

# 24th January 2025



Wheelock  
Primary School



# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

### January 2025

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)

12th & 13th February – Parents Evenings

13th February – FOWS Meeting at Barchetta 7.30pm

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 super week again Reception. We have been writing our own story about our superhero, Joop. The children have been using their Phonics to independently segment to spell. Super work! In Maths, we have been ordering numbers and applying our knowledge of the counting sequence. We have explored the composition of 6, 7 and 8 and have used sentence stems to talk about parts and wholes of each number. E.g. 5 is a part, 1 is a part and 6 is my

whole. In our topic we have been talking about nocturnal and diurnal animals and have started to explore a different habitat in the polar regions.

## Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

In literacy this week the children have started to write up their detective narratives. We used story hoops to help plan our stories and then the children have written up their wonderful ideas into their literacy books.

In maths we have been focusing on mathematical language. The children have been comparing and ordering numbers to 20 using larger, smaller, greater and fewer vocabulary.

The children have really enjoyed computing this week as they have been set some tricky challenges to complete on purple mash. We have been using different directional language and learning how to debug when we make a mistake.

In history we have been talking about memories and discussing how we can find out more about our own history. We placed our own memories on a timeline and explained why memories such as an event or occasion are special.

In whole class read the children enjoyed performing a verse from 'chocolate cake'. It was lovely to see them using different expressions and intonations when performing.

## Owls and Robins

This week the children started their Literacy learning by describing the Bog Baby! The children thought about Bog Baby's feelings, appearance and actions in different parts of the story. On Wednesday, there was lots of excitement and creativity as the children were able to then design their own creature. Following this, the children produced some wonderfully descriptive writing based on their own designs!

The children have immersed themselves in our new Maths topic - Money! We were impressed by the children's prior knowledge of Money which they demonstrated on Monday by: understanding the new vocabulary, recognising concepts of 'change' and 'value', identifying coins and notes, ordering coins by their value and finding multiple ways to make a specific amount of money (e.g 10p/20p). We have then spent the rest of the week focusing on adding pence and pounds and we're thrilled to see the children so engaged and confident. The children have particularly enjoyed joining in with a BBC 'Supermovers' dance all about Money - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/articles/zht4nrd>

KS1 Maths: Money<sup>1</sup>

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It has been brilliant to see the children's continued engagement and efforts with NumBots, too! Thank you for your continued support with this!

In Science this week, the children looked at categorising things as: living, dead or never alive. The children learned the acronym MRS GREN to remember the 7 life processes and created some beautiful posters for this. Can your child remember what MRS GREN stands for? The children engaged fantastically in scientific conversations about how to categorise eggs, wool and newspaper!

Our History focus this week was the concept of 'historical significance'. The children learned the meaning of this term and how it is different than 'fame' or being 'famous'. The children thought about The Wright Brothers and their 'historical significance' and used drama to create freeze-frames of the first flight!

In RE, the children have been learning about the 99 names for Allah in the Islamic religion. The children discussed the attributes of some of the names and how these are important to Muslims.

We have now started our new topic "appreciation" in myHappyMind. As ever, the children engaged thoughtfully and enthusiastically in our session. Our focus this week was about the people in our life who we appreciate and why we appreciate them.

Well done Owls & Robins!

## Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have had a fabulous week swimming this week. They have loved getting into the pool and we are so proud on how well they have taken on any challenges they have faced. They are super excited for their next two weeks.

They have also completed their hot writes this week retelling the story of Jemmy Button. They have used some descriptive language to step into the fabulous illustrations in the book.

The children have continued with their multiplication and division unit this week, and have looked at division with no exchange, and calculations with a remainder.

In History, we really enjoyed having a debate about whether during the Roman invasion in Britain and whether we would accept the Roman rule or whether they would battle back. We looked at the positives and negatives and they formed a great balanced argument.

In Science, the children investigated the durability, permeability and hardness of a variety of rocks. They loved getting involved in practical investigations!

Another fabulous week in Year 3.

## Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have had yet another busy week! Swimming has obviously been the excitement of the week and the children have enjoyed their first sessions. In maths, the children have consolidated multiplication skills and are now confident with the formal written method. In literacy, they have written setting narratives all about the journey of a river using some brilliant descriptions to bring their writing to life. The children had the chance to explore electrical equipment in science and built a range of circuits to make different components work. In history the children learnt all about the Roman Army and even practised the different commands. Have a great weekend everyone!

## Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

During maths, Year 5 have completed their division and multiplication unit. They have retained the methods extremely well. They are now learning how to multiply fractions. Year 6 have been learning how to round decimals. They have applied their prior knowledge well.

In literacy, the children have worked tremendously hard on their hot writes. They have been using speech to move the dialogue forward and write in the third person.

During science, we have been looking how animals reproduce. In history, the children learnt about the Ancient Greek gods. They were baffled, and disgusted, that Zeus would marry his own sisters! In PSHE, we have been able to look at different salaries of jobs. They were shocked that vital jobs had lower wages - it was a great discussion point. We had another fabulous woodland session. The children were using saws as well as hammers this week. During RE, we continued with our Muslim topic. We learnt how Muslims will donate a portion of their wage to charity.

We have had a wonderful week. We have really seen the children flourish with their work- especially their literacy. The children are super excited to finally use their lockers. They are

not huge so we are trying to encourage them to bring less to school. If they could only bring in the essentials (lunch, water bottles, reading books, pencil cases). We shouldn't see toys coming into school or excess items as they take up too much space.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

## Student Achievement

Last weekend Mia from Eagles along with her U11 girls' team for Crewe and Nantwich Athletics Club came first and won gold out of all the clubs competing for Cheshire. This is a fantastic achievement over 12 months of competitions.



## Praise

**Reception & Key Stage One**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Cygnets</b>	<b>Elsie &amp; Dexter</b>	<b>For having fantastic ideas and sharing them positively with peers and staff.</b>
<b>Pufflings</b>	<b>Alfie</b>	<b>For working really hard to show our Wheelock behaviours.</b>
<b>Pufflings</b>	<b>Flissy</b>	<b>For super writing this week!</b>
<b>Goldfinches</b>	<b>Amelia</b>	<b>For showing lots of independence in her writing.</b>
<b>Goldfinches</b>	<b>Bella</b>	<b>For great team work - supporting another child in Purple Mash.</b>
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Etta</b>	<b>For lots of improvement with her handwriting and presentation of her work.</b>
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Clara</b>	<b>For having a fantastic week – working hard and trying her best in all areas of her learning.</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Ben</b>	<b>For being aspirational with his Maths learning both in school and at home on Numbots!</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	<b>For being respectful, supportive, and empathetic towards his peers!</b>
<b>Robins</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>For always making good choices and helping others to do the same (and extra maths homework!).</b>
<b>Robins</b>	<b>Mia</b>	<b>For aiming high with her reading and being motivated to make lots of progress on Accelerated Reader.</b>



## Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Jax	For doing an amazing job swimming this week and always listening to the coach's instructions.
Sandpipers	Jenson	For showing great effort and resilience in his Maths lessons this week. Great job!
Moorhens	Charlie	For improved independence and dedication to his learning.
Moorhens	Edith	For always being kind, respectful and showing responsibility for her own progress in learning.
Kingfishers	George & Astrid	For a huge improvement with their times tables so far this year and achieving great results on their most recent multiplication check. Hard work pays off!!
Lapwings	Frankie	For being an absolutely brilliant swimmer! This week, we have started swimming and Frankie absolutely excelled in the pool, to such an extent the teacher asked her to be in one of the top groups, so she could demonstrate for everyone else! Well done Frankie! This is awesome!
Lapwings	Henry	For great work and focus in class, in recent weeks. Henry has really settled down into Spring 1 and is completing his work independently and is keeping on task in lessons, which is having a huge positive impact on his learning, which is wonderful to see! Keep it up Henry, as you are doing brilliantly!
Kestrels	Chloe	For having a superb attitude towards reading and always be so enthusiastic to read – including setting her own targets. Well done!
Kestrels	Elsie	For working extremely hard in Maths and challenging herself. Well done!
Hawks	Oliver	For 100% effort across the curriculum. Your progress this year has been amazing. Well done!
Hawks	Roman	For a superb piece of writing in Literacy this week, listening carefully to advice given to him to improve his work. Well done Roman!
Eagles	Oscar	For fantastic ideas writing his discovery narrative about Charles Darwin.
Eagles	Leah	For excellent understanding solving ratio problems and calculating with decimals in Maths.
The Hive	Emily & Beatrice	For their creativity and sharing their skills with others.

