24th October 2025





Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

November 2025

3rd November – Inset Day (School closed to children)

4th November - School Opens

10th November – Year 5 Trip to Safety Central Warrington

11th November – Remembrance Day

19th November - Year 3 Trip to Eureka!

21st November – Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Raffle Donations

22nd November – Year 3 Choir Singing at the Sandbach Christmas Markets & Light Switch On

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

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

Attendance & Morning Drop-Off Reminder

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the following morning routines and attendance expectations:

- Gates open at 8:30am
- Classroom doors open at 8:35am
- The register is taken at 8:45am

Pupils arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late.

Arrivals after 9:15am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, as in line with our attendance policy.

All absences **must be reported by 9:30am on the day of absence**. Please contact the school office directly to inform us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain excellent attendance and punctuality.

Year 5/6 Winter Football League

Huge **congratulations** to our Year 5 and 6 football team for making it to finals week. They put on some fantastic performances against other top performing local schools, to place 5th out of 16 teams. We are so incredibly proud of them and how they conduct themselves when representing the school. Well done!



Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

What an exciting and busy week last week we've had in Reception! In Phonics, we have been working in our new groups and focusing on our target sounds. The children have enjoyed lots of oral blending games, listening carefully to the sounds they can hear in words, and many are beginning to blend to read simple words independently. It's been lovely to see growing confidence as the children tune into sounds and apply their phonics knowledge when reading and writing.

In Literacy, we have been exploring the story *Room on the Broom*. The children loved joining in with the repeated phrases and talking about the characters' adventures. Everyone designed their own magical broomstick and used their super phonic knowledge to write some brilliant CVC words to describe it. There has been lots of imaginative language and storytelling as the children shared who might join them on their broom! In Maths, we have been busy spotting, copying, and creating repeating patterns. The children have been using colours, shapes, and actions to make ABAB and AABAAB patterns. They have been noticing and talking about what comes next, explaining their thinking and showing great perseverance when their patterns didn't quite work the first time. Our topic learning has been full of discovery too. We have been learning about Diwali, the festival of lights, and the children have enjoyed creating beautiful rangoli-inspired patterns and talking about how people celebrate. We also continued our work on people who help us, thinking about the important roles people play in our community. The highlight of the week was a very special visit from the Fire Service! The children were fascinated to explore the fire engine, learn about the equipment, and talk about how firefighters help to keep us safe. Their curiosity and excitement were wonderful to see. It's been a fantastic week of learning, imagination, and exploration — well done, Reception!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Year 1 have had another fantastic week to finish off their first half term in year 1. We are so impressed with how well the children have settled into this school year and we feel we have really got to know your little ones in the past 8 weeks.

They finished off their message as Tin Dog this week in Literacy, explaining that they were stuck in the attic and needed saving. They did a fantastic job at applying their phonics knowledge to their sentences and have started to work much more independently.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning on additions to 10 ready to move onto numbers to 20 after half term.

The children loved their music afternoons, showcasing great skill to keep the pulse when listening to music. Ask your child to sing 'Pi-zza, choc-o-late' and see how they get on.

In RE, the children looked at the Creation Story in Christianity. They made some lovely crafts to show the different days.

The children have showed fantastic behaviour this half term, earning themselves the most golden tokens in the whole of key stage 1. This meant they got to have a little treat to say well done. They enjoyed the film 'Toy Story', linking to their learning in Literacy, History and Music.

Enjoy a well deserved rest over the half term and we will see them on Tuesday 4th November.

Owls and Robins

A fabulous final week of term!

This week, the children complete their second "hot write" in Literacy - a letter warning about dangers in different locations along the river. The children worked incredibly hard on this and have produced some wonderfully creative work!

In Maths, the children have been very busy! We've looked at adding by making 10, adding three 1-digit numbers, and adding to the next 10 (eg knowing 3 + 7 = 10 so 13 + 7 = 20)

This weeks' Science lesson was all about animals and their "offspring". The children confidently matched adult animals and their babies and were able to name them! We talked about how different types of animals have babies in different ways - eg mammals growing in a womb, reptiles laying eggs & amphibians laying eggs in water.

In Geography we have been comparing the UK and Kenya - identifying similarities and differences between the human and physical features.

In History we compared schools from the 1900s, 1960s and now.

We finished our second book for "whole class reading" this week. The children's final lessons focused on summarising the story and creating a book review. The children thoughtfully discussed how our story 'The Proudest Blue' discussed discrimination.

In PSHE, we thought about what "family" means to us. We talked about how all families are different but have lots of things in common - e.g love, belief, support and fun!

In Computing, we used Purple Mash to complete some more coding - this time creating a snails race or using buttons to make objects do something!

