## 4th July 2025





# Newsletter

#### Dates for your Diary

#### July 2025

10th July – FOWS Summer Fair starts at 3.30pm 11th July – Inset Day (School closed to pupils) 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 18th July – School Closes for Summer All this information and more can be found under Events on our website

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

#### Message from Mrs French

After 31 fulfilling years in the teaching profession, I have decided to take early retirement at the end of this school year. As I reflect on this incredible journey, my heart is filled with a mix of emotions. It's sad to say goodbye to a career that has been such a huge part of my life, but I'm also excited about the next chapter, where new adventures await.

For the last 10 years, I've had the honour of being part of the Wheelock Primary School family. I've worked alongside some of the most dedicated, passionate, and talented colleagues. They have not only been teammates but also close friends who have shared in the highs and lows, the challenges, and the triumphs. Each day has been made better by their support, collaboration, and the laughter we've shared. I will always treasure the memories of working with such a wonderful team, and I'm deeply grateful for the warmth and kindness they have shown me over the years.

To the staff—teaching assistants, administrators, and everyone who plays an essential role in keeping this school running smoothly—thank you for your hard work and unwavering support. Your behind-the-scenes efforts often go unnoticed, but I've always recognized and

appreciated the dedication you bring to this school. Together, we've created a school environment where students feel valued, safe, and inspired to learn.

To the pupils, both past and present, you are the heart of everything I've done. Watching you grow and develop, seeing your faces light up with understanding, and hearing your laughter—these moments have been the most rewarding part of my career. You've challenged me to be the best teacher I can be, and you've inspired me in ways you may not even realize. From the shy, uncertain first-day faces to the confident, knowledgeable individuals you've become, I will carry each of you with me as I move forward.

Finally, to the families who have been part of this journey: Thank you for entrusting me with your children and for the partnership we've shared in helping them grow. Your support, involvement, and encouragement have been invaluable, and I've always felt fortunate to be part of your children's lives. The relationships built with you and your families will always be a cherished part of my teaching career.

Leaving Wheelock Primary School, where I've spent so much of my heart and energy, is certainly bittersweet. But while I will miss the classroom, the staff, and the children, I'm also looking forward to what the future holds. Retirement offers a chance to reflect, relax, and focus on new passions and pursuits—spending more time with my family, exploring new hobbies, and enjoying the freedom to appreciate life from a different perspective.

Thank you to everyone—past and present—for the memories, the lessons, and the incredible support you've given me throughout these 31 years. I may be retiring from teaching, but the connections I've made, the experiences we've shared, and the impact you've all had on my life will remain with me forever.

#### Pupil Achievement

Quinn in Year 5 and her Sandbach United U11s team won the Newcastle Town football tournament at the weekend.



#### Times Tables Rock Stars

This Summer term, each year group are in full competitive mode as they take part in times table battles to win a golden token for their class.



Next battle commences Friday 4th July - 4pm.

We have also set Yr4-6 an extra challenge of getting us further up the leaderboard of nearby schools by improving the school's 'Mean Studio Speed'.

We have climbed back up to 15th on the Leaderboard with a new mean speed of **3.40secs** 

Keep up the hard work Wheelock!

Well done to the new leader of Year 3 on our current studio speed leaderboard

Year One	Elsie S
Year Two	Isaac E
Year Three	Arthur W
Year Four	Imogen F
Year Five	Oscar B
Year Six	Connor G

#### **Class News**

#### Cygnets and Pufflings

What a wonderful week we've had in Reception! We've been diving deep into the magical world of poetry through a beautiful poem all about a whale. The children have really enjoyed immersing themselves in the rhythm and language of the poem, using their imaginations to explore the sights and sounds of the sea. Inspired by the poem, the children have had a go at writing their own poetic sentences — full of exciting words, whale wonders,

and ocean adventures. We're so proud of their creativity! In Maths, we've been focusing on equal amounts and exploring the concept of doubling. The children have used practical resources to investigate doubles up to 10, discovering patterns and using real-life objects to build their understanding. "Double 3 is 6!" has been a popular chant in class! Our topic work took us to the seaside this week, as we explored what it's like now and how it has changed over time. The children have been comparing old and new photographs, talking about how people used to dress, what they did for fun, and how transport and beach huts have changed. There were lots of thoughtful observations and curious questions!

