

# 8th November 2024



Wheelock  
Primary School



# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

### November

- 11th – 15th November - Gift Filled Shoebox – Return
- 12th November – Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week
- 15th November – Remembrance Day Event from 2pm (Parents Invited)
- 22nd November – Non-Uniform for Rainbow Raffle
- 28th November – FOWS School Hall Christmas Decorating

### December

- 2nd December – EYFS Carols at Church (Parents Invited)
- 3rd December – Year 1 Carols at Church (Parents Invited)
- 6th December – Judging of the Rainbow Raffle Class Hamper
- 9th December – Year 2 Hope Journey at Church (Children Only)
- 10th December – KS2 New Vic The Three Musketeers Trip
- 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch
- 11th December – Whole School Flu Immunisation
- 11th December – FOWS Christmas Fair
- 12th December – Year 2 Christmas Crafts and Sing-a-long (Parents Invited)
- 13th December – Elf Run (Children Only)
- 16th December – KS2 Christmas Carols by Candlelight (Parents Invited)
- 18th December – EYFS & KS1 New Vic The Three Musketeers Trip
- 18th December – KS2 Christmas Lunch
- 20th December – School Closes

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

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

## Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal



Our donations for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal will be collected on Wednesday 13th November.

If your child plans to fill a shoebox, then please ensure that these are brought in by the above date.

We're so excited to take part in this project and thank you for your support.

Miss Hough.

**SEND A GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX IN JESUS' NAME**

**FUN GIFT IDEAS** To put in shoebox or as a loose item

**TOYS AND SPECIAL ITEMS:**

- Football with pump, Tennis ball, Toy Cars, Skipping Rope
- Dolls & Cuddly toys, Musical Instrument, Yo-yos

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

- Toothbrushes, Flannel, Bar of Soap, Combs, Hairbrush, Hair bands
- Pens, Pencils, Sharpeners, Rubbers, Crayons
- Notebooks, Colouring books, Sunglasses

**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**

Visit [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occc](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occc) to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.

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## Sports News

On Thursday 7th November, some of our Year 5 and 6 boys represented Wheelock in the first round of the Sandbach Inter-School Football Tournament held at Sandbach United FC.

Having been drawn in the toughest group possible, against the best teams from Elworth CofE and The Dingle, as well as a strong Offley B-Team, it was always going to be difficult, but the boys worked so hard together and played with the right attitude and a superb team spirit.

Our opening match against Elworth A ended in a frustrating 5-0 defeat, as the team (and coaches) tried to work out their best positions. Full credit to Wren for volunteering to go in goal, when our usual 'keeper James was struck down with illness earlier in the day. Some fantastic work down both wings from Oscar and Archie resulted in a few shots on goal, but unfortunately Wheelock couldn't find the back of the net.

The second match was always going to be the toughest of the group, against a very fast and physical Dingle A side with some extremely skilful players. The result may have ended 7-0 to The Dingle, but that doesn't reflect how hard the team worked for each other, and at no point did they allow their heads to drop. They fought to the final whistle and if it hadn't been for some heroic saves by Cameron in goal, the scoreline would have been well into double figures.

After such a heavy defeat in the second match, it would have been easy for the squad to give up, but they pulled together and went into the final match with grit and determination. Despite a clear handball in the build-up, Offley took an early lead, and soon after made it 2-0 when Connor, who had been handed the goalkeeper gloves from his brother for the final match, pulled off a brilliant save only for the ball to fall kindly to an Offley striker.

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*Well done, Wheelock!*

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**Sports praise: Cameron and Connor for great resilience in goal during some difficult games!**

## Class News

### Cygnets and Pufflings

A great first week back. We have been writing initial sounds and CVC words to make predictions about our new Literacy text, 'Star in a Jar'. In Maths we have been comparing 2 sets of objects and saying which is 'more than' or 'fewer than'. In our Topic, we have been learning about key historical events and why and how we celebrate today. We discussed Bonfire night and the Gunpowder plot. We have also talked about fire safety and how the fire service keeps us safe. We have started to explore Diwali and learn about how Diwali is celebrated.

### Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

We have had a great first week back Year 1. In Literacy we began our week by receiving a parcel! It contained a spell book, a witch's hat and some other clues. The children have been using these clues

to discover who owns the spell book and the story that we are going to be using this half term - Rapunzel. We have enjoyed exploring some new vocabulary through role play and have sequenced the story using images from the book.

In Maths this week we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We have been very impressed with the children's prior knowledge and have looked at how 3D shapes have faces that are 2D. It has been fun finding real objects that remind us of these shapes around the classroom. Have a go at home to see if you can find them - circle, square, rectangle, triangle, cube, sphere, cuboid, cylinder, pyramid.

In art this week we have found out all about the artist Clarice Cliff. The children have had a go at using her designs in their sketch books - using bold shapes and bright colours. See if your child can tell you about Clarice Cliff and her work.

