

25th April 2025



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

May 2025

1st May – Year 3 Egyptian Workshop

1st May – Girls Football Years 4-6 at Sandbach United FC (Parents Invited)

5th May – Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)

16th May – Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness Week (Whole School)

20th – 23rd May – Year 6 Residential to Stanley Head

23rd May – School Closes (Half Term)

June 2025

2nd June – School Opens

3rd June – Class & Year 6 Photographs

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/>

Sporting News

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in cross country this week. Not only did you wow us with your perfect behaviour and attitude, but you all also smashed your finishing position. We are so proud. We look forward to the last run of the year on **Wednesday 21st May**. Letters will be given out nearer to the time.

Next Sporting Events

Wednesday 21st May – Cross country (Year 5/6) at Sandbach Rugby Club

Thursday 1st May – Girls Football (KS2) at Sandbach United FC. Letters have been emailed out. If any girls (Years 4-6) would like to join in, please come and see Mrs Forrester or Miss Millward for a letter. We would really love to take two teams.

Sports Praise

Name	Reason
Harry	for showing determination and personal growth.
Oscar	for showing determination and personal growth.

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

A great first week back. This week in Reception, we had a wonderful time diving into new learning adventures! We explored a beautiful new book, The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton. The children loved following the journey of Joe and his magical garden! We looked closely at the illustrations and described the setting using exciting vocabulary — from grey cityscapes to vibrant, blooming gardens full of life and colour. In maths, we focused on counting and representing numbers to 20. The children used objects, number lines, and even their fingers to practise counting accurately. We also enjoyed matching numerals to quantities and representing 'teen' numbers using tens frames. Our learning about plants really began to blossom this week! We talked about what plants need to grow and started looking closely at seeds, soil, and different types of plants. We also started to talk about the different parts of a plant. Keep up the super work, Reception!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

What a wonderful first week back we have had in year one.

In literacy we have been immersing ourselves into our new text 'The Secret of Black Rock'. The children used role play to explore new vocabulary and then wrote sentences using the new words.

In maths we have started our multiplication and division unit. The children have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using counters and cubes to make equal groups.

In computing the children enjoyed designing their own scenes by adding their own background and objects to their computer programmes. The children then used code to make their designs work.

In science we have been identifying and describing the basic structure of a plant. The children sorted images into plants and not plants and then drew their own plant labelling the different parts.

Owls and Robins

A fantastic first week back for Year 2!

This week in Literacy, we have started our new story 'The King Who Banned The Dark'. The children have spent time exploring new vocabulary from the text and have thought about the suffixes -er and -ness!

In Maths, the children have been consolidating their arithmetic skills by adding/subtracting 10 to different numbers (eg $54 + 10 = 64$) as well as using their addition knowledge to add 10s (eg $2 + 9 = 11$ so $20 + 90 = 110$). We have been very impressed with the children's confidence with this! The children have also spent time exploring different measures - volume & temperature!

In PSHE, we launched our new topic "relationships". This week, the children focused on the concept of 'family' - what this means & how all families are different! The children were tasked with creating a "happy home recipe"! There were some lovely examples for ingredients such as: "A sprinkle of support", "A cup full of a love", "A pinch of patience", "A spoonful of laughter".

Our new topic in history is 'What is a monarch?!'. Our first lesson focused on the different titles and duties of a King / Queen. After learning what these were the children designed their own crowns and decorated them with symbols that represented the different royal duties! Can your child recall any of the monarch's duties/roles?

Finally, in Science the children worked together to begin our new 'plants' topic. This week's lesson focused on the different parts of a plant & then to what types of plants we do / do not eat! Can your child recall the different types of plants we do eat? (Eg fruits)

Well done for a great first week back Year 2 - enjoy your weekend!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

We have had a busy week back in year 3. The children have shown great prior knowledge on their fractions understanding and applied this to adding and subtracting fractions and understanding the concept of a whole. In literacy, year 3 are very excited by their new vehicle text- Egyptology. They have enjoyed describing the pyramid setting and have confidently used the key vocabulary shared. Today, the children have enjoyed role-play activities to practise 'showing not telling' in their descriptions. In French, we have started learning vocabulary for fruit and vegetables. In History, pupils started looking at artefacts from ancient Egypt and asking questions about them. In RE, we started to think about journeys which will link to an understanding on pilgrimages later in the term. In PSHE, the children were challenged with questioning stereotypical roles for male and females. In Art, we have completed an artist study on Pablo Picasso. Finally, well done to Moorhens on earning the most golden tokens last term. They have had a very comfy day in their pyjamas!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Please check our Facebook page for all the exciting news from our residential

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

What a great first week back.

