

Welcome Back!



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

8th September 2023

Dates for your Diary

Status	Date
Autumn term 2023	
open	*4 September 2023 – 20 October 2023
Half term	23 October 2023 to 27 October 2023
open	*30 October 2023 – 22 December 2023
Christmas Holiday	25 December 2023 to 5 January 2024
Spring term 2024	
open	*8 January 2024 – 16 February 2024
Half term	19 February 2024 to 23 February 2024
open	26 February 2024 – 28 March 2024
Spring break	29 March 2024 – 12 April 2024 (inclusive of Good Friday and Easter Monday)
Summer term 2024	
open	15 April 2024 – 24 May 2024 **
Half term	27 May 2024 to 31 May 2024 (inclusive of Bank Holiday)
open	*3 June 2024 – 23 July 2024
Summer holiday	24 July 2024 to 30 August 2024 (inclusive of Bank Holiday)
Return to school	Monday 2 September 2024

Inset Dates: (Inset days may change (Staff training; the school is closed to children))

***Monday 4th September 2023**

***Monday 30th October 2023**

***Monday 8th January 2024**

***Friday 3rd May 2024**

***Monday 3rd June 2024**

****Monday 6th May 2024 Bank Holiday**

Lunch Menu for September & October

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 04.09.2023, 18.09.2023, 02.10.2023, 16.10.2023.	Main Choice	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Served with Vegetables	Fish Cake Served with Chips	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatball Tomato Pasta Served with Garlic Bread	Hot Dog & Wedges
	Vegetarian Choice	Cheese & Onion Quiche	Vegetable Fingers Served with Chips	Vegan Fillet Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta Served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Hot Dog & Wedges
	Jacket Potato	Tuna	Cheese	Beans	Tuna	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Cheese	Ham	Tuna	Ham	Cheese
	Dessert	Cake or Fresh Fruit	Shortbread or Fresh Fruit	Marble Cake or Fresh Fruit	Jelly & Ice Cream	Muffin or Fresh Fruit
Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 11.09.2023, 25.09.2023, 09.10.2023.	Main Choice	Sweet & Sour Chicken Served with Noodles	Mac & Cheese Served with Garlic Bread	Sausages Served with Mash & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Wedges	Chicken Burger & Chips
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Chow Mein	Vegetable Curry Served with Rice	Vegan Sausages Served with Mash & Gravy	Vegan Dippers Served with Wedges	Vegetable Burger & Chips
	Jacket Potato	Tuna	Cheese & Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Cheese	Chicken	Tuna	Cheese	Ham
	Dessert	Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Muffin or Fresh Fruit	Cake or Fresh Fruit	Shortbread or Fresh Fruit	Flapjack or Fresh Fruit

Clothing

Please can you ensure all coats, jumpers, hoodies etc are named. This will help reduce the number of lost/missing items every day.

Safeguarding News

This half term we have lots planned.

We will be asking the children to complete a keeping safe in school questionnaire, we will use their responses to identify any improvements that need to be made.

The new Junior Safety Officers will be meeting and planning events and competitions.

We will be looking for new Mental Health Champions to join our mental health team and plan, run events and clubs.

There will also be a focus on online safety and how we can support children and parents.

Our safeguarding team are always available should you need any support.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

What a fabulous first week in Reception! We are so proud of our new children and have loved getting to know our new families. Thank you to all of the parents that attended the 1:1 meetings. They have been valuable in getting to know you and your child.

A huge WELL DONE to all of the children, you have settled so quickly and have made lots of new friends which has been lovely to see. We have loved learning about The Colour Monster and started to think about our emotions. Our favourite monster was the yellow one because he is the happy monster! We have also really enjoyed our Teddy Bear's picnic.

Thank you to FOWs for organising this - the children loved it! We can't wait to see you all next week for another exciting week!



Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

What a fantastic first week we've had in year 1! The children have worked extremely hard and we are really proud of how quickly they have settled into the year 1 routine.

In literacy we have been practicing writing accurate sentences ready to start our new book 'Major Glad and Major Dizzy' next week.

In maths we have been using the rekenrek and looking at the different ways that we can make five. The children are getting really confident at answering the flashback 4 questions on their whiteboards too.

In history our new topic is all about toys. We had a class discussion about what toys we like to play with most and we wondered if our Grandparents use to play with the same toys as us. We're looking forward to finding out!

