

29th November 2024



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

December

- 2nd December – EYFS Carols at Church (Parents Invited)
- 3rd December – Year 1 Carols at Church (Parents Invited)
- 6th December – Judging of the Rainbow Raffle Class Hamper
- 9th December – Year 2 Hope Journey at Church (Children Only)
- 10th December – KS2 New Vic The Three Musketeers Trip
- 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch
- 11th December – Whole School Flu Immunisation
- 11th December – FOWS Christmas Fair 5pm-7pm
- 12th December – Year 2 Christmas Crafts and Sing-a-long (Parents Invited)
- 13th December – Elf Run (Children Only)
- 16th December – KS2 Christmas Carols by Candlelight (Parents Invited)
- 18th December – EYFS & KS1 New Vic The Three Musketeers Trip
- 18th December – KS2 Christmas Lunch
- 20th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th December – School Closes

January 2025

- 6th January – Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

7th January – School Opens

10th January – Year 5 Bikeability

15th & 16th January – Year 6 Bikeability

20th Jan – 7th Feb – Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

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

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

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

A great week this week, Reception. We have been learning about the structure and language in a lost poster and have learned lots of new vocabulary. The little star was very brittle and we loved using this new word in our oral sentences. We have been making predictions about where the star might be and have started to write captions. We are trying really hard to use spaces between our words. In Maths, we have been exploring parts and wholes in lots of fun ways. We chopped up our fruit and looked at different puzzles. We know that wholes are made up of parts. In our topic we have been exploring landmarks in Sandbach and drawing simple maps of Sandbach.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

We have been busy practicing our songs this week for our nativity on Tuesday, the children are excited to share with you their wonderful singing voices.

In literacy we have completed our fairytale narratives and used our purple polishing pens to edit our mistakes. We have also been practicing our sentence accuracy and handwriting lots this week.

In maths we have been using number lines to 10 to find where the number 5 goes when there are missing numbers. We have also been making different numbers on our ten frames.

In the woodland this week the children made boats out of natural resources found on the ground. We then tested our boats to see if they floated or sank.

In computing the children really enjoyed following an algorithm to paint a picture.

In art we applied our knowledge of mixing colours to paint a picture in the style of Jasper Johns 'color by numbers'.

Owls and Robins

What a wonderful week!

This week in Literacy, the children have been focusing on their SPAG skills. The children have been: using apostrophes to show possession, using the past tense, generating noun phrases to describe, learning about contractions and up-levelling sentences using different sentence openers!

We can't wait to see how the children apply their knowledge to their 'hot task' next week!

In whole-class reading, the children have been using their inference skills to consider why people have pets. The children have also used their retrieval skills to answer questions about the poem!

In Maths, the children have spent the week focusing on subtracting using number lines and have started to consider different methods to 'find the difference' between two numbers. The learning has been tricky at times but the children have shown great resilience! It has also been an exciting week for Maths with the launch of "Numbots"! We are thrilled to see how engaged and motivated the children have been with the new programme and are confident it is going to have a positive impact on the children's number sense!

The children had great fun this week in Science, where they learned about exercise and the impact it has on our bodies. The children learned to find their pulse and investigated how different exercises increased this!

In PSHE, the children have been thinking about their differences. We looked at the 'No Outsiders' text - "Can I join your club?" to support our learning. The children thought about the differences that made themselves and a friend unique. We also considered stereotypes by looking at different duvet covers - the children had some incredibly thoughtful ideas about this.

In Music, the Christmas song practice has continued! The children have been using percussion instruments and sign-language to enhance their performances.

The children spent time learning more about 'Internet Safety' in Computing. The children looked at a Purple Mash profile and discussed all the different things you can learn about someone based on what they write / share or post.

Again, the children thoroughly enjoyed their Woodland session which linked to their D&T work. The children used paper to make a chair for Baby-Bear - they were great at making sure the chair was - strong, stable and stiff!

Well done Year 2 - another super week!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

A fabulous week in year 3 this week.

They have completed their hot writes of a setting narrative about a waterfall. They have used fabulous, descriptive language and really thought about following the river on its journey.

We have been practicing their 3 and 4 times tables and have continued this practise on TTRockstars. Please could the children continue to practise these at home.

In Geography, the children have been really invested in the topic of volcanoes. We talked about the positives and negatives of living near a volcano and had a debate with different children having different opinions.

In French, the children looked at the months of the year and decorated each month with the seasons.

We have started practise for our Christmas carol concert and are sounded beautiful already!!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Well what a busy week Year 4 have had! We are extremely proud of the positive attitudes that the children have shown towards their termly assessments so a huge well done to all of them! In literacy the children have completed writing their summoning narrative based on the text *The Tempest*. In geography this week we created our own volcano and designed buildings made of spaghetti and marshmallows that could withstand an earthquake - some more successful than others! In science we have investigated the time taken for chocolate to melt in different circumstances and discussed our findings. Finally, in RE, we were very lucky to have a visitor from the church to talk about the meanings behind the symbols within the Christmas story. Have a great weekend everyone!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, Year 5 and 6 have spent the week completing their autumn term assessments. They have worked tremendously hard and have demonstrated what they have learnt so far this year.

During science, we looked at how we know that the Earth is spherical and not flat. In art, we learnt about Christmas graffiti. In PSHE, the children discussed direct and indirect bullying. We looked at climate change during Geography by working in groups to learn about what we can do to help prevent it.

On Friday, we were fortunate to be visited by the church. They helped us to discuss our enquiry question: Is the Christmas story true? The children were respectful and showed super understanding.

