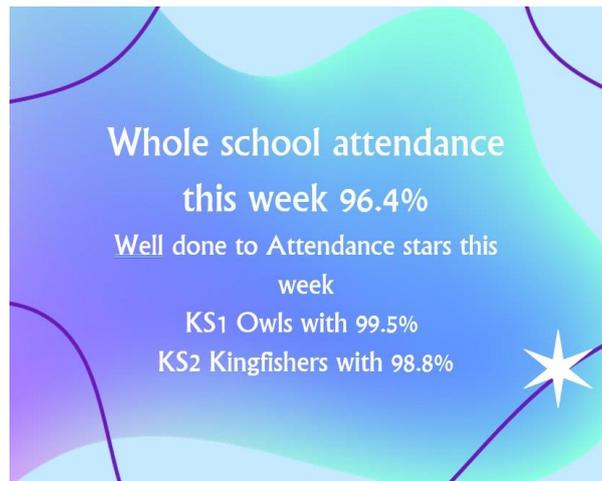


6th March 2026



Newsletter



Dates for your Diary

March 2026

13th March – FOWS Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Donations

17th March – Year 2 Library Visit

19th March – FOWS Chocolate Bingo

20th March – Year 3 Class Assembly (Parents Invited)

24th March – Year 4 Library Visit

25th & 26th March – Parents Evening

27th March – School Closes

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

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

Attendance



World Book Day 2026

On Thursday, we were blown away by the efforts of the children. The time and effort put into creating and constructing costumes was much appreciated. We were lucky to share them all in assembly during the morning.

During the day, the children went on a book cover hunt around school, wrote and illustrated their own stories, made bookmarks, participated in quizzes and shared wonderful books

together. The day was filled with much laughter and lots of questions about characters in stories.

The classes also spent time creating book windows. If you look at the different rooms, you will see a variety of book themes from Oi Frog to Letters from the Lighthouse. The children created everything displayed in each window. We hope you enjoy them!

Finally, our wonderful reading ambassadors judged the wooden spoon book character competition. Goodness, what a high standard we had! We have some super talented children, and some very patient parents! Thank you for helping support the children, and a huge thank you to everyone who entered!

Our winners are:

- Reception: Emelia
- Year 1: Seb
- Year 2: Freya
- Year 3: Rhea
- Year 4: Oscar
- Year 5: Harley
- Year 6: Arabella





Sports Praise

Wheelock shone with determination and team spirit at this week's crosscountry event. It was wonderful to see every child embracing their own personal journey, setting goals, and working hard to beat their previous bests. The resilience and encouragement they showed one another made us incredibly proud. A special well-deserved mention goes to **Henry in Year 6**, who achieved an outstanding **second place out of approximately 80 boys**—a remarkable accomplishment and a true display of natural talent. Well done to Henry and to all our runners for representing our school so brilliantly!



Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Reception!

In Drawing Club, the children have been exploring the story *The Little Red Hen*. They loved drawing the hen and creating their own farm settings, and we enjoyed some wonderful imaginative ideas about what a magic seed might grow into. It has been lovely to see how hard the children are trying to apply their phonics in their writing, and we have also begun practising our red words—I, the and no. These are words we can't sound out, so we learn them by sight.

In Maths, we have been learning all about doubles. The children now know that a double is when the two parts are equal. We've been spotting doubles on dice, using our fingers, and creating doubles on ladybirds and butterflies.

Our topic work this week has focused on different types of homes and how houses have changed since Victorian times. The children have enjoyed comparing old and new features and talking about the homes they live in today.

A big thank you for all your efforts with World Book Day—the fantastic costumes, wooden spoon characters and book swaps really helped make the day special. The children had a brilliant time celebrating their love of stories.

We also enjoyed our very first visit to the Forest School area, which the children absolutely loved. And now that the weather has finally started to dry up, we've been able to explore the school field again—always a highlight!

Well done, Reception, for another wonderful week of learning and fun.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

What an exciting and busy week we've had in Year 1! The children have been full of enthusiasm, curiosity, and brilliant ideas, and we're so proud of everything they've achieved.

