

7th March 2025



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

March 2025

18th March – Year 5 Cross Factor Easter Church Trip

21st March – FOWS Non-Uniform Day – In exchange for a donation of chocolate

26th March – Schools Gotta Dance – Crewe Lyceum (Dance Club)

27th March – Year 5 Singfest – Congleton

27th March – FOWS Chocolate Bingo

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

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

Sporting News

This week a group of year 5/6 children represented the school by taking part in the Cross-Country League. We definitely have some secret runners hiding at Wheelock! A massive well done to all of the children that took part. You did Wheelock proud and you showed everyone how amazing you are.

Thanks to all of the parents/carers who took the time to support Wheelock. It really does make such a huge difference.

Sports Praise

Freya and Henry J for unleashing their hidden talent. You both showed great competitiveness and focus during the race.

Next Sporting Events

Wednesday 12th March-Cross-country at Sandbach Rugby Club. Please see Mrs Forrester or Miss Millward if you would like to join the team.

Thursday 3rd April-Girls football at Sandbach United. Please see Mrs Forrester or Miss Millward if you would like to join the team. Letters will be given out nearer the time.

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

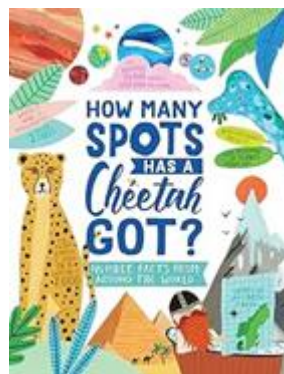
A super week in Reception. We have been retelling the story of Little Red using the story friends. We used our Phonics to write some super sentences and have worked hard to remember finger spaces. In Maths, we have been representing 10 and have been making numbers using two parts e.g 5 and 2 are the part, 7 is my whole. In our topic, we have continued to look at how our bodies have changed from a baby to now and have explored the human life cycle. We had a special celebration for World Book Day and shared lots of amazing stories. Our teachers were super impressed by our outfits! Well done everybody!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

A Super busy week in Woodpeckers and Goldfinches. We have been doing lots of assessments this week in reading and Maths. The children have shown a very mature attitude and have completed the tasks with smiles. We are very proud of them all.

In PSHE we have continued to talk about ways that we keep our body and mind healthy. We have been making choices regarding food, exercise and bedtimes which has made for some interesting conversations!

In Whole Class Reading we have are enjoying the book:



Because it is a non-fiction text, the children have loved choosing the pages they want to explore themselves. This week we have focused on finding new vocabulary in the text.

World book day was a lovely way to celebrate our love of reading. We completed lots of fun activities including, hunt the book characters, making a hat and sharing stories with our Y5 buddies. The children were so excited to swap a book too.



Owls and Robins

This week in Literacy the children continued to delve into their new book 'Grandad's Island'. The children have been busy describing a setting using adverbs, expanded noun phrases, alliteration and exclamation marks!

The week was of course, especially exciting with World Book Day. We absolutely loved the children's enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout the day! There were some fabulously, creative costumes and it was so lovely to hear the children talking passionately about reading! Our activities during the day were based around the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' - which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children loved working together to craft signs that other classroom items might use to similarly protest their wrongdoings - glue sticks being left with no lids, chairs not being tucked in, iPads being overused! The children also had lots of fun: reading with a Year 4 buddy, creating a new front-cover of our story, drawing themselves in their World Book Day outfit & book swapping! Thank you for all your support during this day!

In Maths, the children continued to explore multiplication, looking closer at the 5 x table. The children have also been practising their adding skills in arithmetic!

During History, the children learned all about Amelia Earhart. The children read an 'eyewitness account' from a lady who saw Amelia land in Ireland after completing the flight from Canada. The children showed lots of curiosity and then creativity as they used role-play to explore the experience of the eyewitness! Can your child remember the only thing Amelia Earhart had consumed on her journey? Can your child recall the first thing Amelia asked for when she landed?

Things got very messy this week in Art as the children started their new topic. On Monday, the children demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of colour-mixing and completed some Art maths with the paint - first mixing secondary colours before experimenting to make different shades!

In RE, the children thought about 'admiration'. The children considered how Christians might feel if Jesus came to visit them and what they would do to make this a special occasion.

Finally, just a quick thank you to those who were able to attend the Year 2 Residential Meeting on Wednesday. For anyone who wasn't able - please check the Year 2 section of the school website for the PowerPoint. If you have any questions, please do let us know! We think the residential will be such a fantastic opportunity for the children & we are already looking forward to it!

