

9th May 2025



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

May 2025

16th May – Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness Week (Whole School)

20th – 23rd May – Year 6 Residential to Stanley Head

23rd May – School Closes (Half Term)

June 2025

2nd June – School Opens

3rd June – Class & Year 6 Photographs

16th-17th June – Year 2 Residential to Tattenhall

24th & 25th June – Year 6 Transition Days

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

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



The banner features the HM Government logo and the NHS logo in the top left and right corners respectively. The main text 'Think pharmacy first' is centered in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller red font, is the address 'Boots UK, 7 High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AH' and the phone number 'Tel: 01270 767276'.

Pharmacists can now provide treatment or some prescription medicine, if needed, for seven common conditions, without having to see a GP.

Each condition is subject to age eligibility when providing prescription medicine:

Condition	Age eligibility
UTI	16-64 years
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Earache	1-17 years
Sore throat	5 years and over
Shingles	18 years and over
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected Insect Bite	1 year and over

Find out more, nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst

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Times Tables Rock Stars

This Summer term, each year group are in full competitive mode as they take part in times table battles to win a golden token for their class.



This week's winners are

- Hawks
- Kingfishers
- Sandpipers
- Owls
- Goldfinches

Next battle commences Friday 9th May- 4pm.

We have also set Yr4-6 an extra challenge of getting us further up the leaderboard of nearby schools by improving the school's 'Mean Studio Speed'.

We are currently 19th on the Leaderboard with a mean speed of 3.85secs

Congratulations to our current studio speed leaders in each year group:

Year One	Harvey Woodcock
Year Two	Teddy Shaw
Year Three	Harper Ashton
Year Four	Imogen Flanagan
Year Five	Oscar Bunn
Year Six	Connor Gooden

Pupil Achievement

This week, we had some wonderful news, Grace (Hawks) and Sophie (Moorhens) both passed their stage 10 swimming which is the highest achievement in swimming.

They had to complete a range of criteria including:

- 1) 1600m continuous swim
- 2) 200IM

- 3) 15m butterfly kick under water
- 4) All correct turns for the 4 strokes
- 5) All correct starts and relay take overs.

Plus lots of other criteria.

Congratulations to them both.



Sporting News

A group of seventeen year 3 and 4 children attended a football tournament last night after school at Sandbach United. Every child showed an outstanding attitude, always staying respectful and most of all having fun. Each team played 3 games, both winning 2 out of the 3, showcasing some amazing football. They are an incredibly talented group who displayed some impressive skills. We hope that these children continue to choose to represent the school as they were a credit to Wheelock and we are so proud of every single one of them. A big thank you to the parents who supported the teams too.



Sports Praise

Name	Reason
Ethan	For being outstanding in defence, always supporting his teammates and putting 100% effort in the whole way through.
Saffi	For showing resilience, patience and willingness to take on any challenges.

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

A super week this week. We have been re-writing the story of 'The Extraordinary Gardner'. We have been writing super sentences for each part of the story and working hard to form our letters accurately. In Maths we have been visualising, making and describing spatial arrangements of 6 and recognising related doubles patterns to 10. In our topic we have been learning about minibeasts and using scientific vocabulary to describe minibeasts and their habitats.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

This week in year one we have started to write our return narratives in literacy. The children have thought of their own character and came up with a scary place that their character will visit. We have also used lots of adjectives and verbs to describe our characters journey.

In maths we have started the unit on fractions and the children have been recognising and finding half of a shape. We have also used counters and concrete objects to recognise and find a half of a quantity. Please make sure your child accesses the home learning on freckle to consolidate and practice this new learning. There are also lots of fun games on topmarks to support the children with understanding doubles and halves.

In history the children have been learning about explorers from the past and present. We looked at Christopher Columbus, Matthew Henson, Mary Kingsley and Ellen Macarthur to see where they travelled and what some of their achievements were.

In Science the children have been sorting plants into a variety of different categories from plants that we can eat to wild plants and garden plants. The children have also enjoyed growing their own plant and seeing the changes that are taking place.

Owls and Robins

Another super week from Year 2!