One of our highlights was the Creepy Crawly Show, where the children had the chance to learn all about snakes and other fascinating reptiles. They were incredibly brave as they listened carefully to the expert, discovering fun facts about how snakes move, eat, and protect themselves. The chance to see real reptiles up close was a truly memorable experience!

In English, we have finished our first writing outcome on *Where the Wild Things Are*. The children have retold the story in their own words and explored the imaginative world of Max and the Wild Things. Their creativity has been amazing to see.

In Maths, we have completed our unit on numbers to 50, and the children have shown fantastic progress in counting, comparing, and representing numbers. We are now ready to move on to our new topic: length and height.

We also had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day. The children loved dressing up as their favourite characters and sharing stories with friends—it was wonderful to see reading come to life in such a fun way. They particularly enjoyed reading with some year 4 children in the afternoon and making new friends.

In Geography, we have been learning about the seasons, and we went on a nature walk around school to look for signs of seasonal change. The children enjoyed thinking about trees, plants and leaves, and changes in the weather.

What a fantastic week!

Owls and Robins

This week, Year 2 have been working hard in Literacy looking at our WAGOLL. The children have been creating a role on the wall for a character, writing a character description and looking at the features of our text. The children have been focusing on using the conjunctions "so" and "when" in sentence accuracy sessions and have impressed us with their creative ideas!

In Maths, we have continued to look at multiplication. The children have looked at writing multiplication sentences and arrays eg $2 \times 5 = 10$ / $5 \times 2 = 10$.

In Science, the children looked at Spring as part of our "Seasonal Change" work. The children learned all about Spring and then created a comparative Spring / Winter tree. The children were fantastic at recalling facts using scientific vocabulary such as "hibernation" and "deciduous"! The children also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the "Creepy Crawly Show" on Tuesday which linked to their previous learning on Living Things & Their Habitats!

We started a new Art topic by looking at the ceramic artist Ranti Bam and creating Artist Research pages!

History took us back to space, where the children learned about Tim Peake!

In RE, we thought about why Jesus might have been special to those around him.

Of course - a fabulous day was had by all on Thursday for "World Book Day"! The children's love of reading was clearer than ever as they had lots of fun reading, completing reading quizzes and word searches, creating bookmarks & decorating our class window linked to our Whole Class Reading - Revolting Rhymes!

A busy but fantastic week yet again - well done year 2! Have a restful weekend - ready for next week's trip to Lower Moss Wood!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week, year 3 have continued learning about fractions. We have started to tackle equivalent fractions, and the children have really impressed in their understanding. In literacy, we have been diving into lots of new vocabulary and learning to use them in descriptive sentences as well as explore characterisation. The children are certainly ready to write their hot writes next week. In science, we have explored the dangers of the sun and how we can protect ourselves from UV rays. We have started our DT unit on Seasonal Foods- the children explored fruit and vegetables grown from different countries and located them on a world map. We have furthered our map work this week in geography, where children have learnt about lines of longitude and latitude. The children have had a fantastic world book day creating their own stories and taking part in quizzes and competitions. Each class worked together to create a James and the Giant Peach window display- a super team effort!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week has been a wonderful week of learning! We started off the week with a new topic of fractions in maths, where we began by counting beyond one. Then, we started looking at mixed numbers and partitioning mixed numbers. In literacy, we have finished off our myth narrative by writing our own narrative with our very own characters. We have used lots of

different expanded noun phrases to describe, and lots of different fronted adverbials to tell the reader the time, manner or place that something was happening. The children have risen to the challenge of writing an interesting, creative myth narrative and they have been wonderful to read!

In history, our learning of the ancient Maya took a chocolately turn! We learned all about how they used cacao beans to make a hot chocolate drink. Then, we were lucky enough to make our own hot chocolates and drink them! We even tried some cacao nibs! In PSHE, we focused on friendship groups and different scenario's where people may not want to say no, for fear of hurting their friend. We talked about how to deal with these situations. In French, we learned how to talk about colours, numbers and body parts, and ended up drawing a whacky alien, with a pink head, 6 green ears, 2 red arms, and 5 yellow legs!