We're so impressed with how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been — they are developing as thoughtful learners, confident speakers, and imaginative writers every single day. Well done, Reception!

#### Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

In literacy this week we have started to look at recipes. It has been fun to use bossy verbs to write instructions to make a wolf cake. We put our bossy verbs with a great adjective and wrote some amazing sentences. Well done woodpeckers and goldfinches.

In geography we have continued to explore what it is like to live In China. We have looked at lots of images and discovered that China is full of both human features and physical features. We have then designed our own postcards and written a simple letter to tell someone what we saw in China.

In art, the children took on the challenge of weaving using coloured paper to make a chequered pattern. We are really excited to use our weaving looms next week where we will be able to add all the different fabric techniques that we have looked at over the last few weeks.

#### Owls and Robins

This week in Literacy, the children have completed their 'Hot Write' and have written their own invention narratives!

In Maths, the children have practised column subtraction and have been telling the time to quarter-past & quarter-to the hour. We have been very impressed with the children's resilience with this topic!

In Science, the children have started to create their own 'lift the flap' book to showcase their understanding of plants!

In RE, the children learned more about a synagogue and what Jewish people might do there.

In PSHE, as part of our topic 'Changing Me' we had a discussion about our body parts. The children also thought about touch - what touch they do / don't like.

Computing was very noisy this week! The children have started exploring the tool "2 sequence" on Purple Mash to create Music. The children were enthusiastic and inspired - especially following last weeks' Music Day!

#### Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have been working extremely hard this week to complete their end of year assessments. We are so proud of all the children. They all approached the assessments with confidence and determination. The progress they have made this year has been fantastic. In literacy, we continued to learn more about how to write a newspaper report ready for next week's last hot write of year 3. In maths, we finished looking at shapes and have started learning about statistics. In Science, the children enjoyed learning about seed dispersal, especially about how animals can eat and excrete seeds- this led to some giggles! In computing, the children have been busy learning how to create PowerPoint presentations. In DT, we have been creating a design brief for our wearable technology and started to learn how to code micro:bits. In French, we have learnt how to say where we live and explored different towns and cities of France.

#### Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week in Maths we continued our topic of Geometry, learning about Polygons, and applying out knowledge of angles to the interior angles of polygons. We also learnt about symmetry and will be continuing with this next week. In Literacy, we are learning all about newspaper reports and how we would report on the story of Dad going missing in 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. We have thought about how to write a newspaper article, thinking about the 5 W's - who, when, what, where and why.

In Science, we conducted an investigation into the pitch of different instruments and how sound was affected by the size of some instruments (such as boom whackers). In Music, we are learning to play a walking baseline to accompany 'Rock around the Clock' and in Computing we were thinking critically about how AI could change our future., in terms of education, medicine and transport. We are loving our French learning at the moment, as we are learning how to say where we live. In Geography, we have learnt all about Fair Trade products and what logo to look for on packaging, and the reasons that fair trade is a very important co-operative and how it works to better the lives of people in different countries around the world.

This week we have also completed all of the NFER papers for Summer with the children. We want to say a HUGE well done to all of Year 4, for working so hard to complete their papers and we are very proud of the progress that they have all made, as the results are very good!

#### Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, year 6 have really stepped up their rehearsal practice. They've been singing, dancing and performing. We are really impressed with their efforts towards the leaver's assembly. They've also been busy painting and preparing for the summer fair next week. They are excited to run their enterprise stalls.