In literacy, year 5 have been exploring Hansel and Gretel and exploring the story for the perspectives of the characters. Year 6 have been refining their writing from last half term. They have really focussed on their handwriting and presentation skills.

In maths, year 5 have been using protractors and measuring angles. We have looked at different sized angles too. Year 6 have been looking at pie charts and graphs. They have been learning what the mean is in relation to averages.

During science, we discussed the differences between solids, liquids and gasses. In history, we have explored which historical figures feature on a £5, £10, £20 and £50 note. In French, we have learnt about personal information such as saying date of birth, first name and surnames. We concluded our art unit by creating a final piece based on the artists which we have studied this term such as David Hockney and Fiona Rae.

We are preparing for SATS with year 6. The children are working really hard to revise methods and terminology. Keep up the good work.

A wonderful first week everyone. Have a lovely weekend and here's hoping the sunshine stays!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Daisy May	For working hard and completing the homework challenge each week! Well done!
Cygnets	Ava	For working hard and completing the homework challenge each week! Well done!
Pufflings	James and Oliver	For fantastic work in Maths to match teen numbers.
Goldfinches	Evie	For her amazing work in Science.
Goldfinches	Alana	For working really hard in English.
Woodpeckers	Scarlett	For settling well into Woodpeckers and being a great asset to the class.
Woodpeckers	Freyah	For trying hard in phonics and making lots of progress in her reading.
Owls	Alexa	For her fantastic attitude to learning this week!
Owls	Toby	For wowing us with his reading – he has passed 10 quizzes with 100% in less than 24 hours!
Owls	Alfie	For writing some fantastic sentences using our new vocabulary in Literacy!
Robins	Braelyn	For trying her best to use her strategies to be kind to others.
Robins	Sienna	For always have high standards for herself and for being a role model with her work ethic.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Nyla	For great ideas in Literacy.
Sandpipers	Jenson	For amazing work in Maths this week.
Moorhens	Benji	For being a helpful and supportive talk partner.
Moorhens	Ada	For always aspiring to achieve her best and showing respect to others.
Kestrels	Jason	For an excellent first week at Wheelock- you fit in perfectly! Well done!
Kestrels	Poppy	For excelling in all areas by always striving to be successful! Well done- you really deserve your successes!
Hawks	Henry	For being a kind and supportive friend this week – well done Henry!
Hawks	Luis	For showing maturity and a positive attitude towards improving his writing by listening carefully to feedback. Well done Luis!
Eagles	Ahmad	For excellent work in Maths this week.
Eagles	Georgia	For her super attitude towards improving her work in all lessons.
The Hive	Audrey and Marco	For being polite and respectful to others.

The Hive

Welcome back, we hope you all have had a fun packed half term break. The children had settled back into routines, meeting up with their friends and sharing their holiday stories.

This week Kerry has taken groups of children to create beautiful rainbow fish using different colouring techniques. The children have really enjoyed this craft activity and were very proud to share their creations at the end of the day.

Outdoors the children have played sporting games and spending time on the Trim Tail.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful, chocolate-filled Easter break and enjoyed some well-deserved family time!

Next PTA Meeting: Thursday 1st May

Join us at **Barchetta** from **7:30pm** for drinks and a catch-up, with the formal meeting starting at **8pm**. We'll be diving into plans for this year's **Summer Fair**—your ideas and energy are what make our events so special, so please come along!

Summer Fair – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for our biggest event of the year—**Thursday 10th July** (details to follow!). If you'd like to help with planning, running a stall, or spreading the word, just email fowscontact@gmail.com or chat with us at the meeting.

Thank you for being such an amazing part of our school community. Let's make this summer one to remember!

See you Thursday,

With thanks

Lisa Sumner

PTA Chair

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

fowscontact@gmail.com¹

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

¹<mailto:fowscontact@gmail.com>

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

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SPORTS COACHING GROUP

ENJOY IMPROVE ACHIEVE

Football

Tuesday
Yr 3-6
22.04.25 - 20.05.25
3:15 - 4:15
£30 (5 weeks)

What does my child need?

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

Dodgeball

Thursday
Yr 1/2
24.04.25 - 22.05.25
3:15 - 4:15
£30 (5 weeks)

What does my child need?

- Trainers
- PE kits
- Water bottle

Click **HERE** to book HT5

✉ info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

☎ 01270 449770

🌐 sportscoachinggroup.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

OFFICIAL



CREWE NEPTUNE LIFESAVING CLUB

We teach water safety and lifesaving skills,
in a fun and safe way!



Find out more

Why not join us (age 7+)?

Enquire for a free taster session!

Saturday mornings 07:45 to 08:45am at Crewe Lifestyle Centre

Contact: crewe Neptune@gmail.com
facebook.com/crewe Neptune lifesaving club



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11am until 2pm

Saturday 15 Feb
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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