The children particularly enjoyed computing on Tuesday and they are all looking forward to exploring the laptops more and learning how to use them independently.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Owls and Robins

Welcome back to the new school year; we hope you had a lovely summer holidays. Year 2 have come back ready to learn and work hard - they have really impressed us.

This week, we have been settling back into the routines of school and getting to know our teachers and class better. We have started to immerse ourselves in our new literacy book. We have had items from the book revealed to us and we have made predictions about what we think will happen in the book. In maths, we have started with place value and have been working on counting in 10's and understanding 10's and 1's.

Also this week, we have talked about hopes and fears of starting a new class and what we can do to manage and help our worries over this, started our art topic by exploring and working with charcoal and started our computing unit on online safety.

Well done Year 2 for a great first week back.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Welcome back Waterbirds! What a brilliant first week back you have all had!

In English this week we have started to think about our new text and you have made your predictions based on the pictures that we have looked at. You are looking forward to finding out more next week!

Our first area of focus in maths is Place Value where we have looked at value of different digits and how we can represent numbers through different methods.

In Science, our unit of work is Animals including humans and we have considered a healthy diet and different food types.

During History we have compared how children's lives have changed over the years and have had some fantastic discussions.

We have also enjoyed our first sessions in Art, Computing and Music - such a busy first week back for Year 3 & 4!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a brilliant summer. What a great, if not scorching, first week back. The children have settled back into school life superbly- it's like they've never been away!

During literacy, the children have been excited to begin our new text, Where Once We Stood. They have enjoyed the space themed book and have started to explore why so few people have landed on the moon.

In maths, both year 5 and 6 have started to look at place value of numbers. They have partition, read and written different values.

We looked at some key questions in science to do with heart rate. In history, the children created a timeline for the Vikings. Each class has also started their new WCR novel: Skellig, Holes or Letters from the Lighthouse. Finally in RE, we started to look at important Hindu objects, places and beliefs.

It is great to have the children back and we have had a wonderful week getting to know them all. Enjoy the sunny weekend


Praise

Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Goldfinches	Rhea H	For being so kind and friendly in Goldfinches.
Goldfinches	Teddie S	For being a fantastic role model in Goldfinches
Woodpeckers	Sienna	For a fantastic cold write in literacy using lots of descriptive words and phrases.
Woodpeckers	Logan	For being a confident woodpecker and always contributing to class discussions.
Owls	Louie J	For starting off the school year with a fantastic, mature attitude.
Owls	Louie T	For a positive start to Year 2.
Robins	Jacob A	For working hard on his confidence and resilience this week.
Robins	Tyrone	For trying really hard in his writing this week.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Holly	For great contributions in lessons all week – fantastic! Well done Holly.
Swans	Harry	For a truly imaginative piece of writing in Literacy. Wow! Well done.
Sandpipers	Amelia	For a brilliant first week back and trying her best with everything!
Sandpipers	Zeke	for great listening and always being ready to learn.
Kingfishers	Thomas	For transitioning into Year 3 positively, coming in excited for the day and engaging in his lessons.
Kingfishers	Harley	For being polite and working hard in Literacy lessons.
Kestrels	Jamie	For settling in to life at Wheelock so well- a wonderful first week. Well done.
Kestrels	Kerr	For always being a great role model to his peers by being an active participant in the classroom. Well done.
Hawks	Austin	For fully engaging in all lessons with mature and insightful responses.
Hawks	Wendy	Always listening carefully and giving 100% dedication to her work.
Eagles	Harrison	For excellent ideas in class discussions and fantastic Maths work.
Eagles	Leah	For taking great pride in her work and producing some excellent writing.



BEAVERS

OUR BEAVER SECTION FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6 YEARS +
HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023.

WE MEET AT WHELOCK METHODIST CHURCH, EVERY MONDAY
FROM 5:45PM UNTIL 6:45PM DURING TERM TIME.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO COME FOR A TRIAL PERIOD,
TO SEE IF BEAVERS IS FOR THEM.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:
SUZANNE.GIDLOW@SWCSCOUTS.ORG.UK

Headteacher's talks 9:30am and 11am



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, Stapeley, Sydney, Weston, Winsford, Willaston, Winterley, Wrinehill, 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 21 September 2023
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.