Year 5 have also been working hard with maths and literacy. In maths, we started to look at converting measures. They looked at metric and imperial measures. In literacy, we have planned our hot write based on Greta and the Giants. We are ready to start writing this next week.

In science, we completed our materials unit of work. We investigated reversible and irreversible changes. The children enjoyed creating album covers in art by using photography. We have identified how Christian's show commitment to God through prayer and religious events in RE. During French, the children wrote about the beach and getting people to visit the beach.

On Monday, we were fortunate to be invited to watch Alice in Wonderland at the girl's school. It was the hottest day to walk and possibly the hottest hall in history, but the children were magnificent. We enjoyed seeing past students perform. Hopefully it has inspired some of our girls to join in the annual performance next year!

We've had another great week- really busy but super productive. Well done all! Have a lovely weekend! Two weeks to go!

#### Praise

### Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Lottie	For super progress in Phonics! Well done!
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Cygnets	Jamie	For super progress in WellComm! Well
		done!
Pufflings	Hugo	For showing lots of understanding when
		making shades of different colours.
Pufflings	Lottie	For showing lots of understanding when
		making shades of different colours.
Goldfinches	Hollie	For fast number fact recall this week
Goldfinches	Freya	For using great bossy verbs and wonderful
Goldminenes	Псуа	adjectives in her writing this week
Woodpeckers	Donny	For being a supportive tell partner and
woodpeckers	Рорру	For being a supportive talk partner and helping her friends with weaving in Art this
		week.
Woodpeckers	Henry	For being brave and showing resilience this
		week.
Owls	Harriet	For an aspirational and imaginative piece
		of writing in Literacy!
Owls	Ronald	For fantastic work in both RE and Literacy.
Robins	Elsie	For settling in well to Robins class and
		starting to make some lovely friendships.
Robins	Maisie	For always contributing to class discussions
		and trying hard, especially in reading lessons.

#### Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	The Whole Class	For the incredible progress they have made this term. You have made us so proud showing what you can do in your quizzes. Well done!
Moorhens	The Whole Class	For displaying resilience and determination in completing their end of year assessments and making fantastic progress in all areas.
Kingfishers	George	For excellent learning behaviour.
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Lapwings	Frankie and Jacob	for showing great determination and focus in completing their Science experiment this week. They were keen to ensure that they had clearly heard and accurately recorded the pitch of several instruments and asked to do this in their own time. Well done for being such dedicated Scientist and showing passion and tenacity in your lesson!
Kestrels	Jack	For a super effort shown in maths recently- you've answered lots of questions and tried really hard! Well done!
Kestrels	Holly	For always brightening my day with your smile, hardworking attitude and great sense of humour! Thank you for being you!
Hawks	Oliver B	For demonstrating outstanding leadership and teamwork while planning his group's enterprise project. Well done, Oliver!
Hawks	Oliver C	For making thoughtful and meaningful contributions during our R.E. lesson this week. Well done, Oliver!
Eagles	Cameron, Leah & Imogen	For showing fantastic commitment to learning their roles for the leavers performance by arranging additional rehearsals outside of school time
The Hive	Benjamin	For being a kind and caring friend.

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The Hive	Charlotte	For sharing her inspirational ideas with others.

#### The Hive

It has been lovely to watch the children play games of tag and construction this week. The front field is a favourite for all children to play and have some downtime with their friends.

Indoors the children have played with the jigsaws and the Lego, not forgetting the mindful colouring activities.

Many proud moments have been shared with the crafts that they have created with Kerry.

#### FOWS NEWSLETTER

🏂 🏇 News from FOWS – Summer Fair Special! 🏂 🏇

A Huge Thank You!

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to our Non-Uniform Day this morning – your generosity was truly incredible. This has been our best year yet for donations, and it's all thanks to the amazing Wheelock community. Your support will help make this year's Summer Fair one to remember!

