to write instructions to go with our story 'Seen and Not Heard' I'm sorry to tell you that the title of the instructions is, 'How to be mischievous' and the children have come up with a huge amount of ideas! In maths, we have been continuing to work on decimals and have been getting through our times tables learning ahead of our test coming up. We are suggesting that the children use the garage function which works out the questions that the children find tricky and focus on them. In French, the children have been learning about fruits and vegetables and how to ask for them politely. In computing and music, we have been BusyBeats to create music - the children may have been showing you their creative pieces at home!

## Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, we've just had the year 5s and they have been delightful. In maths, we have moved on to look at decimals. The children have started to add decimals and use different decimal place value. In literacy, our focus has shifted to a persuasive letter. The children have been creating persuasive sentences using emotive language. They are very good at being persuasive!!

During our afternoons, we have been working on our D&T sewing skills. The children have been making waistcoats for teddy bears or a small toy. The children have been sewing buttons, pockets, panels and, occasionally, their fingers! They have worked hard to be creative with their designs. Their sewing skills have really improved as the week has progressed. They are super excited to share what they have made with you this weekend.

Year 5 have been a pleasure this week. They have worked well across all three classes and enjoyed spending time together as a single year group! Well done!!!

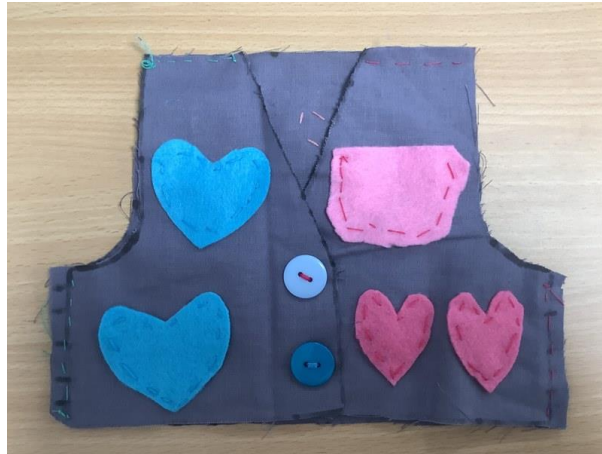
### Year 6

Our Year 6 visited Stanley Head for the final residential of primary school. They have had an amazing time crate stacking, raft building, den building, competing in archery and having a day on the Roaches. They have developed friendships and pushed their own capabilities. For some, this was their first-time camping- a challenge which they have absolutely smashed!!! We are super proud of them. I'm sure they will come home tonight tired, a little smelly but with a heart, and head, full of memories! Thank you to all of the staff who accompanied the children this week! We really appreciate you giving your time to make special memories with our Year 6 children.

Have a wonderful half term rest. We hope the sun continues to shine for us!











## Praise

### Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Whole Class	For all of cygnets for a super half term.
Pufflings	Whole Class	For looking after and taking care of our outdoor area.
Goldfinches	Carter	For having a mature attitude to his learning this half term.
Goldfinches	Ava	For writing a lovely sequence of events in Literacy this week.
Woodpeckers	Oliver	For putting his hand up a lot and contributing to class discussions.
Woodpeckers	Martha	For being really enthusiastic and engaged with the history topic on explorers.
Owls	Layla	For her confident retell of how William the Conqueror became King!
Owls	Sophia	For showing resilience to improve her handwriting!
Robins	Harrison	For trying so hard in his SATs and showing that he's made great progress in his learning.
Robins	Dylan	For being a superstar in his SATs this week and showing amazing progress in all areas.

## Key Stage Two

<b>Sandpipers</b>	<b>Louie</b>	<b>For showing resilience in the tasks he has completed this week.</b>
<b>Sandpipers</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>For showing wonderful enthusiasm when creating an 8 beat ostinato in Music.</b>
<b>Moorhens</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>For his super neat work and for aspiring to do his best.</b>
<b>Moorhens</b>	<b>Saffi</b>	<b>for being an excellent helper and member of the Moorhen team.</b>
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Aurora</b>	<b>For always being so kind to her class.</b>
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Theo</b>	<b>For growing in confidence and independence.</b>
<b>Lapwings</b>	<b>Mabel</b>	<b>For excellent writing in Literacy! When writing her 'bossy' sentences, she used lots of fantastic imperative verbs to make commands of the children, to create even more mischief! I have also been extremely impressed with Mabel's dedication to learning her times tables. Well done Mabel!</b>
<b>Lapwings</b>	<b>Harley</b>	<b>For amazing creativity in art when painting his 'cave wall'! I loved the way that he used all of the different herbs, spices and lentils to create a colourful, textured background, and for his kindness, offering to paint walls for the children who were not in that day!</b>
<b>Kestrels</b>	<b>Amelia</b>	<b>For having a really positive attitude this week and creating a superb theme park. Well done!</b>
<b>Kestrels</b>	<b>Lucas</b>	<b>For having a wonderful attitude this week- you've been really focussed and attentive. Well done!</b>
<b>Hawks</b>	<b>Dexter</b>	<b>For always having a positive attitude- thank you for being polite, helpful and fun to be around! Well done!</b>
<b>Hawks</b>	<b>Sophie</b>	<b>For trying really hard with her persuasive writing this week- well done!</b>
<b>Eagles</b>	<b>Ella</b>	<b>For a well-crafted waistcoat - you took your time to produce something super creative! Well done!</b>
<b>Eagles</b>	<b>Harry</b>	<b>For using some wonderful persuasive language in literacy. Well done!</b>

<b>The Hive</b>	<b>Bella and Sophia</b>	<b>For showing respect and aspiring to be the best that they can be.</b>
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Chair of FOWS

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

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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](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

## 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 Goujon 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

All cakes, biscuits and pizza bases are homemade on the premises  
All meat and poultry products are supplied fresh by Anderton's Butchers

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## Community News



**TRACK FEST**  
**SANDBACH MASONIC HALL**  
**Monday 26th May**

Hot Wheels, Blaze, Disney Pixar Cars, Paw Patrol

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# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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## Dodgeball

Tuesday

Yr 3-6

03.06.25 - 15.07.25

3:15 - 4:15

£42 (7 weeks)

## Summer Games

Thursday

Yr 1/2

05.06.25 - 17.07.25

3:15 - 4:15

£42 (7 weeks)

What does my child need?

- Trainers
- PE kits
- Water bottle

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## Tommy's May-day

# MYSTERY

Who is his new friend?

Holiday clubs



▶ WHEN? May 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

▶ WHAT? Multi-Sports

▶ TIME: 8.45am-3.15pm  
(Early drop-offs and late pick-ups available)

**Childcare Vouchers and Tax-free  
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DAYS

PARTY DAY



30th MAY

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Condition	Age eligibility
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Infected Insect Bite	1 year and over

Find out more, [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)



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For more information on how to apply please contact – Julia Chiapparrone  
[juliac@acaciatraining.co.uk](mailto:juliac@acaciatraining.co.uk)



# 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

No room  
for racism



## 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	Oakenclough 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	Oakenclough 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:

Oakenclough - 01625 374180 Monks - 01270 371240

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Saturday 15 Feb  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 15 Mar  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 19 Apr  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 17 May  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 14 Jun  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 19 Jul  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 20 Sept  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 18 Oct  
11am until 2pm

Saturday 15 Nov  
11am until 2pm