

7th November 2025



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

November 2025

10th November – Odd Sock Day

10th November – Year 5 Trip to Safety Central Warrington

11th November – Remembrance Day

19th November – Year 3 Trip to Eureka!

21st November – Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Raffle Donations

22nd November – Year 3 Choir Singing at the Sandbach Christmas Markets & Light Switch On

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

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

myHappyMind

We need your help! We are entering a myHappyMind competition for parental engagement and the winning school will receive one of their wonderful Nurture Corner packs, which includes a myHappyMind beanbag, myHappyMind bunting, and an Early Years set with books, character teddies, conversation cards, and stickers. These resources are perfect for embedding the programme even further in our school and for creating a cosy, calm space that supports our pupils' wellbeing.

All you need to do is download the myHappyMind app and sign up with our school activation code **142756**

If you don't manage to sign up to the app I will be on the school playground and gate during the mornings with a sign-up sheet.

Thank you for your support.

Article 12 Squad and Eco Council

We're delighted to introduce our new **Article 12 Squad (School Council)** and **Eco Council** for this year! Both groups will be working on exciting projects that give our pupils a real voice in school life. Together, they will be helping us on our journey towards achieving the **Gold Rights Respecting School Award** and leading initiatives linked to our **Whole School Sustainability Day** in January.

We're so proud of the pupils who have taken on these important roles – **congratulations** to the following children:

Article 12 Squad:

Sandpipers - Layla & Autumn

Moorhens - Piper & Olivia

Kingfishers - Martha & Ada

Lapwings - Autumn & Oscar B

Kestrels - Juan & Lucie

Red Kites - Jasmine & Hollie M

Hawks - Freya & Lily

Eagles - Nate & Phoebe

Eco Council:

Sandpipers - Poppy

Moorhens - Isaac

Kingfishers - Thea

Lapwings - Benji

Kestrels - Orla & Theo

Red Kites - Eleanor & Joshua

Hawks - Harry & Eden

Eagles - Arabella & Mia

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.

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

Well done for a great first week back Cygnets and Pufflings! This week in EYFS, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning.

In Maths, we have been comparing amounts using the words 'more' and 'fewer'. The children have enjoyed using practical resources to explore these ideas and are becoming really confident in describing and comparing quantities.

In Drawing Club, our story was Star in the Jar. The children loved imagining what they would do if they found a star of their own and shared some wonderful ideas about where they would keep it safe! We are encouraging the children to use the sounds they know to begin to label their drawings.

Our topic work has been all about Bonfire Night. We learned about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night, and the children created some fantastic firework artwork using loose parts and printing techniques.

We have also started to practice our Nativity songs, and the children are already singing beautifully! They have come home today with a slip to let you know which character they will be dressed up as - thank you for your support in helping to provide a costume for this special event.

Weekend challenge: next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is 'Power for Good'. Across the school we will be creating a 'kindness chain', where each link contains a kind act done by a pupil and we can watch it grow throughout the week. To help with this we would like children in Cygnets and Pufflings to carry out an act of kindness for someone over the weekend and post a picture on Tapestry of what they have done for us to share in school. Have fun :)!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

The children have had a busy first week back but have settled into their new routines well.

In Literacy we have been immersing ourselves into our new text Rapunzel. Lots of items were delivered to our classroom to give us clues about the text. These included a witch's hat, a lock of blonde hair, a spell book and a leaf. The children have been making predictions about the story and learning some new vocabulary.

In Maths we have started to look at subtraction within 10. The children have been using now, next and then stories to work out subtraction problems.

In Whole Class Read the children have been introduced to a non-fiction text called 'How many spots has a cheetah got'. The children have been exploring the text and new vocabulary within it. We discussed how the text is different to our previous texts which have been stories or poems.

In Geography our new unit is called 'what is it like here'. The children enjoyed exploring google Earth to locate an aerial view of the school and local area. We then added labels to the different features that we could see on a map.

This week we have started to learn some of the songs for the Year One nativity. Parts and lines will be given out at the end of the week so your child can practice these at home.

Owls and Robins

This week, Year 2 have been immersing themselves in Literacy in our new text "The Night Gardener". The children first made predictions about what the story would be about. Then children have: explored new vocabulary from the text; learned about prepositions and used them to describe illustrations from the text; also created a simile poem! Wow!