## The Hive

The children in the Hive this week have enjoyed playing with their friends and celebrating the crafts that they have made with Kerry.

In the hall Lego has been a popular activity with all ages as has the craft table. A small group of children have been creative with the cardboard supply and have made mini items of furniture which inspired others to join in.

Mr Sutton has been able to take small groups outside for sports sessions, the children really thrive from having this time outdoors.

## FOWS NEWSLETTER

We are holding our next meeting at Barchetta on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm. If you fancy joining a really friendly group of parents who work hard to raise money for the extra things the children like to have in school, then please come along and say 'hi' we would love to see you.

## 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)

## NEW Spring Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 06.01.2025, 20.01.2025, 03.02.2025, 17.03.2025, 31.03.2025.	<b>Main Choice</b>	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
	<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	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
	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	<b>Sandwich</b>	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Tuna	Ham
	<b>Dessert</b>	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.	<b>Main Choice</b>	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
	<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	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
	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	<b>Sandwich</b>	Ham	Tuna	Cheese	Ham	Cheese
	<b>Dessert</b>	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





**Parents and Carers  
Coffee Morning**



All Welcome  
Join us for coffee and cake

**Joined by  
Joan Sherry (CEAT)**  
10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

**When:**  
7th February  
**Time:**  
9am - 10am  
**Where:**  
St Peter's Church Hall



Please email to confirm attendance  
[cara.marrow@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:cara.marrow@elworthce.cheshire.sch.uk)



**SANDBACH**



**FEBRUARY FRENZY**  
half-term holiday clubs

- ▶ **10% OFF** Book before January 31 on multi-sports clubs
- ▶ **WHEN?** February 17-21
- ▶ **WHERE?** Sandbach Boys' School
- ▶ **TIME:** 8.45am-3.15pm (late and early pick-ups available)
- ▶ **wow!** Sports specific camps!
- ▶ **amazing** multi-sports clubs



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**SPORTS COACHING GROUP**  
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**FEBRUARY FRENZY**

**Specialist camps**

- ✓ **Mon, Feb 17: Football (8.45am-3.15pm)**
- ✓ **Tues, Feb 18: Hockey (8.45am-3.15pm)**
- ✓ **Wed Feb 19: Swim/splash (8.45am-3.15pm)**
- ✓ **Thurs, Feb 20: Cricket (8.45am-3.15pm)**
- ✓ **Fri, Feb 21: Dance (8.45am-3.15pm)**

**Multi-sports clubs**

- ✓ **Basketball, tennis, archery**
- ✓ **Dodgeball, gymnastics**
- ✓ **Arts, crafts, dance**

Scan QR code to book



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- Saturday 18 Jan 11am until 2pm
- 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





## 2025 CARNIVAL

Coming to Trentham 14th February  
- 2nd of March. Join us for a brand  
new jaw dropping, heart stopping  
production!

[TICKETS](#)



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applicable when you purchase 4x tickets on  
ringside and premium ringside seating.  
T's & C's apply

[BOOK HERE](#)

A promotional graphic for the show 'Mini Movies'. The title 'MINI MOVIES' is in large, metallic, 3D letters. Above it are various movie-related icons: a dinosaur, a robot, a clapperboard, a camera, and a film strip. Below the title is the text: 'HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES? IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!'.

**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](mailto:casting@thechancercollective.com)

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

**CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON [ITVX](#)  
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**

# JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY **event**  
9.30AM TO MIDDAY



JOIN OUR  
**Spectacular  
Junior  
Scientist  
Event**

THE  
**QUEEN'S SCHOOL**  
GIRLS AGED 4-18

## 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](mailto:info@sandbachmiddlewichyouththeatre.co.uk)

