

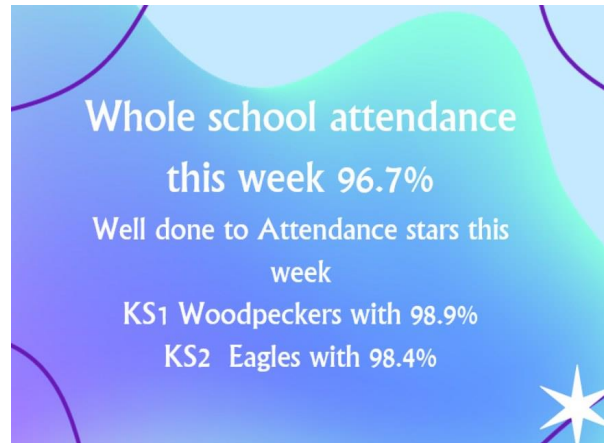
3rd July 2026



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter



Dates for your Diary

July 2026

6th July – Rounders Competition at Elworth CE

9th July – Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament at Sandbach United

14th July – Leavers Assembly (Parents Invited)

17th July – School Closes

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

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

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

Another week complete for reception children - we cannot believe how quickly the summer term is going! As part of our 'Big Wide World' topic we have had a focus on Africa. We have learnt lots of interesting facts about the continent and the people who live there. Thank you so much for sharing your own learning on Tapestry! We have also looked at patterns that can be seen in African culture and recreated our own using coloured pens or oil pastels. Both classes have loved following 'How to draw' tutorials, lots of concentration and great listening skills!

Linking to our focus, our Drawing club text has been 'Catch That Chicken!'. This has allowed us to gain a better understanding of the African culture and what home life can be like for children in some countries.

In maths we have been revisiting learning from the year and continued to practice odd and even numbers and doubles - the children can recall these facts and have shown amazing numbersense this week!

A brilliant week had by all. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Another great week this week in Year 1.

This week in Maths, the children have started learning about time. We have been exploring the days of the week, months of the year, and using the vocabulary before and after. The children have also begun telling the time to o'clock and half past and have enjoyed practising these new skills.

In Literacy, we have started our exciting new writing outcome: creating a recipe for a hungry wolf! The children have been discussing what ingredients a hungry wolf might need and have begun exploring the features of a recipe, ready to write their own.

In Whole Class Reading, we have finished Fantastic Mr Fox. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story and have loved drawing and discussing the different parts of the book to help them summarise and sequence events. It has been wonderful to see them developing their understanding of the story and recalling key details.

The children have also shown great progress in Phonics this week. Some children are currently finding progressing on from Yellow Group challenging, particularly due to the speed needed when reading. To support your child at home, please continue to read regularly together and encourage them to increase their fluency by spotting smaller words

within larger words. This helps children to recognise familiar patterns more quickly and build confidence in their reading.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning.

Owls and Robins

A brilliant week in Year 2!

This week, Year 2 have done a fantastic job with their Maths looking at 'Statistics'. The children are confident using tally charts & reading different diagrams!

In Literacy, the children have immersed themselves in our new focus - fact-files! The children have been looking at our WAGOLL about toucans - exploring vocabulary, practising writing using informative openers and developing their understanding of conjunctions too!

In Geography, the children looked at how Sandbach is used. The children made tally charts about the different human features during a virtual tour around Sandbach Town Centre. They then used these to create block-diagrams!

In PSHE - the children thought about 'touch' and what types of touch they are comfortable with.

Our RE focus this week was the importance of clothing worn in Synagogues - the children designed their own Kippahs and Tallits.

Finally, in science we have been very impressed by the children's knowledge of our plant topic. They did fantastically in their end of unit quiz and demonstrated their understanding further by creating their own book about plants!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week in Literacy, we have been exploring the story of *Hansel and Gretel*, focusing on the children becoming lost in the woodland and considering how this event could be reported in a newspaper. Through drama activities, the children enjoyed taking on the roles of interviewers and suspects, asking and answering questions about the mysterious events in the story. We also practised using key newspaper features, including formal language, headlines and reporting phrases. In Maths, we investigated 3D shapes and took part in practical lessons where we created our own shapes using clay and sticks. We carefully counted and identified the edges and vertices of each shape. In Geography, we compared Wheelock and Sandbach with New Delhi, discussing the similarities and differences between these locations. In Music, we worked collaboratively to create our own song lyrics, which we are excited to share with the other class next week. In RE, we explored how people celebrate special occasions and discussed ways we can live good and happy lives. In French, we learnt

how to say “I live in...”, and in Science, we drew and labelled a plant, learning about the functions of its different parts before creating detailed observational drawings of roots. The children have worked hard across all subjects and should be very proud of their efforts this week.

Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week in Year 4, we have started learning about biographies, focusing on the life of David Attenborough. This is preparing us to write our own biographies about the life and achievements of Jacques Cousteau over the next couple of weeks. We have been practising using possessive apostrophes, fronted adverbials, commas and expanded noun phrases to make our writing more effective. We have really enjoyed researching Jacques Cousteau and discovering lots of fascinating facts. Ask your child what interesting facts they have learned!

In science, we have continued learning about sound by investigating pitch. We used boomwhackers to play different tunes and discovered that the shorter the boomwhacker, the higher the pitch, while the longer the boomwhacker, the lower the pitch. This was a fantastic practical lesson that we all thoroughly enjoyed!

In maths, we have started our new topic on money, learning how to convert pence into pounds. We are looking forward to developing this further over the coming weeks.

In computing, we have continued learning about artificial intelligence (AI), creating information leaflets to explain its benefits and disadvantages in society. In French, we have been learning how to say which ice cream flavours we like and carried out a class survey to discover the most popular flavours.

In PSHE, we learned about puberty and the changes our bodies go through as we grow. The children took part in a calm, respectful and practical session, and we hope this has helped answer any questions they may have. They may wish to continue these conversations with you at home.

A huge well done to all of the Year 4 children for completing their NFER assessments this week. They have worked incredibly hard and achieved some fantastic results. We are incredibly proud of them all!

Kestrels and Red Kites

This week in maths, we have been converting measures, focussing on imperial and metric units. The children have found this challenging at times however they have persevered by using their knowledge of multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 to help as well as formal written methods for multiplication.

In literacy, we have been building up our debating language as well as using linking words (furthermore, however, in addition). The children have also planned their final hot write of year 5 - should gorillas be kept in captivity.

This week, the children have also finished their NFER assessments. We are very proud of their efforts and how focussed they were. Well done children!

In science, we have explored metals that are magnetic and found out what they are made from. During computing, the children enjoyed using 2quiz on purple mash to generate their own quizzes. They are using a range of question types. In geography, we created persuasive speeches/ adverts to encourage others to visit the Mojave Desert in North America. In music, the children have been creating their own musicals, some based on traditional tales. They have been creating their own songs which tell us something about the character or the action. The children have enjoyed playing cricket with Mr Sutton in PE and we thought about our fears and excitement of year 6 in PSHE.

Two more weeks to go! Well done Year 5 for a great week of learning! Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the summer fair tonight!

Eagles and Hawks

It has been a busy and exciting week in Year 6! A large part of our week has been dedicated to rehearsals for the Leavers' Assembly. The children have been working hard learning their lines, acting out scenes, practising movements and memorising song lyrics. There is certainly a lot to fit in, but the children have approached every rehearsal with enthusiasm and determination, and they are doing a fantastic job.

We will continue rehearsals next week as the children build their confidence, perfect their performances and bring all the different elements together into a complete show. We are looking forward to seeing the final performance take shape.