In Maths, we have continued to look at numbers within 100 - adding and subtracting across a 10! The children are becoming more confident using their number bond knowledge to help them!

In Science, the children have learned about the life cycle of a human and the life cycle of a butterfly. We were impressed with the children's understanding of both of these life cycles!

In PSHE we started our new book "Can I join your club?" We thought about what a club is and what clubs we are in. We talked about how we are all different but we are joined in a 'learning club' ... our classes!

We had lots of fun in Whole Class Reading predicting what our new text, a poem, was about! The children had to use their rhyming knowledge to finish lines of the poem - they did a great job!

In RE, we have been thinking about the importance of the world. We looked at the Christian creation story and then thought about how to care for the world.

We have started our new art topic too- painting & mixed media. We talked about how we are going to be producing a collage as our final piece and looked at the artist Romare Bearden for inspiration!

Keep up the fantastic work Year 2 & enjoy your weekend :)

Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have had a great start to the new half term! We have been so impressed with how well the children have remembered their learning on addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers with exchanges. In Literacy, we have enjoyed exploring our new text *Rhythm of the Rain* and its beautifully magical illustrations, while in Science we began our unit on Forces and Magnets, investigating how different objects move and the effects of push, pull, and friction. In Computing, the children created internet safety information sheets using Purple Mash, and in French we started learning how to say different colours. In RE, we began our new topic on the real meaning of Christmas, sharing and comparing family traditions and discovering what makes each one special. Well done, Year 3 – you have returned with such a positive attitude!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

We have had a great first week back in Year 4. In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve a range of multi-step problems. The children have worked carefully to draw models to represent and solve each challenge — showing great reasoning skills. In Literacy, we have started our exciting new book, *Leaf*. The children made thoughtful predictions about a polar bear and what he might do in the forest, before

writing their own prepositional poems using a range of interesting verbs to bring their ideas to life. In Science, we started our new topic on Changing States of Matter, exploring the characteristics and examples of solids, liquids and gases.

In French, we learned all about fireworks and even created our own colourful poems inspired by them. In Geography, we began our new topic on Rivers, exploring the water cycle and drawing then labelling our own detailed diagrams to show how water travels around the environment. In PSHE, we explored the importance of challenging stereotypes and not making assumptions based on appearances, learning how understanding and empathy help us to treat everyone with kindness and respect. In RE, we started learning about Christianity, focusing on symbols and discussing why they are important and what they represent. In DT, we kicked off our new project, Pavilions, by designing and building marshmallow structures — a fun and creative way to explore shape and stability!

Kestrels and Red Kites

Welcome back- we hope you had a lovely half term.

In maths, we have been learning about square and cube numbers. The children are using their times tables facts well to support them. We have also explored to multiply by 10,100 and 1000.

In literacy, we have started to explore our new text FAR THER. We have made detailed predictions and looked at using personification to describe the weather. The children have enjoyed reading the story and learning new vocabulary.

In RE, we are exploring Christianity. We have explored how we can't always believe everything that we are told. We discussed how we need more evidence to check if information is true or false. In computing, we used spreadsheets for the first time. The children learnt how to use a formula to calculate information. In French, the children have looked at Paris and places within the city such as the metro and the river. In geography, we looked at where the Alps are and which countries they pass through. The children used atlases to locate the mountain range. During music, we began listening to blues music and discussing emotions behind the music.

A lovely first week back - have a great weekend!

Eagles and Hawks

It's been a fantastic start back after the half term break, and Year 6 have settled back in very quickly, showing an excellent attitude to work in both Hawks and Eagles. We've been delighted to see such great concentration and effort from all the children. In maths, they've been working incredibly hard, beginning to tackle questions on SATs practice papers, and we

will be using these to create a solid foundation for revision during our in-class activities and booster sessions. Speaking of booster sessions, these begin next week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays straight after school until 4pm – all children are invited to join any sessions they can attend. This gives your child lots of opportunities to work on key skills and revision in the run up to the autumn term assessment week, which will take place during the first week of December.

