

4th April 2025



Wheelock  
Primary School



# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

### April 2025

4th April – School Closes

22nd April – School Opens

23rd to 25th April – Year 4 Residential to Edgmond Hall

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

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

## Sporting News

Yesterday a team of year 4, 5 and 6 girls took part in a football competition at Sandbach United FC. They represented the school beautifully and won 2 out of 3 matches.

Good news! We have a few confirmed events coming up. If any children would like to get involved, please see Mrs Forrester or Miss Millward.

### Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd April-Cross country (Year 5/6) at Sandbach Rugby Club

Thursday 1st May- Girls Football (KS2) at Sandbach United FC

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

## Sports Praise

Name	Reason
Indie	For showing great resilience in goal and making some great saves!
Fearne	For being a great team player and supporting her teammates.

## Pupil Achievement

Poppy and Autumn have recently passed their trials at Manchester United and will now be playing with their Under 8 squad. Well done girls!





## Class News

### Cygnets and Pufflings

A super end to a busy term this week. We have been reading the text 'You Choose' to help us understand that we all like different things. We have shared our ideas about our likes and dislikes. In Maths we have been exploring more complex patterns and creating our own patterns. In our topic we have been learning all about Easter and how people celebrate Easter. We have taken part in lots of Easter activities.

### Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

What a great end to our Spring Term in Year 1.

In Literacy we have all written a character description for a monster. We have described what it looked like, how it moved, what it likes to eat and even added a surprising fact! We are so proud of all the children as they have become so much more independent. They have used some great adjectives and verbs and it has been lovely to see some suffixes used to enhance their sentences. Well done Year 1.

In Maths we have revisited our 'teen' numbers and focused on composition using our rekenreks and 'part whole models'. We have also been describing the position of these numbers on a numberline.

Our 'Wild Things' themed Friday began with watching the movie that was enjoyed by all. We had a discussion about the similarities and differences between the book and film which was very interesting. In the afternoon we enjoyed time in the woodland together. Our Rumpus was made of games and free play and ended with an Easter treasure hunt. We hope the children enjoy the small treats that they received for completing the hunt.

Have a super Easter break. It looks like the weather is going to be kind.

## Owls and Robins

The final week of half-term is here & it's been a wonderful one!

In Literacy, the children have outdone themselves with their non-fiction 'Hot Write'. The children have researched and written fact-files on an animal. The children did a wonderful job describing their animals' appearance, habitat and diet. We were impressed by the children's use of question openers (e.g Did you know...?) when writing their fascinating animal facts too!

In Maths, the focus has been Measure! The children finished their topic on length & height and began thinking about mass!

Science saw our last lesson on 'seasonal change' where the children focused on Autumn. After learning more about the weather, trees and animals in Autumn, the children wrote post-cards describing what Autumn in the UK is like! The children had great knowledge of this season & drew some beautiful Autumnal scenes for the front of their postcard, which showed their understanding!

Monday's Art lesson (as predicted!) was very fun but messy. The children collaged a woodland scene, using different materials - including the textured paper they made last week. The children showed lots of consideration and creativity during this lesson!

It was the last Music lesson of the "All Around the World" topic this week, where the children thought back to the different songs they had learned over the half-term! Can your child name any of the countries they have learned songs from or even sing any of the songs to you?

We have spent lots of time this week on our Cooking & Nutrition topic in DT. We started our learning by revisiting a balanced diet and looking closer at the different food groups. Then, the children learned how to safely use a variety of kitchen tools before prepping ingredients ready for their wrap making in the afternoon! The children tasted different food combinations and had lots of fun!

## Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week, year 3 have completed their maths unit on capacity and have achieved very well in their end of unit tests. In literacy, we have been focusing on spellings all week. As it is the summer term soon, we are working really hard on securing all common misconception words for year 1, 2 and 3. In science, the children really enjoyed playing with mirrors to secure their knowledge on reflection and linking this to symmetry. To complete our music unit, year 3 have been applying their 'nut/berry' rhythm knowledge to tuned percussion instruments. In geography, we completed our unit through creating our own expedition around the school. the children applied their French vocabulary on animals to Easter hunt games. Year 3 have been very excited to finally get into the kitchen and make their healthy tart that they have been planning and researching this half term. I hope you all enjoyed a piece at home. We would like to say a massive well done to all year 3 for a fantastic term of learning. Have a brilliant holiday and we look forward to seeing you refreshed for the summer term!

## Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week has all been about biscuits. It was finally the week we were able to bake and most importantly sample our biscuit designs. We are sorry if they did not make it home but they were just too delicious to save. The children worked very hard and so did our wonderful team of adults. In literacy this week we have been continuing with Jemmy Button and we have written letters home from the big city telling Jemmy's family about all of our experiences. The children have been practising using noun phrases and when adverbials as well as learning the format of a letter. In maths, we have moved onto decimals and have been looking at how they relate to fractions particularly focusing on tenths. In French we have been continuing to learn the numbers and have learnt how to ask and say how old we are. This week in science we completed a science investigation to see which type of soil is most permeable. Test your children to find out what that means and ask what the results were. We wanted to thank the children for all their hard work this term and thank you for being so friendly and supportive to the new adults in Kingfishers. We have a very exciting half term after Easter but we hope you have a lovely two weeks and that the sun stays shining.

## Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, in maths, year 5 have completed their unit on graphs and tables. They have worked hard to interpret different information. Year 6 have spent the week completing mock SATS in preparation for May.

During literacy, the children have finished their hot write biographies on Ernest Shackleton. They have written four paragraphs which detail his life and achievements. The children have focused on using parenthesis and relative clauses to help add additional information.

In science, we have completed our end of unit quizzes for our animals and human unit. The children have demonstrated some excellent learning during this topic. In art, we explored how pictures can convey different messages. In computing, the children finished their games on purple mash. They had great fun testing each other's games. During geography, we explored how we can help to look after the ocean and what is our responsibility when we visit the beach. We have finished the unit in RE which focused on the Easter story. The children discussed whether what happened to Jesus was part of God's plan or a consequence of events during Holy Week. In French, the children enjoyed designing fancy dress costumes and describing them. We have thoroughly enjoyed this unit of work.

We have had an excellent term. The children have worked tremendously hard, and their work has been of a really high standard. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter - fingers crossed we get some of this glorious weather that we have been experiencing this week. See you all in two weeks for the final term of the year!

## Praise

### Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	The Whole Class	For working so hard during the Spring Term.
Pufflings	Miss Beatty	For becoming a wonderful part of the Puffling's team. We will miss you very much.
Goldfinches	Hollie	For amazing progress in phonics this half term
Goldfinches	Audrey	For always following our Wheelock behaviours and being a good role model in Goldfinches
Woodpeckers	Edie	For being a wonderful role model and always following the Wheelock behaviours.
Woodpeckers	Lottie	For trying hard this week in literacy and doing some independent writing.
Owls	Harriet	For being aspirational with her handwriting and practising at every opportunity!
Owls	Teddie	For demonstrating the Wheelock Behaviours in everything he does!
Robins	Isaac	For showing resilience in his art lessons.
Robins	Piper	For showing resilience in History to complete her work.



## Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Bonga	For aspiring to be the best he can be in his Maths group, always challenging himself and working hard.
Sandpipers	Ibrahim	For a settled start into Sandpipers class this half term and always following the Wheelock behaviours.
Moorhens	Autumn	For being such a positive and kind role model.
Moorhens	Orla	For being so kind to her friends and hard working. I love having you in Moorhens.
Kingfishers	Isaac	For showing more resilience and a beautiful book.
Kingfishers	Imogen	For excellent English work.
Lapwings	Jessica	For writing an excellent descriptive letter in Literacy. She included both the sender and recipients address, a salutation, expanded noun phrases to describe in detail the adventures of her character and fronted adverbials for time and place. Well done Jess!
Lapwings	Indiarna	For being kind and considerate during our DT lessons and helping others without thought. Indiarna completed all her work and simply went to help others complete their work, which was making a tricky net to house their biscuits. Thank you Indiarna!
Kestrels	Neve	For always trying her best in everything that she does – Superstar!
Kestrels	Oscar	For a big improvement in his written work this term- you have created some super pieces and listened to the advice given. Well done!
Hawks	Claudia	For amazing progress in her arithmetic recently. You're working so hard, well done!
Hawks	Tabitha	For excellent writing. Tabitha always listens carefully to the advice given to her to improve her work. Well done!
Eagles	Jasper	For a super attitude towards improving his knowledge in his Maths work.
Eagles	Evie	For a super attitude towards improving her knowledge in her Maths work.
The Hive	Oliver and Wren	For always being respectful and kind to others.



## The Hive

This week in the Hive the children have enjoyed playing outdoors with their friends. Many roleplay games have been played, collating ideas and creativity. The swap shop has been a favourite this week.

Kerry has hosted Easter crafts with many groups of children, well done to all, your creative ideas were lovely.

Have a wonderful Easter break 🥰

## FOWS NEWSLETTER

**Dear parents,**

What an incredible night we had at **Chocolate Bingo** last week! Thanks to your generosity, laughter, and love for all things chocolate (and chip baps!), we raised a whopping **£1,800**—an amazing achievement that will go directly toward enhancing our school. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or donated. Together, we're making a real difference!

🥰 **Happy Easter!**

As we break for the holidays, we wish you all a **joyful, restful, and healthy Easter**. Whether you're chasing chocolate eggs or enjoying some well-deserved downtime, we hope it's filled with happiness.

📅 **Save the Date: Summer Fair – 10th July!**

Mark your calendars for our next big event—the **Summer Fair**! It's always a highlight of the year, and we'd love your help to make it unforgettable. If you'd like to volunteer or contribute ideas, just get in touch. Let's make it the best one yet!

Thank you for all your support from everyone here at FOWS. Wishing you a wonderful break, and we'll see you refreshed and ready for summer fun!

**With thanks**

**Lisa Sumner**

PTA Chair

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

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*P.S. Keep an eye out for updates after the holidays—we'll share more about how the funds will be used!*

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

 01270 449770

 [sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk)

SPORTS COACHING GROUP



# EASTER CRASH COURSES

Join us this Easter for discounted swimming!

### SANDBACH

1 - 2 - 1 LESSONS  
7th - 11th April 2025

### MIDDLEWICH

1 - 2 - 1 LESSONS  
14th - 17th April 2025

**BIG SAVINGS OF UP TO £50!**

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 01270 449770  Sandbach & Middlewich

Sandbach  
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# KIDS EASTER CAMP

WILLOW WEAIVING  
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CHOCOLATE NESTS  
MAKE AN EASTER TREE  
MARBLED EGGS

WEEK 1  
**8-11 APRIL**  
9AM-1PM

WEEK 2  
**14-17 APRIL**  
9AM-1PM

FREE  
**HAF**

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**£20**

**Activities**

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- ✓ Park Visits
- ✓ Hot Meal
- ✓ Snacks

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Sandbach, CW11 1GB  
01270 757757





BOOK VIA: [Sandbachartroom.co.uk](http://Sandbachartroom.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

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2025

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SANDBACH UNITED

9:00-15:00





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## GREAT EGGS-PEDITION TO EASTER ISLAND...

Easter holiday club and camp dates:

- April 7 - April 18
- 8:45 am - 3:15 with wraparound available dependent on venue!

**BOOK HERE**



- ✓ Childcare vouchers accepted
- ✓ # HAF available soon
- ✓ Tax-free childcare



➔ TO BOOK GO TO [sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk)

### 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

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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