Summer Fair – Thursday 10th July

#### ₿ 3:30-6:00pm

We're so excited to welcome you to this year's Summer Fair! While the fair officially begins at 3:30pm, Year 6 Enterprise Stalls will be open from 3:15pm at the back of the field. We're thrilled to be teaming up with Year 6 this year – they've been working hard on their ideas and can't wait to share them with you!

Please note: The Year 6 stalls will be tokens only, so make sure to buy your tokens first before heading over. Their early start will also give us time to get the rest of the fair set up – the tombola and main stalls won't open until around 3:30pm.

📜 A Smaller but Mighty Fair

Due to limited space this year (as the school field is out of use), the fair will be a little smaller than usual. We kindly ask everyone to be patient and move carefully around the site.

Here's what to look forward to:

- **@** Games along the sides of the field
- *O* Food and drink on the playground
- Ø Woodland area open for an extra-special experience
- 回 Raffle draw at 5:45pm amazing prizes still up for grabs!

Buy raffle tickets online here:

www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=1007251

Thank you again for all your support. We can't wait to celebrate together next week!



- Kind regards,
- Lisa Sumner
- Chairperson
- Friends of Wheelock School PTA
- fowscontact@gmail.com<sup>2</sup>

#### 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

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#### Summer Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 21.04.2025, 05.05.2025,	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 Panin served with Chips & Vegetables
19.05.2025, 09.06.2025, 23.06.2025,	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
07.07.2025.	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:	Week 2 Main Choice	Monday Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Tuesday Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Wednesday Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Thursday Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Friday Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables
		Fish Fingers served with	Lasagne served with Garlic	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables &	Mac & Cheese served with	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges &
W/C: 28.04.2025, 12.05.2025, 02.06.2025,	Main Choice Vegetarian	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans Veggie Fingers served	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables Veggle Lasagne served with Garlic Bread &	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash,	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables Tomato Pasta served with	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables Vegan Dippers served with Wedges &
W/C: 28.04.2025, 12.05.2025, 02.06.2025, 16.06.2025,	Main Choice Vegetarian Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables Veggie Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables

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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# 9.15am and 10.15am

Guided tours and lots of games and activities to enjoy!

We are proud of our ambitious school community where students are at the heart of our values.



Please note that buses are available to transport children to and Sandbach High School who live in the following areas: Arclid, Betley, Coppenhall, Crewe, Haslington, Hassall Green, Hough, Madeley, Malkins Bank, Rope, Shavington,

Arclid, Betley, Coppenhall, Crewe, Haslington, Hassall Green, Hough, Madeley, Malkins Bank, Rope, Shavington, Sydney, Willaston, Winsford, Winterley, Wychwood Park. Public transport is also available to/from these surrounding areas: Alsager, Church Lawton, Congleton, Middlewich, Rode Heath, Scholar Green, Northwich and Winsford.





We warmly welcome you to experience our amazing school ir action. Where futures are shaped and opportunities are endless. Come and be part of our magic. HM Government

#### NHS

## Think pharmacy first

Pharmacists can now provide treatment or some prescription medicine, if needed, for seven common conditions, without having to see a GP.

Each condition is subject to age eligibility when providing prescription medicine:

Condition	Age eligibility		
UTI	16-64 years		
Sinusitis	12 years and over		
Earache	1-17 years		
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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Cheshire localities. Th	ional Psychology (EP) Service is East Family Hubs, held once pe tese informal sessions are an op strategies to support your child (e.g., EHCPs or placement ch	r half term in both the oportunity to discuss co . They are not for Local	North and South ncerns, seek advice Authority process
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14.03.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Start for life (0-5 years)	9.30am - 4.15pr
18.03.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	Secondary/Post 16	9.30am - 4.15pr
01.05.25	Congleton Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pr
02.05.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	Primary (6-11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pr
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 - 4.15pr
15.07.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	Primary (6- 11 years)	9.30am - 4.15pn
18.07.25	Monks	Start for life (0-5	9.30am - 4.15pm

Ve 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.

Hub

Call your Family Hub to book a slot:

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