In Literacy, the children have started 'analysing' our story "The King who Banned the Dark". The children have looked at what techniques are used in persuasive writing and recapped the format a letter.

In Maths, we have been focusing on fractions - both of shapes and amounts! The children have worked hard to learn all about halves ($\frac{1}{2}$), quarters ($\frac{1}{4}$) and thirds ($\frac{1}{3}$). We have also started thinking about telling the time!

In Science, we continued looking at plants. We thought about the different ways that seeds are dispersed!

This week in RE, the children looked at Humanist beliefs again. We recapped the Humanist golden rule "treat others how you want to be treated". With this in mind, the children thought about how a Humanist would respond in different scenarios - e.g. if someone lost a coat, if someone was embarrassed because they got an answer wrong. The children had some very considerate answers to this.

In History, we have looked more at the Monarchy, focusing on the coronation ceremony. The children acted out the 4 parts of the coronation ceremony and then drew pictures to remind them of the different steps!

Have a wonderful weekend Year 2!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

Year 3 have been busy immersing themselves into the mindset of explorers of the Egyptian Pyramids. They have been using all of their prior learning to write a threat narrative as an explorer who meets danger in a pyramid on their quest for hidden treasure and undiscovered secrets. The children have been using lots of 'show not tell' phrases to describe their emotions and lots of the key vocabulary shared in this unit to set the scene. Year 3 are also learning about Egyptians in Art and History this term. In maths, we have started our unit on money and next week we will be moving on to time. We ask if at home you could help support us with prompting your child to practise telling the time as well as asking questions such as 'how long until...' In Science the children have continued to water their plants from last week's experiment and have learnt about different parts of the plant and their function. We have continued to learn about Hajj in RE as well as looking into the details of a pilgrimage. Finally, in PSHE, we have reminded children on how to stay safe online.

Kingfishers and Lapwings

This week the children have been working very hard on decimals and multiplying and dividing by 10 in maths. They may have told you about their times tables rock stars test this week as we have been doing checks to see the progress they are making towards the times tables test that they will be sitting in June. They have made excellent progress but we just need a last push for the next few weeks. In English, the children have been continuing to read the book 'Seen and not Heard' and have been developing their own mischievous characters who will appear in their own versions of the story. Unsurprisingly, the children are really enjoying thinking about all of the mischief their characters can get into. In art, the children have produced some beautiful charcoal pictures of British animals which we are hoping will make up a trust wide exhibition in the summer term. In French the children have been learning the names of fruits and vegetables and in PSHE, we have been continuing to look at different scenarios that might occur in friendship groups and offering advice to support us in our own friendship groups. In DT the children have been making structures and designing their own pavilions. We are very proud of how the children have coped with a smaller playing area and are thrilled to see the grass growing on the field. Have a wonderful weekend in the sun.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week in maths and literacy, Year 6 have been busy preparing for next week's SATS. They have revised previous learnt methods. We know how hard they have worked and we know they will do amazingly well next week. We hope they approach each assessment with confidence and determination.

Year 5 have been planning and preparing for their hot write for their dual narrative. They have planned each section and considered which vocabulary they should use. We have successfully written 2 paragraphs. In maths, they have been investigating line types and applying this knowledge when exploring 2D shapes.

During science, the children have planned an investigation about keeping water warm. We have made predictions this week, next week we will complete the testing. In RE, we have looked at how Charles Darwin could be a role model for humanists. In computing, the children have used 2D design and made to explore design houses and cars using 3D shapes and nets. In French, the children have learnt how to describe planets using adjectives. We enjoyed playing a planet game.

Another great week in Year 5 and 6. Have a restful weekend especially Year 6.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Hope	For working hard on her writing and writing super sentences.
Cygnets	Jaxon	For working hard on his writing and writing super sentences.
Pufflings	Gabriel	For using clear and confident speaking when sharing their news.
Pufflings	Ayda	For using clear and confident speaking when sharing their news.
Goldfinches	Ava	For sharing lots of ideas in History this week - all about explorers.
Goldfinches	Hannah	For super work in Maths this week - halving shapes and quantities.
Woodpeckers	Freddie	For editing his work confidently and independently.
Woodpeckers	Eva	For writing a fantastic return narrative using lots of interesting vocabulary.
Owls	Piper	For demonstrating our Wheelock values and behaviours in all she does!
Owls	Teddie	For demonstrating our Wheelock values and behaviours in all he does!
Robins	Josh	For trying really hard, especially in maths.
Robins	Alfred	For showing great resilience when learning gets tough.