Alongside this, pupils have continued developing their Enterprise projects. It has been wonderful to see so much innovation, creativity and thoughtful design going into their game ideas. The children are demonstrating excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills as they develop their products.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Year 6 pupils who have volunteered to help at the Summer Fair. We really appreciate their willingness to give up their time to support the event, and we look forward to what promises to be a successful and enjoyable evening. Well done, Year 6!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Pufflings	Robin	For super effort in Phonics – keep it up 😊
Pufflings	Ivy	For always showing care towards others 😊
Cygnets	Sophie	For always showing the Wheelock behaviours - a role model to others day after day.
Goldfinches	Isla and Ava	For achieving a fantastic score on her reading papers! Well done!
Goldfinches	Gabriel	For achieving a fantastic score on his maths papers! Well done!
Woodpeckers	Rory	For being an engaged and enthusiastic learner!
Woodpeckers	Betsy	For working hard on telling the time in Maths this week
Owls	Audrey	For an incredible Hot Write and for continued fantastic work all week in Literacy!
Owls	Hattie	For wonderful work in Science, creating an informative booklet about plants!
Robins	Kaelyn	For super kindness every day.
Robins	Oliver	For super kindness every day.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Harriet	For fantastic newspaper report sentences using technical vocabulary
Sandpipers	Emilia	For having a positive attitude, trying your hardest and being a kind member of Sandpipers class every day!
Moorhens	Bella	For her mathematical 3D shape building.
Moorhens	Josh	For always being a calm, hardworking, happy, friendly, supportive member of Moorhens.
Kingfishers	Jacob	For his incredible effort in his phonics and NFERs. You are a superstar!
Kingfishers	Edith	For showing determination and resilience during the NFERs. Your hard work was amazing to see!
Lapwings	Noah	For an amazing result in his Maths NFER. For being focused on task in order to understand and effectively calculate challenging problems and delivering a great result across all three maths NFER papers!
Lapwings	Matilda	For being an excellent role model in our classroom, for being on task and ready to learn!
Kestrels	Conan	For a big improvement in effort and attitude this week. Well done!
Kestrels	Juan	For wonderful NFER assessments. You worked tremendously hard. Well done!
Red Kites	Indiarna	For being a brilliant role model to the class and for creating fantastic pieces of work!
Red Kites	Mason	For showing resilience and determination with his learning!
Hawks	Bella	For her enthusiasm, energy and commitment during our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly rehearsals. Well done, Bella!
Hawks	Jack	For showing excellent woodland behaviours and for always bringing a smile to my face. Well done, Jack!
Eagles	Beatrice	For learning so many lines so quickly for our end of year performance!
Eagles	Chloe	For learning so many lines so quickly for our end of year performance!

The Hive

This week the children had a fantastic time enjoying a variety of fun activities. Outdoors, they loved playing games and getting creative with the tyres, building obstacle courses and using their imaginations to create different challenges.

Inside, the children explored their creativity through paper crafts, making colourful creations to take home. They also enjoyed Lego building, working together to design imaginative structures and develop their problem-solving skills.

It has been wonderful to see everyone having fun, working as a team, and showing such creativity throughout the week. The Hive Praise is awarded to Isaac and Mia for always for being an excellent role model and for caring for others.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

We hope you enjoyed this year's Summer Fair, thank you for supporting us in raising funds to purchase nice to haves for the children of Wheelock. Please keep a lookout on here and the website for our wonderful events coming next school year.

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The FOWS Team

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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

Summer Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 01.06.2026, 15.06.2026, 29.06.2026, 13.07.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Vegetable Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese	Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Chicken Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 08.06.2026, 22.06.2026, 06.07.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	Beef Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Veggie Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	Southern Fried Vegan Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Tuna	Cheese & Beans	Beans	Cheese
	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	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

New Autumn Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 31.08.2026, 14.09.2026, 28.09.2026, 12.10.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Spaghetti & Meatballs served with Garlic Bread	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	Chicken Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Veggie Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	Southern Fried Vegan Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Tuna	Cheese & Beans	Beans	Cheese
	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 07.09.2026, 21.09.2026, 05.10.2026, 19.10.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Spaghetti Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese & Beans	Cheese	Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Chicken 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

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Parenting Support

You Are Not Alone - A supportive community for parents and carers

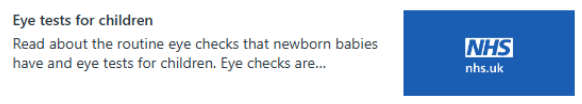
You Are Not Alone is an online support service for parents and carers who have a child diagnosed (or suspected) with autism and/or PDA. They are offering a **whole month free** access to a warm, understanding community for parents and carers seeking support, connection and practical guidance. This safe, welcoming space offers help with meltdowns, emotional regulation, education and everyday challenges, right from the start.

You'll have full access to weekly live dropins, a rich library of videos, articles and podcasts, and a supportive WhatsApp group to connect throughout the week. Even one month of

steady support can help you feel less isolated, more confident, and better equipped to advocate for your child.

Follow the link for further information <https://www.youarenotalone.community/>

Eye Tests for Children



<https://www.nhs.uk/tests-and-treatments/eye-tests-in-children/>

Regular attendance at free eye tests is essential for supporting the health, learning, and overall development of children across Cheshire East. Many vision difficulties in children are not immediately obvious but can significantly affect reading ability, concentration, behaviour, and participation in the classroom. Routine eye examinations enable early identification and treatment of potential issues, helping to prevent long-term impacts on educational attainment and wellbeing. As NHS-funded eye tests are free for children, schools are encouraged to support and promote regular check-ups as a simple and effective way to help pupils achieve their full potential.

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.

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