World Book Day has been an absolute blast! Their children have absolutely loved dressing up, and their costumes and the effort that they had made was truly remarkable. We absolutely loved showing off our costumes in assembly, and then we came back to class and did a Kahoot quiz on all our favourite books. The highlight of our day was definitely going down to read books with year one. The children in year 4 buddied up with a year one and read a book to them, then the year 1 pupil asked to read their book to the year 4 children! It was just a delight to see all the children thoroughly engaged and their love of reading really shone through. Later in the afternoon, we went on a book hunt around the playground and created our very own book window. Be sure to have a look as you come past our Year 4 classrooms!

Kestrels and Red Kites

This week in maths, we have concluded our fractions, decimal and percentages unit. The children have grasped converting between the three brilliantly. They have become quite the experts at percentages.

During literacy, we have been analysing how Great and the Giants has been constructed. We have looked at text and language features, as well as using persuasive techniques to write speeches from Great to the giants.

In geography, we have been looking at the Great Barrier Reef and its benefits. We were surprised by how big it is. In RE, we have started to look at the Easter story. The children have been identifying whether Jesus knew what was happening or whether he chose what was happening to him. In music, we created graphic scores for 'This is me' using colour. The colours represent the changes in tempo and pitch in the song. During French, we have started to explore different clothing, whilst in PSHE we discussed the impact that alcohol has on a person.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked amazing - thank you for all your help with their costumes. We shared books, went on book hunts, solved emoji related book problems and took part in the 'Footy, Booky' quiz with the National Literacy Trust. We had a wonderful day celebrating all things related to books.

We hope that you have a great weekend. Well done Year 5 for a really productive week!

Eagles and Hawks

It has been a fun and memorable week in Year 6! We enjoyed our final World Book Day at Wheelock, taking part in a range of quizzes, book hunts, and storysharing sessions with our Reception 'buddies'. We'll miss celebrating this annual reading tradition at Wheelock next year, but we're already excited to see how World Book Day might be marked when we move on to high school.

Alongside the celebrations, we've had a productive week across the curriculum.

In Maths, we have been exploring one and twostep equations in algebra, using different methods to find the value of unknown numbers.

In Literacy, we've been learning about the achievements of various Olympians as preparation for writing our own blogs about them next week.

We also continued our learning about Light in Science, Text Adventures in Computing, and how inventories were used in Tudor times.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Reception	Benjamin	For amazing morning writing everyday this week.
Reception	Mia	For being a role model always and good friend to others.
Goldfinches	Omar	For producing a neat piece of writing with well-structured sentences and excellent use of vocabulary.
Goldfinches	Riley	For being more motivated and engaged in school, both in learning and in playing with others.
Woodpeckers	Arlo	For growing in confidence and sharing his brilliant ideas more often in class.
Woodpeckers	Daisy May	For showing fantastic perseverance in Maths—working hard on numbers to 50 even when it felt tricky.
Owls	Alarna	For being aspirational in all her Literacy work!
Owls	Elijah	For being aspirational in all his Maths work!
Robins	Abigail	For fantastic team work to create their World Book Day window art. Well done Abigail!
Robins	Freddie	For fantastic team work to create their World Book Day window art. Well done Freddie!