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Tyrone	For engaging well in his reading group, which has paid off with great progress being shown on his star reader quiz.
Sandpipers	Jax	For engaging in two reading quizzes on Accelerated Reader this week, keep it up!
Moorhens	Benji	For excellent commitment to ttrackstars tournaments and for always trying his best.
Moorhens	Felicity	For super improvement in her use of the working wall to structure her ideas and vocabulary in Literacy.
Kingfishers	Tashi	For really taking care to look over her work and edit it in literacy.
Kingfishers	Charlie	For always working hard and for becoming more resilient.
Lapwings	Mason	For incredible effort and tenacity with his times tables. He has worked really hard in class, and at home, to practise his times tables using numbersense and TTRS and is now getting top marks, frequently! This is an incredible achievement and really exemplifies our school values of aspire, and responsible, as Mason has taken on responsibility for his learning and has had aspirations of success, which he has now achieved! Well done Mason, I am really proud of you!
Lapwings	Edward	For being a brilliant role model to his peers, and for upholding all of the Wheelock values. Edward always gives 100% effort to all of his learning, from maths and literacy to art and PE. He is helpful, kind to his peers and takes responsibility for his learning. He is respectful to everyone he comes across day-to-day and I couldn't be prouder of Edward's behaviours in school. Keep it up Edward! Well done!
Kestrels	Jack	For working hard and enjoying maths this week - it's been lovely to see how confident you have been! Well done!
Kestrels	Isla	For working hard in her extra revision sessions in preparation for SATS - I am really proud of your positive attitude!
Hawks	Sam	For always being a kind, thoughtful, and responsible member of our class. Well done, Sam!
Hawks	Eden	For contributing to class discussions with thoughtful and insightful ideas. Well done, Eden!
Eagles	Karena	For her excellent attitude towards improving her Maths and Literacy skills.
Eagles	Harrison	For great effort and ideas for his writing this week.

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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

Summer Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 21.04.2025, 05.05.2025, 19.05.2025, 09.06.2025, 23.06.2025, 07.07.2025.	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Chicken Curry served with Rice	Roast Beef 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	Veggie Curry served with Rice	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	Ice Cream 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: 28.04.2025, 12.05.2025, 02.06.2025, 16.06.2025, 30.06.2025, 14.07.2025.	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Veggie Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers 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	Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream 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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Community News



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Tommy's May-day

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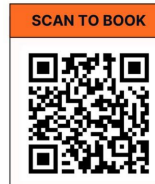
Who is his new friend?

Holiday clubs



- ▶ **WHEN?** May 27th - 30th
- ▶ **WHAT?** Multi-Sports
- ▶ **TIME:** 8.45am-3.15pm
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Football

Tuesday

Yr 3-6

22.04.25 - 20.05.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (5 weeks)

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

Dodgeball

Thursday

Yr 1/2

24.04.25 - 22.05.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (5 weeks)

What does my child need?
• Trainers
• PE kits
• Water bottle

Click **HERE** to book HT5

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VANGUARD GAMES

SPRING INTO ACTION



FREE SPORTS EVENTS!

Free to attend sports events run in partnership with Crewe Alexandra in the Community.

Crewe—9th April & 30th May

Sandbach—10th April & 29th May

Alsager—11th April & 27th May

Congleton—16th April

Sessions are 10:00-16:00, free lunch included

Multi-Sport Activities

No room
for racism



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	Oakenclough 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	Oakenclough 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:

Oakenclough - 01625 374180 Monks - 01270 371240

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Saturday 15 Mar
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Saturday 19 Apr
11am until 2pm

Saturday 17 May
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Saturday 14 Jun
11am until 2pm

Saturday 19 Jul
11am until 2pm

Saturday 20 Sept
11am until 2pm

Saturday 18 Oct
11am until 2pm

Saturday 15 Nov
11am until 2pm