In literacy, we've launched our new vehicle text, "Farther." The children have already produced some imaginative ideas about the setting, incorporating personification to bring the weather to life. We're eagerly looking forward to seeing the creative writing pieces from both Eagles and Hawks this half term. Keep up the brilliant work, Year 6!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Reception	Lily	For coming to school each day with a smile and always being a kind friend.
Reception	Eva	For being resilient and a good role model.
Goldfinches	Billy	For working hard to improve their handwriting. Keep it up!
Goldfinches	Ayda	For working hard to improve their handwriting. Keep it up!
Woodpeckers	Porshe	For trying really hard and bring engaged with his learning.
Woodpeckers	Jaxon	For showing lots of progress in writing.
Owls	Martha	For fantastic work all week in Literacy!
Owls	Sam	For a creative Artist Research page.
Robins	Harry	For always having a fantastic attitude to their learning and polite manners.
Robins	Charlotte	For always having a fantastic attitude to their learning and polite manners.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Poppy	for showing amazing determination and resilience in maths lessons always wanting to reach the challenge questions and be successful.
Sandpipers	Ella	For working really hard to make progress in your learning and showing the Wheelock Behaviours every day.
Moorhens	Sonny	For great progress in his handwriting.
Moorhens	Elsie	For great progress in her handwriting.
Kingfishers	Iris	For writing a fantastic and creative prepositional poem in Literacy!
Kingfishers	Jacob	For always having a positive attitude and giving everything a try with a smile on his face.
Lapwings	Tyrone	For coming back to school with a 'can do' attitude, for really trying hard with his letter formation and writing neatly in his books. Well done Tyrone! I love your attitude to learning.
Lapwings	Saffi	For always completing her homework and working hard every single day in class! Saffi is also a wonderful, supportive friend to everyone in class, and it she has a lovely caring and compassionate manner. Well done Saffi!
Kestrels	Ava	For always being polite, kind and hardworking. You always do your best - well done!
Kestrels	Charlie	For a really positive first week back after half term - good listening and positive contributions made in class. Well done!
Red Kites	Hollie	For significant improvements to her CEW spellings.
Red Kites	Billie	For significant improvements to her CEW spellings.
Hawks	Henry	For his fantastic effort and determination to improve his handwriting – it's really paying off! Keep it up!
Hawks	Zeke	For being such a helpful member of the class and showing great focus and determination in all his work.
Eagles	Harry	For excellent ideas in his writing when creating personification ideas for the weather.
Eagles	Harper	For being a resourceful learner that always shows excellent concentration in lessons.

The Hive

The children have settled back into their routines of playing games with their friends and catching up on the news of their holidays.

Indoors the children have played card and board games with each other. It is always lovely to see children playing and learning from others.

We were also able to run small activity groups with the children outdoors, we will continue to do this as long as it is safe to do so.

The Hive Praise this week is awarded to Freddie and Phoebe for helping and sharing ideas with others.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

 Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely half term and are ready for a fun few weeks ahead! 

 Non-Uniform Day – Fri 21st Nov

It's time to ditch the uniform! Come in your favourite clothes in exchange for a rainbow raffle donation. 

We'll let you know very soon which colour each class needs to bring!

 Christmas Fair – Thurs 11th Dec, 4–6pm

Mark your calendars! 

Join us for festive fun, games, treats, and maybe even a visit from someone jolly in red... 

 Donations Needed

We're collecting preloved toys, games, books, and Christmas jumpers.

Pop any donations into the box in the school office – every little helps! 

Thank you for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you! 



Just a final reminder that Xmas4Schools online ordering portals will close ***Friday 7th November***.

Ordering links have been sent out (by text and email) simply follow the link to order your child's Christmas products!

Many thanks

FOWs

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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

Autumn Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 01.09.2025, 15.09.2025, 29.09.2025, 13.10.2025, 03.11.2025, 17.11.2025, 01.12.2025, 15.12.2025.	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Roast Turkey 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	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	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	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit
Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 08.09.2025, 22.09.2025, 06.10.2025, 20.10.2025, 10.11.2025, 24.11.2025, 08.12.2025.	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Beef Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza 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	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

After School Clubs



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Tuesday

Yr 3-6

04.11.25 - 16.12.25

3:15 - 4:15

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Ball Games

Friday

Yr 1/2

07.11.25 - 19.12.25

3:15 - 4:15

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NO CLUB - 12.12.25

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Saturday 17 May
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Saturday 19 Jul
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Saturday 20 Sept
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Saturday 18 Oct
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Saturday 15 Nov
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