We are excited to start our Woodland sessions next week - Woodpeckers on Monday and Goldfinches on Wednesday. Please make sure that appropriate clothing and footwear is worn on those days (Goldfinches will also have PE on Wednesday) as children can only take part in these sessions if they are dressed appropriately. Our theme in the woodland will be the changing seasons - exploring both Autumn and Winter, working to complete a winter craft to take home for the upcoming festivities.

## Owls and Robins

What a great week back Year 2 have had!

In Literacy, the children have been busy exploring our new story "The Night Gardener". The children have made predictions about the story, looked at new vocabulary, used noun-phrases and prepositions to describe what they could see in the illustrations and they have also written similitude poems!

In Whole Class Reading, the children have continued looking at our new text - a poem called "Where Teachers keep their pets!" The children have been using rhyming knowledge to predict the end words of each line of the poem. The children have also practiced their retrieval skills by answering questions about the poem!

In Maths, the children have worked hard to finish their unit on 'addition and subtraction'. The children have been consolidating their subtraction skills especially, using tens frames and number lines to help them! We're excited to see them take their new knowledge into our next Maths unit next week, which looks at addition and subtraction again!

In Science we have started our new topic "Animals including Humans". The children have made an initial response to the key question - "Do all baby animals look like smaller versions of their parents?" Then, we have started to look more closely at what animals need to survive.

In PSHE, the children started the new topic "Celebrating Difference". The children started to explore the concept of stereotypes - we played some games to challenge common stereotypes like "girls only like pink" / "children don't like broccoli"! The children then thought about their own similarities and what makes them special!

In Music, the children have started to explore Christmas songs (yes, already!) The child enjoyed finding the pulse of different songs and practising singing and signing along to some traditional Christmas songs!

The children have started their first D&T topic which will eventually lead to them constructing a chair for "Baby Bear". We have been impressed with their prior knowledge in D&T and can't wait to see the children begin to explore some of the practical elements in the Woodland over the next few weeks!

## Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year three have had a fantastic start to the new half term. We have immersed ourselves into our new literacy text- The rhythm of the rain. This is a story with stunning illustrations, which has already captivated the children's interest and having a positive impact on their descriptive writing. In maths, we have moved on to multiples of 2, 5 and 10. The children have shown great confidence using prior knowledge from year 2. The children were very excited to learn that in Geography, we will be finding out all about volcanoes. This week the children learnt about the 4 layers of the earth and tectonic plates. We used our knowledge from last half term in French to label firework colours. The children have continued to learn the recorder, and have started practising hockey skills in PE. Next week's home learning in year 3 will be based on TTrackstars as we are taking part in ENGLAND ROCKS. See posters around school for further information. Let the battle commence!

## Kingfishers and Lapwings

Welcome back for the new half term! Year 4 have had a lovely week back and it is lovely to see them all again. We have started our new book in Literacy and we are focusing on The Tempest by Shakespeare, we have explored the setting of a stormy ocean and the children have written their own setting description. In Geography the children learnt how mountains are formed and have used atlases to show where they are located in the world. We have also started our design and technology unit of work on textiles which will eventually lead to the children sewing their product! Please check our website for the updated overview of the learning for Autumn 2. Have a great weekend!

## Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Welcome back after half term. We hope that you had a great break.

This week in maths, year 6 have been working with fractions. They have simplified, ordered and added simple fractions. In year 5, we have learnt about prime, square and cube numbers. We have been using our multiplication facts.

On Tuesday, Sandbach library visited and shared a local census with the children. We looked at the lives of Henry Hilditch and how his family changed from 1851 to 1871. The library have provided us with some excellent resources which brought our local history to life. The children were extremely engaged and demonstrated their knowledge from our topic superbly!

In literacy, we have started our flashback narrative unit of work on 'A story like the wind'. The children have explored new language such as amplify, billowing, onslaught and ominous. We have explored sentences and phrases linked to being trapped on a boat in a storm.

During RE, we have started our Christianity unit. We explored how stories can have different versions based on what different people say and see. In geography, the children explored how the population has been changing since 1500s. In computing, we have been focussing on online safety. During PSHE,

we have looked at difference and how we all have differences - which is great! In art, we have been looking into Mayan art and how to make different marks.

We have had a really productive first week back! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

## Praise

### Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Phoebe	For being super helpful this week and modelling choose it, use it, put it away mantra to her friends.
Cygnets	Jaxon	For being a kind friend.
Pufflings	Elodeigh	For fantastic phonics to label Yan's treasure.
Pufflings	Roxy	For wonderful dressing up as an astronaut and talking about space.
Goldfinches	Melody	For a great week of Wheelock behaviours.
Goldfinches	Orlaith	For showing a big improvement in her handwriting this week.
Woodpeckers	Poppy	For having a confident and enthusiastic start in Woodpeckers class.
Woodpeckers	Lottie	For trying really hard with her learning this week.
Owls	Harriet	For amazing aspirational writing, both at school and outside of school!
Owls	Charlotte	For always being a role-model of respectful and responsible behaviour!
Robins	Dylan	For great partner work in DT conducting an experiment.
Robins	Piper	For great partner work in DT conducting an experiment.