Have a wonderful, well-deserved half-term, Year 2! Well done :)

Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week, Year 3 have been exploring the wonderful story *Dogs Don't Do Ballet* and learning about the important theme of assertiveness. We linked this to Article 12 of the UN Rights of the Child, discussing how everyone has the right to share their opinions and be listened to. The children thought carefully about the difference between being assertive, passive, and bossy, and discussed when it's the right time to be assertive. In Art, we continued creating our fantastic digital artwork using Purple Mash, showcasing our creativity and design skills. In Maths, we have been working on subtraction with exchanging and using Base 10 equipment to represent our calculations and strengthen our understanding. During Computing, we completed our wellbeing survey and finished our exciting coding projects. What a busy and productive week it has been for Year 3!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

We have had a fun week this week, using the laptops in our classrooms! In Literacy, we've been combining our writing and computing skills through our Writing for Purpose unit on PurpleMash! The children have created their very own newspaper reports — experimenting with different fonts, sizes, colours, and images to make their articles really stand out. It's been lovely to see how confident they've become typing up their work for the first time and taking real pride in their finished pieces. In Maths, we've been building on our addition and subtraction skills to find efficient methods, explore equivalent differences, and solve tricky problems. The children have shown great perseverance and reasoning as they tackled these challenges — well done, everyone! In PSHE, we've explored our No Outsiders text Beegu and reflected on what it means to belong and work together as a team. The children created thoughtful posters showing our rights and responsibilities within our classroom — a wonderful reminder of how kind and inclusive our class can be. In Art, the children brought their still life compositions to life with paint, focusing on tone and tint to add texture and dimension. Their finished pieces are full of personality and creativity — we can't wait to display them! It's been such a busy and productive half term, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved. We wish them all a lovely, relaxing week off — enjoy the break and have a spook-tacular Halloween!

Kestrels and Red Kites

We've made it to our final week!

This week, in maths, we've moved on to look at factors and prime numbers. The children are using their multiplication skills well to retain new terminology. Keep up the extra practise on TTRS to support you during this unit.

In science, we completed our end of unit quiz and looked at shadows. We discussed what happens to our shadow during the day and how the sun does not move across the sky. In PSHE, we talked about consequences and how they can be good and bad depending on our actions. We completed our Egyptian funeral songs in music. There was much laughter during our final pieces. We continued to explore online safety in computing by reminding ourselves what we should and shouldn't do online. We have completed an artist study on Giacomo Balla in art. Finally, in No Outsiders we looked at democracy and how we vote to make sure everything is fair.

The highlight of our week was our Viking workshop on Wednesday. Thank you for supporting with any costumes- the children looked great. We enjoyed being archaeologists as well as traders. The children wrote in Viking runes and also played dice games. We had lots of discussions about how we could categorise the Vikings. We decided they weren't all sea pirates but they would have been traders, explorers as well as raiders. It was a wonderful day. Please could any outstanding payments be made on Arbor.

It's been a busy 8 weeks. Lots of new skills acquired as well as new routines. Have a restful half term- I think we are all ready for a week off! See you back in school on Tuesday 4th November.

Eagles and Hawks

It has been a very busy end to the half term for Hawks and Eagles, with Year 6 earning their half term rest after a very hardworking start to the academic year! Both classes were fantastic during the Viking workshops on Thursday, demonstrating their fantastic learning from over the half term. They showed brilliant knowledge throughout and all have their own thoughts about whether Vikings were 'raiders, traders or something else' - please ask them what their opinions are!

Away from our History lessons, we have been busy composing pieces of music using body percussion, thinking about dynamics, pitch and texture. We have worked creatively in groups to think about how to make sea waves using these ideas. In our No Outsiders work, we have been exploring issues around friendship using the text 'The Girls'. Both classes have a great work of working on teamwork skills in these lessons. We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils a restful break and look forward to continuing our learning across the curriculum in the second half of the autumn term.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Reception	The Whole	For such a super term and working so hard.
	Class	You have been a delight to teach and have
		made us very happy teachers!
Reception	Zia	For always making the right choices in school.
Goldfinches	Ember	For showing great musicality when keeping the pulse in Music. Well done.
Goldfinches	Lottie	For showing great musicality when keeping the pulse in Music. Well done.
Goldfinches	Ava	For showing great musicality when keeping the pulse in Music. Well done.
Woodpeckers	Theo	For trying really hard to improve his handwriting.
Woodpeckers	Orla	For writing some fantastic sentences independently in literacy.
Owls	Evie	For a fantastic piece of writing in Literacy!
Owls	Charlie	For putting 100% effort into all his learning this week!
Robins	The Whole Class	For a fantastic first half term in year 2. Enjoy your holidays