Well done Year 2 - you have worked incredibly hard this week! Have a restful weekend!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week year 3 have been continuing their learning on fractions in maths. In literacy, we have been analysing mischief narratives and immersing ourselves in language for our own writing. In science, we had important conversations about how light and reflections play an important role in keeping us safe. Children created safety advice posters on what to wear to keep yourself safe in the dark. In DT, we looked at seasonality of fruit and vegetables in the UK and the positives and negatives of importing and trading. In geography, we have been describing the location and physical features of Antarctica. In music, we continued to learn our 'step back baby step back' rap and attempted to make our own version. Year 3 have finished all their spring term assessments, and we are very proud of all the progress they are making. Well done Year 3!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week in year 4 we have celebrated World Book Day with lots of fun activities across the school and dressing up. The children focused on the book, 'When the crayon quit' which is a great read with your child if you have not already. In English, the children are reading the story Jemmy Button which is the most beautifully illustrated book. Ask your child to tell you the story as they will be writing their own version where a character goes on a journey. In

order to do this successfully the children have been looking at the language and structure that will help them read this. We have been working on fractions for the last two weeks in maths and the children have been comparing mixed numbers and learning about improper fractions. We have also set up a new competition between the two classes on Time Tables Rockstars ahead so please encourage your child to play as much as possible! We have ben continuing to learn about rocks and this week have been investigating the properties of different rocks. If your children tell you they have been eating biscuits in school then you are hearing correctly. We are designing and baking biscuits this half term but before we can do that, we have to do the fun part which is evaluating. We have been continuing with our topics of animation in computing which the children are experts in!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

During maths, year 6 have been focussing on algebra whilst year 5 have started to understand percentages. In literacy, we have looked at diary entries to help us immerse in Shackleton's feelings. In science, we have looked at the life cycle of a human. In computing, the children thoroughly engaged in basic game design on purple mash. In PSHE, we looked at the impact of smoking on our bodies. The children enjoyed using colours to describe clothes.

On Thursday, we had a fantastic World Book Day. The children's outfits were excellent and they thoroughly enjoyed the different activities. Reading with reception and year 1 was a highlight as was making our school equipment quit.

A great week. Enjoy the sunshine- hopefully it'll make a reappearance this weekend.

Praise

Principal's Praise

Name	Reason
The Enterprise Team	For dedicating their time to raising funds to buy more sports equipment for playtimes and lunchtimes.

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Alfie	For writing a super independent sentence- well done!
Cygnets	Lottie	For using her phonics to write a caption- well done!
Pufflings	Dottie and Dottie	For lots of resilience for getting back into the school routines.
Goldfinches	Arthur	For having a great attitude to learning and following our Wheelock behaviours.
Goldfinches	Harry	For super maths - partitioning large numbers into tens and ones.
Woodpeckers	The Whole Class	For showing resilience and determination during assessment week
Owls	Orin	For being resilient with his Maths learning and confident to ask for help when he needs it!
Owls	Layla	For being aspirational in Literacy lessons. Layla continually challenges herself to use ambitious vocabulary and to improve her writing!
Robins	Dylan	For brilliant ideas to discussions on World Book Day.
Robins	Emilia	For trying really hard in her Maths this week.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Amber	For a huge improvement in her reading score!
Sandpipers	Jenson	For doing a great job at reintegrating into the classroom for Maths lessons and working independently.
Moorhens	Jacob	For fantastic progress in his Mathematics.
Moorhens	Harper and Matilda	For being a great friend, supportive and welcoming to a new member of Moorhens.
Kingfishers	Gianni	For really working hard on his learning behaviour.
Kingfishers	Lucie	For showing resilience always.
Lapwings	Harley	For starting the Spring term with a great attitude to his learning. Harley has found a love of reading and in 2 weeks has read over 40,000 words! This is an excellent achievement Harley, well done!
Lapwings	Gabriela	For showing amazing resilience and commitment to learning her times tables. Gabriela struggled with this at the start of the year, but has persevered now been achieving full marks each morning in our Numbersense timed, times table challenge! I love when she shouts 40/40 with a huge smile on her face! Well done Gabriella!
Kestrels	Elsie	For great engagement during French – a super accent. Well done!
Kestrels	Archie	For great reading and enthusiasm during our fluency sessions. Well done!
Hawks	Sophie	For always persevering and trying her best in everything that she does. Well done!
Hawks	Marco	For showing real commitment towards his reading and challenging himself with the books he is reading. Well done Marco!
Eagles	Cerys	For super work understanding algebraic expressions this week.
Eagles	Finley	For being an excellent talk partner who always helps others.
The Hive	Ada and Louie	For sharing their creative ideas with others.

The Hive

In the Hive this week the children have been learning new creative skills with Kerry, from French Knitting to bookmark making, all children have enjoyed creating things to take home and share with their families.

The hall has also been a hub of creativity, the children have enjoyed using the building straws to build dens, spaceships to name a few, working as a team to achieve their goals.