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Hollie	For an incredibly positive attitude towards her learning.
Sandpipers	Sonny	For an increasingly respectful attitude in Sandpipers class.
Moorhens	Bella	For a fantastic attitude to learning and great motivation to achieve.
Moorhens	Felix	For showing respect to others and being a kind member of the class.
Kingfishers	Arthur	For his fantastic and entertaining reading to the Year 1 children on World Book Day.
Kingfishers	Leo	For his fantastic effort and creativity in his Myth Narrative.
Lapwings	Olivia	For her enthusiasm and dedication to World Book Day yesterday! She had made a massive effort with her character, engaged brilliantly in all our activities and gave the day her all!
Lapwings	Autumn	For writing an amazing myth narrative! She used all the language feature required beautifully and creatively to craft a wonderful myth that was a joy to read!
Kestrels	Rufus	For being extremely enthusiastic during World Book Day - super fact sharing and enthusiasm during our book cover hunt. Well done!
Kestrels	Imogen	For excellent writing recently - super vocabulary choices. Well done!
Red Kites	Aurora	For showing exceptional resilience in her maths work - well done!
Red Kites	Arnie	For his amazing writing using figurative language and brilliant adjectives - well done!
Hawks	Lucas	For enthusiastically demonstrating his creative side during World Book Day by helping to create our class window display. Well done, Lucas!
Hawks	Bella	For really applying herself to her arithmetic, showing great determination to improve and putting in lots of practice at home. Well done, Bella!
Eagles	Arabella	For fantastic understanding of one and two step equations in Maths.
Eagles	Harrison	For displaying great teamwork in lessons throughout the week.

The Hive

It has been another busy week at the Hive with lots of excitement shared from the school events.

In the main hall we have seen lots of creativity with children challenging themselves with Lego building and straw modelling. The stencil drawing has also been a firm favourite too.

In our smaller groups the children have enjoyed spending time with their friends, creative drawing and Lego modelling games.

Mr Sutton has also taken the children outdoors to play on the Trim Trail. Next week hopefully we will be able to introduce ball game activities outside.

The Hive Praise this week is awarded to Clara for inspiring others with her creative drawing ideas. Our second Praise is awarded to Emilia for always being polite, caring and helpful.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

CHOCOLATE BINGO IS HAPPENING ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH.

We have two sittings available:

4.30 to 5.45pm

6.15 to 7.30pm

Tickets are £5 each and include all bingo games plus a chip bap. A cheaper ticket option is available for those who would just like chips, and babes on knees are free.

Tickets are now on sale for Chocolate Bingo and can be purchased here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock>

We have added a few more spaces to the first sitting as it was so popular, it'll be a tight squeeze but if you couldn't get tickets and wanted them then please do have another go!

To help make the night a huge success, we will also be holding a **non uniform day on Friday 13th March** in exchange for a chocolate donation. Please give generously if you can. Every bar and box will help us build those brilliant bingo prizes.

The PTA 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

New Spring Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 23.02.2026, 09.03.2026, 23.03.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken Breast served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	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 Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	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: 02.03.2026, 16.03.2026.	Main Choice	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Cottage Pie served with Vegetables	Fish Goujons 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	Quorn Cottage Pie served with Vegetables	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

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.

Please note that the school car park is designated for staff and deliveries only. It should not be used for dropping off children who arrive late. This helps ensure safety and smooth operations during school hours.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Community News

 **West Cheshire Museums** **CHILDRENS FREE CRAFTS**
THIS SPRING BREAK!



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th - Owl Masks @ Grosvenor Museum, Chester
Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th - Easter baskets @ Lion Salt Works, Northwich
Thursday 9th & Friday 10th - Miniature hobby horse @ Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich
Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th - Story Cubes @ Grosvenor Museum, Chester
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th - Rainbows @ Lion Salt Works, Northwich
Thursday 16th & Friday 17th - Spring wreaths @ Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich



Explore Nature, Art, Science and Technology across West Cheshire Museums at **Museum Explorers club!**
Come and make some exciting discoveries with us this Spring!

Victorian Toys: 8th April
Aboriginal Art: 15th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Outstanding Owls: 9th April
Art Discover Day: 16th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Eggy Experiments: 10th April
Investigating Seasons: 17th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Booking necessary, £5 per session. To book, pop in to see us or call:
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After School Clubs



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Tuesday
Yr 3-6
24.02.26 - 24.03.26
3:15 - 4:15
£30 (5 weeks)

Ball Games

Thursday
Rec - Yr 2
26.02.26 - 19.03.26
3:15 - 4:15
£24 (4 weeks)

Please click [HERE](#) to book HT4

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2026

Library

Visits

Sandbach
7 & 14 Feb

Macclesfield
21 & 28 Feb

Wilmslow
14 Mar

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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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