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers Eliza		For always showing impeccable Wheelock behaviours and values. She is a role model to the class and should be so proud of a fantastic start in Sandpipers class!		
Sandpipers	Logan	For being a kind, helpful and thoughtfu member of Sandpipers. You have settled really well and work hard every day. We done!		
Moorhens	The Whole Class	For a term of excellent effort, focus and progress in their learning. A fantastic start to their KS2 journey.		
Kingfishers	Jenson	For being a caring friend and always showing enthusiasm.		
Kingfishers	Arthur	For always trying his best and getting stuck in.		
Lapwings	Reuben	for making a real effort to get into school super early to practise his spellings and handwriting in the morning, and for being proud of his work! He has also worked hard this week to produce an excellent newspaper report using purple mash! Well done Reuben, keep coming in early we love to see your happy face at the door in the morning!		
Lapwings	Grace	for always giving 100% to all of her work every day. Grace is extremely conscientious about all of her work and is a fantastic, supportive member of our Lapwings classroom. She is always ready to learn, and keen to take part in class discussions. Well done Grace, keep giving it your all!		
Kestrels	Marley	For a super effort shown in her art work especially her artist study. Well done!		
Kestrels	Giannis	For great knowledge shown in science during our Earth and Space topic – you've been extremely engaged. Well done!		
Red Kites	Arnie	For showing great potential in his writing.		
Red Kites	Fearne	For excellent work rate over the half term.		
Hawks	Henry	For an impressive approach to his reading this half term. He has shown great enthusiasm through frequent quizzing and a clear enjoyment of books. Keep it up, Henry!		
Hawks	Holly	For being a responsible and dedicated house captain. Holly consistently demonstrates kindness and respect towards others, making her a wonderful role model for her peers.		
Eagles	Ahmad	For a super attitude to learning across the curriculum.		
Eagles	Emily	For showing fantastic enthusiasm for our Viking day and always wanting to find out more.		

The Hive

The children in the Hive this term have enjoyed Autumnal crafts, board and card games and a wide range of sporting activities with the Sports Coaching term.

It has been lovely to see many friendships made and how the older children have supported the younger children to learn new skills and ideas.

As we go into the darker nights we will continue with themed crafts and introduce different themed nights, encouraging creativity and the Wheelock Values.

The Hive Praise this week is awarded to Arnie and Charlotte both for being excellent members of the Hive team.

Have a lovely half term

FOWS NEWSLETTER



A Friends of Wheelock School – Half Term Newsletter A



Hello everyone!

The FOWS team are wishing you a fantastic half term! We have very important events planned next half term and would love to see you at our committee meeting on Thursday the first week back - more info below.

31 Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6th November - FOWS Committee meeting

Join us for a drink and a chat while we plan the Christmas Merry Market - 8pm in Barchetta or earlier for an informal natter before the meeting starts. Lots of us are usually there for 7.30pm

Friday 21st November – Non-Uniform Day (Rainbow Raffle Donations)

Children can ditch the uniform in exchange for a colourful donation towards our famous Rainbow Raffle Hampers! Each year group will be given a colour theme soon – watch this space for details.

Thursday 11th December, 4–6pm – Wheelock Merry Market

Mark your calendars! Our Christmas fair is back and will be filled with festive fun, games, stalls, Santa's grotto, and plenty of cheer. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we can't wait to celebrate with you all.

We Need You! – Join our Willing Volunteers WhatsApp Group

Ever thought, "I'd help if someone just asked me"? Well... we're asking!

We've set up a new 'Willing Volunteers' WhatsApp group for anyone happy to lend a hand with FOWS events.

This isn't a busy chat or a secret PTA initiation – it's just an easy way for us to ask for help when we need a few extra hands for things like stalls, cake sales, or school discos.

No meetings. No long-term commitment. Just teamwork when you can.

Sadly, we've had to cut back events like film nights and discos in recent years because we haven't had enough helpers – and we'd *love* to bring them back. Please join, even if you can only help once in a while. Every bit makes a huge difference!

Join the group

here: https://chat.whatsapp.com/CqwDjj3nxUB8KHp2FZuzn7?mode=wwc

Let's keep the fun (and fundraising!) alive at Wheelock! 💥

Wheelock Monthly Lottery – Your Lucky Number Awaits!

Want to support FOWS and have a genuine chance of winning some cash? Our **Monthly Lottery** is an easy, no-fuss way to help raise funds for school projects.

Here's how it works:

- f1 per month = 1 lottery number
- \bigcirc £5 = 5 chances to win
- Your number stays the same each month

Three winners every month, with the top prize usually around £29 (depending on how many take part)

The more numbers you have, the better your odds — and every penny raised helps support our children and school.

Sign up here: https://forms.gle/yghdpxNrNKnNb45j7

Winners will be announced each month on Facebook and in the school newsletter — so keep your eyes peeled!

Thank You!

As always, a huge thank you to everyone who supports FOWS — whether you've volunteered, donated, or simply come along to events. Every bit helps make Wheelock such a special community.

Let's make this festive season a brilliant one for our children!

Warm wishes,

Friends of Wheelock School PTA



🐒 Supporting our school, one event at a time 🠒



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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

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	Chicken Goujon 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





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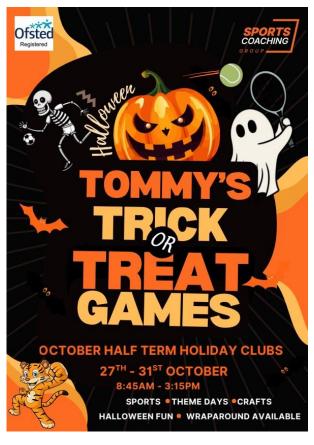




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Sore throat	5 years and over		
Shingles	18 years and over		
Impetigo	1 year and over		
Infected Insect Bite	1 year and over		

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