

6th September 2024



Newsletter

All information can be found on the School Calendar on our website

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

Safeguarding News

Welcome back! We hope the children had a safe summer and they remembered all the key tips and support for keeping themselves safe.

We are asking our Year 6 children to apply for the role as our new Junior Safety Officers so once they have been appointed we will let you know in next week's newsletter.

Operation Encompass

Our school/educational setting is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school/educational setting we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.


The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. On 24 May 2024 Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law. This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools/educational settings.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and through Operation Encompass we will be able to provide the best possible support to our children.

Attendance

There have been some important changes to the school attendance policy that have been introduced by the Department for Education, effective from August 2024. These changes have been implemented with the goal of improving overall school attendance, ensuring that every child receives the full benefit of their education.

All key changes have been sent out in a recent email along with the change to penalty notices which has been attached below.



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !


With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for	
Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.	
10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.	
However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.	

Per Parent/Per Child	
Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.	

First Offence <p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:</p> <p>£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.</p> <p>(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)</p>	Second Offence <p>Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:</p> <p>£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)</p>
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Third Offence
On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

A fabulous week in Reception. We have had so much fun making new friends. The children have worked super hard! We have been learning how to use our environment so that we can have lots of

fun in the months to come. We loved our Teddy Bear's Picnic with our grown-ups and can't wait to have more fun next week!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

We are so proud of Woodpeckers and Goldfinches. They have all returned to school with smiles on their faces and have really enjoyed their first week in Year 1.

We have introduced our new Book 'Old Bear' in Literacy and have started to explore the new vocabulary.

In Maths we have been counting objects to 10. The children were very excited to have their own maths book and did really well recording their learning.

Our Science and History this half term links really nicely with our Literacy and the children have had lots of fun playing in our class toy shop. We have started to talk about the materials that our toys are made of.

Owls and Robins

It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week. We have enjoyed getting to know them more and loved starting our learning. In Literacy, the children have been starting to write in cursive handwriting, learning how to use alliteration and write alliterative poems. In Whole Class Reading, the children have made predictions about their new book and started to infer a character's feelings. In Maths, the children have been counting in 1s and 10s, using a ten frame to make numbers to 20, finding missing numbers in a sequence and ordering number from smallest to greatest. In Geography, the children found the 7 continents and labelled them. In PSHE, we discussed different families and our hopes and fears for the year. In RE, we discussed kindness and how it can be difficult to be kind to people who treat us unfairly. In Art, the children have been using charcoal to mark make. We have been very impressed by their hard work and look forward to continuing it next week. Thank you, Year 2!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

We are very proud of year 3 this week. They have come to school and hit the ground running, with an outstanding attitude to the challenges they may face. They have thrown themselves into their new Literacy unit of 'The Iron Man', thinking carefully about vocabulary they would use in a threat narrative. We have been very impressed with their prior knowledge that they have applied to their Maths work when counting in 10s and 100s up to 1000. They thoroughly enjoyed starting to learn a new language, completing their first lesson of French and have dove into the world of 'Peter and The Wolf' in Music. We are so impressed with their efforts and look forward to the following weeks with them.

Kingfishers and Lapwings

Welcome back to all Year 4 children! We have had a great week settling back in and it has been lovely seeing all of the children and getting to know them better. We have already been super busy getting to know our new reading texts and literacy texts. In maths we have started our learning based on place value and in science we have looked at the digestive system with a rather yucky experiment! Over the next week your children will be sent passwords that they need and will have a reading book at their correct ZPD level. We are looking forward to starting Forest School next week. Have a great weekend!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic summer! It was wonderful to welcome the children back into school on Tuesday. They all look extremely smart and very tall!!!

During maths this week, both year 5 and 6 have been working on the place value of numbers. They have been partitioning and using place value grids, as well as part whole models, to represent numbers.

In literacy, we have started to read the book 'Rose Blanche'. The children have attempted to write a contrast poem using new vocabulary and antonyms.

