

# Wistaston Weekly



## Week 1

### Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. The newsletter is sent out each Friday and is a useful resource to ensure you are up to date with all the exciting news and events taking place in our school. As well as the newsletter, you will also receive a learning poster for your child's year group. This gives up to date information regarding the learning taking place in the class the following week and also highlights those important days such as book change and PE. Please do use these two documents at the moment as the school website is currently undergoing an update and may not have all the current information – apologies for this, we are working to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Next week we will also be signposting you to our year group welcome videos which the staff have been working on. These give lots of great information about the year ahead and also let you see more about the classrooms and the learning taking place. We hope you find these useful as they can be viewed and reviewed at any time. We will be continuing in October with the first of our class visits to enable you to see a snapshot of what the school day is like and there will also be further videos for you to watch with your children if you are unable to attend.

Looking forward to a fantastic year filled with limitless opportunities!

Kind regards

Mrs Elsley

Principal

## Useful Dates for Diary

Further details are shared nearer to the time.

**Any new dates added to this will be highlighted in green.**

**Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at: [wclacademy.co.uk/calendar](https://wclacademy.co.uk/calendar)<sup>1</sup>**

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<b>Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wistaston Community Duck Race
<b>Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Online form for Children's Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine consent closes at 9am.
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Smart Uniform Click and Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome to Year Video Release
<b>Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sandbach School Open Evening 4-7pm
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Academy Photography Ltd – Individual Photos
<b>Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Children's Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Oaks Academy Open Evening 6-8pm
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sandbach High School & Sixth Form College 5-8pm
<b>Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Y6 Evacuee Day
	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> – Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	Black History Month
	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumn Census Day
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Open Afternoon (14:45)
<b>Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Open Morning (9am)
	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Parents Evening
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Eden Camp
<b>Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Parents Evening
<b>Week Beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, 4 & 6 Parents Evening
<b>Week Beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term
<b>Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens to pupils
	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Week (The Christmas Truce)

Week Commencing 9th September will be WEEK 2 for lunches

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Yellow Option</b>	Cottage Pie	All Day Breakfast	Mediterranean Chicken Wrap	Beef Burger in a Bun	Spanish Chicken Pasta
<b>Pink Option</b>	Vegetable Chow Mein	Vegetarian Hot Dog	BBQ Bean and Cheese Wrap	Pizza	Potato and Cauliflower Curry & Rice
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Sweetcorn	Hash Brown & Baked Beans	Rice & Peas	Chips & Baked Beans	Sweetcorn
<b>Green Option</b>	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich
<b>Blue Option</b>	Jacket Potato with either Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with either Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with either Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with either Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with either Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
<b>Dessert</b>	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Summer Berry Whip	Marble Sponge	Fruit & Jelly	Chocolate Muffin

**NUTRITIONIST APPROVED** 5 A DAY

**Mellars MENU**  Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellars 5 A DAY - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  
HEALTHY OPTION

## What's New!

### After-School Clubs

To allow children to settle back into school, teacher run after-school clubs will start after half term. Details of these will follow in the near future.

Sports Coaching Group will however be running the following clubs this half term (These have to be booked directly with Sports Coaching Group):

Football	Cricket/Rounders	Ball Games
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Rec - Yr 2	Yr 3-6	Rec - Yr 6
03.09.24 - 21.10.24	04.09.24 - 22.10.24	05.09.24 - 23.10.24
3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15
£40 (8 weeks)	£40 (8 weeks)	£40 (8 weeks)

**Click [HERE](#) to book HT1**

✉ info@sportscachinggroup.co.uk  
☎ 01270 449770  
🌐 sportscachinggroup.co.uk

### Attendance & Fines for Unauthorised Absence & Changes to the National Framework for Penalty Notices

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Office to improve our attendance and prevent children's attendance from falling below 95%. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. We are contacting parents by letter if we are worried that a child's attendance is becoming close to 90%. Please be assured that this is just a process and that we are here to support families as much as we can to improve attendance.

If you wish to find out more, you may refer to the following:

- School's Attendance Policy: [www.wcla.co.uk/99/attendance](http://www.wcla.co.uk/99/attendance)<sup>2</sup>
- Cheshire East School Attendance: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx)<sup>3</sup>
- Department for Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a Leave of Absence Form and return this to the office. You should be aware that if your child is taken out of school and the reasons are not classed as exceptional, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. The school

<sup>2</sup><http://www.wcla.co.uk/99/attendance>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx>

must then inform the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice may be issued. Please note that letters confirming receipt of your Leave of Absence Request will only be issued if the Principal has been unable to authorise absences of 5 days or more.

The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education. Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices came into force on 19th August 2024. As a result of these changes, absences will be tracked over a rolling 3 year period and penalty notices will be issued for the following:

- Term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days
- 10 sessions of unauthorised leave in a rolling 10 week period

Please note that penalty notices may also be issued before the threshold is met where it appears parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays of less than 5 days.

Penalty notices will continue to be issued per parent per child as follows:

- First Offence – For term time leave or irregular school attendance; Charged at £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Offence – Where a second notice is issued within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either term time leave or irregular attendance, this will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days.
- Third Offence – If a third offence occurs within 3 years of the first penalty notice, a penalty notice will not be issued but the case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school', the Magistrate can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

**Please be aware that these changes are national changes and all penalty notices will be issued by Cheshire East Council. The school does not benefit financially in any way from any fines issued.**


If you have already submitted a Leave of Absence Request form for this academic year (2024/25), please be aware that you may receive an updated letter regarding the outcome due to these changes.

## ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME


**1** I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



**2** FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160  
4 children & 1 parent = **£640**  
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

**IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE**


10 IN 10

**5**

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised the school will consider prosecution.

**1** Day = **2** Sessions

**3** FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS




+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**  
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

**4**

2ND TIME	3RD TIME
<p>2 parents and 1 child = £320 2 children = 640 3 children = 960 4 children = 1280</p> <p><b>No discount for early payment</b></p>	<p>A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child. <b>1 parent &amp; 4 children = £10,000</b> <b>2 parents &amp; 4 children = £20,000</b></p>



### KS2 Snack

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and would like them to have snack this half term, please confirm consent and make payment via the *Trips* section on Arbor. Snack is charged at £5 per child for each half term.

### Consents & Contact Information

If you have not yet done so, please confirm consents as follows for the new academic year on Arbor:

- 2024/2025 Mobile Phones (Years 5 & 6 Only)
- 2024/2025 Walking Home Alone (Years 5 & 6 Only)
- 2024/2025 Year 6 Pupil Self Registration for Swan Stars Breakfast Club
- September 2024 onwards Assemblies, Concerts Sports Day, School and Class Photograph's and Ad-hoc Events
- September 2024 onwards Educational and School Promotional Purposes
- Website and Social Media - September 2024 onwards
- Local Area Visits - September 2024 onwards

We also ask that that you complete the 2024/2025 Arbor Update to confirm that details we hold on Arbor are correct.

### Asthma & Inhalers

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or sometimes needs an inhaler, please ensure that there is an inhaler on site which is in date along with a completed Prescribed Medication Form for



the new academic year. We also ask that you confirm that the information we hold regarding your child's condition is up to date. If you have not yet completed new Asthma Forms for this academic year, we ask that you check the forms we have on file at the office and sign them to confirm the information is correct or complete new forms which are available from the office.

**Please note that if we do not receive an update from you, we will assume that the current information we have is correct.**

### Medication

Please ensure that medication is not left in your child's bag. All medication must be passed directly to a member of staff. All medication must be in its original packaging and clearly named. A Prescribed or Non-Prescribed Medication Form must also be completed before any medication can be administered at school.

### Children's Nasal Flu Vaccine

The Cheshire East School Age Immunisations Team will be visiting school on Monday 23rd September to administer the nasal flu vaccine to any children who have consent. A letter giving details of how parents can confirm their consent was sent out to all years (except Year 6 who will be at High School in September) before the summer. Please be aware that the online form used to confirm consent will close at **9am on Monday 9th September** and any children without consent will not be able to have the vaccination.

The code for the school is: WC141568.

[wchcimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu](https://wchcimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu)<sup>4</sup>

**NHS**  
These services are provided by:  
Wirral Community Health and Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

Accredited as  
Healthy Friends by  
**unicef**

**0-19+**  
Cheshire East

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

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

SCAN ME

To consent, please  
scan the QR code.

[wchc.nhs.uk](https://wchc.nhs.uk) | [@schoolnursesCE](https://www.facebook.com/schoolnursesCE) | [@wchc\\_nhs](https://www.x.com/wchc_nhs)

<sup>4</sup><https://wchcimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

## Infection Control

There have been recent suspected cases of Slapped Cheek Syndrome, Impetigo and Head Lice in KS2. Please see the link below for details of symptoms to watch out for and appropriate treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

**UK Health Security Agency** **NHS**

### Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**  
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

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## Secondary School Open Days

Please see below details of upcoming secondary school open days:

- Sandbach School – Wednesday 18th September 4-7pm
- The Oaks Academy – Wednesday 25th September 6-8pm
- Sandbach High School & Sixth Form College – Thursday 26th September 5-8pm

## Wistaston Community Duck Race

Please find below some information about the upcoming Wistaston Community Duck Race:



### [Asda Cashpot for Schools](#)

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus Asda will pop £1 into the school's Cashpot every time someone opts in. Please think of Wistaston Church Lane Academy if you are shopping at Asda. We appreciate your support.



### [Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club](#)

Please see below details of a Pickleball Taster which will be held on Saturday 21st September:



**WISTASTON JUBILEE  
TENNIS CLUB  
PRESENTS**







# PICKLEBALL TASTER

@WISTASTON JUBILEE TENNIS CLUB

10AM ○ **21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER** ○ 12PM

STEP INTO THE WORLD OF PICKLEBALL - EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF A NEW SPORT AT OUR  
TASTER SESSION AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY!

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FAMILY SESSION 10AM - 11AM / ADULTS ONLY SESSION 11AM - 12PM  
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[WWW.LUXBREN.COM](http://WWW.LUXBREN.COM)

WISTASTON JUBILEE TENNIS CLUB

## Payment Due Dates

**KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Now due**

**Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance due by 10/09/24**

**Year 6 Eden Camp – Payment due by 27/09/24**

**Year 3 Delamere Residential – Deposit due by 27/09/24**

**Year 3 Delamere Residential – Final Balance due by 06/12/24**