### Key Stage Two



Sandpipers	Jenson	For an improved attitude to learning this week, with lots of positive feedback from his small work group.
Sandpipers	Cara	For some fantastic sentences in Literacy with great descriptive language.
Moorhens	Oscar	For super effort in writing his sentence accuracy in Literacy every day.
Moorhens	Lily	For fantastic understanding and use of new vocabulary in Literacy lessons.
Kingfishers	Hollie	For a brilliant week back, always engaged and on task!
Kingfishers	Lucie	For continuously being enthusiastic with her learning and being a valued member of the class.
Lapwings	Daisy	For making a great start back to school this half term and writing a brilliant setting description of a Stormy Sea in Literacy, and for being a great team player in PE during Tag Rugby! Well done Daisy!
Lapwings	Rufus	For coming back to school with great focus and tenacity and writing an excellent setting description for his Stormy Sea, with excellent vocabulary and wonderful noun phrases. Fantastic work Rufus!
Kestrels	Neve	For an excellent attitude to learning at all time and making valuable contributions to class discussions. Well done!
Kestrels	Amelia	For having a great attitude to Maths, despite not always enjoying it. You persevere and work so hard – well done!
Hawks	Sophie	For giving 100% effort and showing determination to better herself every day. Well done!
Eagles	Oscar	For excellent ideas across all subjects this week.
Eagles	Nathan	For great teamwork sharing ideas for writing this week.
The Hive	Daniel	For being a super helper in the Hive.
The Hive	Henry	For using such lovely manners in the Hive.



## The Hive

Welcome back, we hope you all have had a restful and safe half term break. The children have come back to school with lots of stories to share about their adventures.

This week's craft activities have been based on fireworks and Remembrance, thank you Kerry for supporting the activities. The children really enjoy this time with their friends in a different room sharing ideas and adventures.

Mr Sutton has still been able to take groups of children outside on the main field for sports games.

## FOWS NEWSLETTER

 We are excited to announce that Friends of Wheelock School will be running a Rainbow Raffle this year to raise funds. 

As part of this fundraiser, pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform on **Friday, 22nd of November** in exchange for a coloured donation for their class's rainbow hamper. Each class has been assigned a specific colour for their donations, and you can find inspiration and your class's colour in the attached images.

Here's the rundown of each class's colour:

Cygnets and Pufflings (Reception) - Purple

Woodpeckers and Goldfinches (Year 1) - Blue

Robins and Owls (Year 2) - Green

Moorhens and Sandpipers (Year 3) - Yellow

Lapwings and Kingfishers (Year 4) - Orange

Hawks and Kestrels (Years 5/6) - Red

Eagles (Years 5/6) - Gold

There will be one hamper per class, so 2 of each colour apart from gold.

These Hampers will then be raffled off, and the winners will be drawn at the Christmas Fair on **Wednesday, 11th of December**. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets online as soon as all donations have been collected.

We appreciate your support and contributions to make this event a success, we can't wait to see what each class comes up with!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

Friends of Wheelock School

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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](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)



## Autumn Menu

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.	<b>Main Choice</b>	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
	<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	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
	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans	Tuna	Beans
	<b>Sandwich</b>	Cheese	Tuna	Ham	Chicken	Cheese
	<b>Dessert</b>	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

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.	<b>Main Choice</b>	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
	<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	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
	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese & Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	<b>Sandwich</b>	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Tuna	Chicken
	<b>Dessert</b>	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

## Community News

# Bonfire Night



SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024



Sandbach Cricket Club

CRICKET GROUND & CLUB  
CW11 3LZ

All money raised will go towards supporting youth & senior cricket at the club.

Gate prices (Cash or Card) £8 Adult, £5 Child, Family of 4 £22, Under 5's Free.

Click here to buy your tickets in advance for a 10% online discount and entry into a draw to start the firework display\*

\*Booking fee applies. Winner drawn and contacted on 09/11/2024 at 5pm.

TIME: Gates open at 5pm

BONFIRE: Will be lit around 6pm

FIREWORKS: The brilliant display by Blitz will begin around 7pm

PLUS: Great food & drink on sale

PLUS: A children's funfair

**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](mailto:info@sandbachmiddlewichyouththeatre.co.uk)



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# Nasal flu vaccine for 2 to 16 year olds (year 11)

Email the team:

[wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net](mailto:wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net)



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To consent, please  
scan the QR code.

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SPORTS  
COACHING  
GROUP

ENJOY  
IMPROVE  
ACHIEVE



## Football

Wednesday

Yr 3-6

06.11.24 - 18.12.24

3:15 - 4:15

£35 (7 weeks)

- What does my child need?
- Old trainers/football boots
  - PE kits
  - Water bottle

## Outdoor Adventures

Thursday

Yr 1/2

07.11.24 - 19.12.24

3:15 - 4:15

£35 (7 weeks)

- What does my child need?
- Old trainers/wellies
  - PE kits/old clothes
  - Water bottle

Please note the clubs have switched nights due to school football events running on Thursdays

Click [HERE](#) to book HT2

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