In science, we investigated whether all objects fall at the same rate. We have explored our brains during PSHE and set goals for this year. In music, we looked at catchphrases and how we can use these to make music. In history, the children have learnt what a census is and generated their own for our classes. We have been impressed with how well the children have settled back in to school this week. It's like they've never been away!

We have had a great first week. Let's hope the sun makes an appearance this weekend. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Whole Class	For settling in so well!
Pufflings	Whole Class	For settling in so well!
Goldfinches	Hannah	A super start to Year 1 – lovely neat writing.
Goldfinches	Harry	A super start to Year 1 – joining in with class discussions.
Woodpeckers	Freddie	For writing a lovely sentence using 'and'.
Woodpeckers	Etta	For contributing lots in class discussions.
Owls	Ben	For a fantastic alliteration poem about our new book.
Owls	Lola	For being resilient with her writing.
Robins	Zara	For being a fantastic example of a Year 2 pupil.
Robins	Harper	For over coming her worries and having an amazing first week.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Louie	For starting Year 3 with a great attitude to his learning, being a fabulous member of Sandpipers inside the classroom. Well done!
Sandpipers	Nyla	For showing a caring attitude towards her peers when making birthday cards.
Moorhens	Benjamin	For excellent contribution to class discussions and sharing lots of enthusiasm.
Moorhens	Iris	For a fantastic start to the year working to the best of her ability in every lesson.
Kingfishers	Daniel	For a fantastic first week in Year 4 and showing excellent behaviour!
Kingfishers	Tom	For having a great first week back and joining in some class activities.
Lapwings	Gabriela	For an excellent sentence in sentence accuracy, she even added in a fronted adverbial!
Lapwings	Jacob	For great focus and concentration in lessons. You always have your hand up ready to answer questions!
Kestrels	Chloe	For listening extremely well and always being attentive during lesson time – a great start to year 5, well done!
Kestrels	Holly and Amber	For speaking enthusiastically during French by learning how to describe their emotions – travail merveilleux!
Hawks	Dexter	For settling in amazingly well to both his new class and school. Well done Dexter!
Hawks	Jasmine	For making a fantastic first impression! Keep up the great work Jasmine!
Eagles	Cameron	For excellent contributions in class in all subjects.
Eagles	Arabella	For great enthusiasm and enjoyment for learning.
The Hive	Ella	For being a kind and helpful friend.
The Hive	Clara	For her creative ideas.

The Hive

Welcome back to you all. We hope you have had a lovely Summer packed with lots of family time and adventures.

The children have settled back into the Hive brilliantly this week. They have enjoyed catching up with their friends, playing games and taking part in the sports activities.

Please can I ask you to cover and not share the gate code with your children. It is important that we safe guard the children and this code is not shared.

As always, we can be connected via the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

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 (from September)

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 Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Community News

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SPORTS COACHING GROUP

ENJOY
IMPROVE
ACHIEVE

HALF TERM 1 - 2024 / 2025
WHELOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ball Games
(Yr 1/2)

Wednesday

11.09.24 - 23.10.24

3:15pm - 4:15pm

£35 (7 weeks)

Football
(Yr 3-6)

Tuesday

12.09.24 - 24.07.24

3:15pm - 4:15pm

£35 (7 weeks)

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 HOLIDAY CLUBS
 SWIMMING LESSONS
 BIRTHDAY PARTIES

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 from Sandbach High School who live in the following areas:

Alsager, Arclid, Betley, Brereton, Church Lawton, Congleton, Coppenhall, Crewe, Haslington, Hassall, Hough, Madeley, Malkins Bank, Middlewich, Northwich, Rode Heath, Rope, Sandbach, Scholar Green, Shavington, Smallwood, Sydney, Willaston, Winsford, Winterley, Wychwood Park.

Public transport is also available to/from areas not listed above.



Open Evening

For Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents and Carers

Thursday 26 September 2024
5-8pm

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



WEDNESDAY
18TH
SEPTEMBER

16:00 - 19:00

Headteacher Talks at
16:00 & 18:30