The Sports Coaching team have embraced the lovely weather this week playing various sporting games with the children.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

 **CHOCOLATE BINGO IS BACK!** 

Thursday, 27th March

(Please note: This is a change from the original date!)

Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and plenty of chocolatey treats! Here's everything you need to know:

 **Two Sittings to Choose From:**

- **First Sitting:** 4:30pm - 5:45pm
- **Second Sitting:** 6:15pm - 7:30pm

 **Tickets:**

- **£4 per person** – Includes bingo AND a chip bap!
- **Cheaper option available (£2)** – This ticket includes a chip bap but *no bingo*. Families can still play together—parents can help their kids with their bingo cards, but remember, fewer bingo tickets mean fewer chances to win! (*Children on knees go free!*)

 **Tickets go live at 7pm on Tuesday, 11th March:**

 www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock¹

 **We Need Your Chocolate!**

¹<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fwww.pta-events.co.uk%2Fwheelock&data=05|02|office%40wheelock.cheshire.sch.uk|7134db0836e34e54a8d208dd5cfafa42|f47dd6c3b69848ec8856d2833cc429e4|0|0|638768955243438124|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOilwLjAuMDAwMClslAIoiXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&data=LxnFPehGBnhTxuGNwfOjBf7FMg7KwgBJkKa9mGTEal%3D&reserved=0>

To make this event extra sweet, we're collecting chocolate donations on **Friday, 21st March**.

- Children can come to school in **non-uniform** in exchange for a donation.
- Look out for us outside the front of the new building to drop off your donations—big or small, every bit helps!

Thank you so much for your support. Let's make this a night to remember! 🍩🍪

Best wishes,

Lisa Sumner

PTA Chair

Friends of Wheelock School (FOWS)

fowscontact@gmail.com²

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

Spring Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c: 06.01.2025, 20.01.2025, 03.02.2025, 03.03.2025, 17.03.2025, 31.03.2025.	Main Choice	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Chicken Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Roast Beef served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Cottage Pie served with Vegetables & Gravy	Fish & Chips served with Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Veggie Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Dippers served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Tuna	Ham
	Dessert	Homemade Shortbread or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Crunch 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: 13.01.2025, 27.01.2025, 10.02.2025, 24.02.2025, 10.03.2025, 24.03.2025.	Main Choice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	All-Day Breakfast
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Meatballs & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Sausage served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Veggie Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables	All-Day Vegan Breakfast
	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Ham	Tuna	Cheese	Ham	Cheese
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit 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

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CHESHIRE FOOTBALL TRIALS **APR 7TH 2025**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO JOIN US

-  **PREMIER LEAGUE, CHAMPIONSHIP & LEAGUE TWO SCOUTS IN ATTENDANCE**
-  **AGED UNDER 8 - UNDER 9 (HIGH LEVEL GRASSROOT PLAYER)**
-  **SANDBACH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB CW11 3LZ**
-  **£50 FOR THE DAY**

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

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- ✓ # HAF available soon
- ✓ Tax-free childcare



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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	Oakencloough 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	Oakencloough 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:

Oakencloough - 01625 374180 Monks - 01270 371240

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THE BEGINNING

FREE SPORTS EVENTS!

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Saturday 15th March

10:00-12:00

Any participant receives 1 free parent/child ticket for Crewe Alex vs Doncaster Rovers, 3pm kick off

No room for racism

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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Football

Tuesday

Yr 3-6

25.02.25 - 01.04.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

What does my child need?

- Old trainers/football boots
- PE kits
- Water bottle

Multi-Sports

Thursday

Yr 1/2

27.02.25 - 03.04.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

What does my child need?

- Trainers
- PE kits
- Water bottle

Click [HERE](#) to book HT4

✉ info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

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Hot Food!!

Raffle and Bar!!



QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY
21ST MARCH
2025**

Sandbach Rugby Club
Doors open at: 6:45pm
Food starts at: 7:15pm

£15

per person
including food
Maximum of 8
people in a team

**Tickets available
here or ring Mike
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Saturday 18 Oct 11am until 2pm

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[TICKETS](#)



SANDBACH YOUTH THEATRE MIDDLEWICH

Hello! Allow us to introduce ourselves...

Sandbach Youth Theatre was relaunched this year. We are a group for young people interested in devising theatre and, showcasing their creative voices. For ages 6 - 12, sessions take place at Sandbach Library on Wednesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

We currently have spaces for new members, we are offering a free trial session after half term! It will be opportunity for your young person to meet new people, participate in drama games, and work creatively!

If you would like to come along to the session, you can sign up with the email below. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you would like to join us, please contact us at
info@sandbachmiddlewichyouththeatre.co.uk