Year 6 also visited Crewe Alex for Crucial Crew. We looked at electrical safety, vaping, railway safety and what beer goggles are like!!! The children thoroughly enjoyed this!!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Sebastian	For super Maths work. Well done!
Cygnets	Daisy-May	For being super brave coming into school. Well done!
Pufflings	Billy	For fantastic phonics and using them to record and read words.
Pufflings	Dottie	For beautiful manners with peers and adults.
Goldfinches	Amelia	For trying really hard this week with her independent writing.
Goldfinches	Hannah	For amazing painting skills this week – so careful!
Woodpeckers	Freyah	For being more independent in her writing.
Woodpeckers	Eva	For lovely handwriting and presentation of her work.
Owls	Alexa	For trying her best with her phonics reading and writing!
Owls	Lola	For creative ideas during Literacy lessons!
Robins	Finley	For blowing us all away with his incredible improvements in handwriting.
Robins	Esme	For her improvement and hard work in Literacy all week!

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Aria	For great enthusiasm in lessons at the moment. Your hard work is paying off!
Sandpipers	Millie	For participating in class discussions more. Keep it up.
Moorhens	Dawson	For showing good perseverance and resilience in completing her end of term assessments.
Moorhens	Sophia	For always listening carefully in Maths and using the methods taught.
Kingfishers	Eleanor & Lola	For working well in a team during Science and Geography investigations this week.
Lapwings	Daisy	For excellent leadership skills when creating an earthquake proof structure. She persevered and took her team to victory, by building an excellent structure and making their group vision come to life.
Lapwings	Gabriela	For really focusing in numbersense and scoring her first 40/40 on the times tables learnt so far! Well done and keep up the good work and the successes will keep coming!
Kestrels	Esmae	For excellent attitude during French – super engagement! Well done!
Kestrels	Liam	For a great effort shown during Science – really good reasoning and understanding. Well done!
Hawks	Bella	For always caring for others and taking her role as mental health champion seriously. Well done Bella!
Hawks	Ruth	For always trying her best and being a good friend to others. Well done!
Eagles	Lewis	For excellent work explaining his knowledge about planets in Science.
Eagles	Lowen	For excellent work explaining his knowledge about planets in Science.
The Hive	Emily & Felicity	For always being kind, caring and sharing with others.

The Hive

Another busy week in the Hive.

The children have enjoyed Christmas crafts and songs. Christmas has arrived in the Hive early!!!

One of the starter activities is a book share activity, this is popular with all age groups, it is lovely to see the older children sharing their reading skills with the younger children.

From next week our resident Sport Coach Mr Sutton will be hosting sports activities in one of our classrooms.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

 News from FOWS 

🌟 Christmas has arrived at Wheelock thanks to the FOWS crew who helped decorate the school hall last night! The elves worked into the night putting up the beautiful lights and garlands ready for the children to see this morning! Hopefully they will be able to enjoy it for their Christmas dinners once the new building is open! :) We have also donated a stunning fresh Christmas tree which looks beautiful I'm sure you'll agree.

👤 Our Christmas Fair will be on Wednesday the 11th of December at 5-7pm. You can buy tickets for our Rainbow Raffle and Santa's Grotto bookings on our website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock>¹

🙏 We are sadly having to downsize our fairs every year due to a lack of volunteers. So far, the FOWS team and teachers are trying their best to make sure stalls are covered but without more parent volunteers we will have to make it even smaller or close some stalls through the evening. PLEASE let us know if you can help, even if it's just for 30 minutes. The fair is only 5-7pm so let us know if you could cover a stall/game/craft for an hour or 30 mins.

Thanks in advance!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

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¹<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fwww.pta-events.co.uk%2Fwheelock&data=05|02|office%40wheelock.cheshire.sch.uk|30db32011ff94a2cda6908dd1056eefc|f47dd6c3b69848ec8856d2833cc429e4|0|0|638684687817690149|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOilwLjAuMDAwMClslAiOijXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&data=IrlBxo7%2F6LqGBNd68MtQmBEPtnhyGkdMKi0MQW5TaC0%3D&reserved=0>



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 Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 02.09.2024, 16.09.2024, 30.09.2024, 14.10.2024, 11.11.2024, 25.11.2024, 09.12.2024.	Main Choice	Chicken Goujons served with Diced Potatoes & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Sausages served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Sausages served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegetable Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans	Tuna	Beans
	Sandwich	Cheese	Tuna	Ham	Chicken	Cheese
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	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 09.09.2024, 23.09.2024, 07.10.2024, 21.10.2024, 04.11.2024, 18.11.2024, 02.12.2024, 16.12.2024.	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegetable Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese & Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Tuna	Chicken
Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Community News

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS





Football
Wednesday
Yr 3-6
08.01.25 - 12.02.25
3:15 - 4:15
£30 (6 weeks)

What does my child need?

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

Target Games
Thursday
Yr 1/2
09.01.25 - 13.02.25
3:15 - 4:15
£30 (6 weeks)

What does my child need?

- Trainers
- PE kits
- Water bottle

Click [HERE](#) to book HT3

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Buzz! Christmas Family Trail



Saturday 7th December
1pm-3pm
Sandbach Town Hall



A FREE FAMILY EVENT FROM GRACE CHURCH SANDBACH

Come and join us at Sandbach Town Hall for your trail instructions before you head off around Sandbach on a Christmas word hunt!

Once you finish the trail then make your way back to the town hall for more fun, including crafts and refreshments.

Every child will receive a chocolate treat and a Christmas book when they leave.

(Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

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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

