Week 10

Wistaston Weekly

Friday 13th November 2026

As we move through another busy and successful half term, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our families for their continued support. The strong partnership between home and school is one of the things that makes Wistaston Church Lane Academy such a special community, and I am incredibly grateful for the trust you place in us each day.

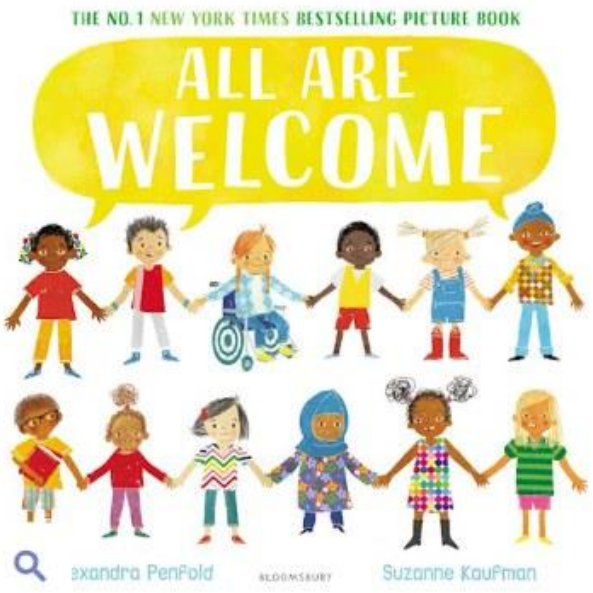
After just over half a term as Headteacher, I would really appreciate hearing your views and feedback. Building strong partnerships with our families is incredibly important to me, and your insights will help us continue to develop and improve the experiences we provide for all of our children. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our school community and greatly value the conversations I have with parents and family members on the school gates, at school events and through meetings and correspondence. These opportunities to connect, whether informal or more structured, help us to celebrate successes, understand any concerns and continue working together in the best interests of our children.

Our parent survey is now live at Parent and carer survey Autumn 2026 – Fill in form, and I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it. The survey will remain open until next Friday, and your feedback will help shape our priorities as we continue to build on the many strengths of our school.

I would also like to thank parents for the positive way in which concerns are generally raised. When questions or issues do arise, I am grateful that families usually speak directly with their child's class teacher in the first instance. This allows us to address concerns promptly, work together to find solutions and often resolve matters quickly before they become larger issues. Open, respectful communication helps us maintain the strong relationships that support every child to thrive.

Week commencing 16th November, we are marking Anti-Bullying Week, with a focus on celebrating differences and recognising the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion. We begin the week with a KS1 assembly based on the book *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold, which encourages children to think about belonging, acceptance and the importance of ensuring everyone feels valued and included. I know that our children in EYFS

and KS2 are also been exploring similar anti-bullying themes and messages throughout the week. These important discussions help to reinforce our school values of being Ready, Respectful and Safe, while reminding us that our differences make us stronger and enrich our school community.



Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we are continuing to build on the many strengths of our school, creating a caring, inclusive and ambitious community where every child is valued, encouraged and able to flourish.

Warm wishes

Mrs Lees

Headteacher

Useful Dates for Diary

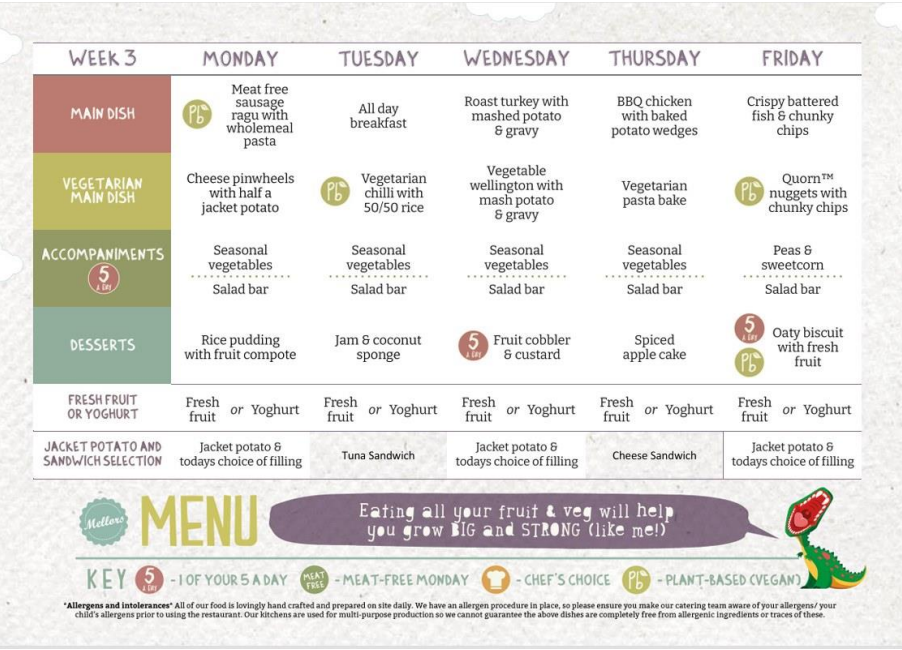
Further details are shared nearer to the time.

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

Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at:
https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/calendar

Week Commencing 16th November	Mon 16th – Fri 20th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Monday 16th	Deadline for Academy Photography Orders (9am)
	Monday 16th	Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)
	Wednesday 18th	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
	Thursday 19th	Year 5 Tatton Park Anglo Saxon Day
	Friday 20th	School Tour for Reception (September 2027 (Intake) – Bookable in advance) – 9:15am`
	Friday 20th	Year 5 Road Safety Presentation
Week commencing 23rd November	Tuesday 24th	Stranger Danger Assembly with PCSO
	Wednesday 25th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Thursday 26th	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
	Friday 27th	Year 3 Sea Life Manchester Trip
	Friday 27th	Years 5 & 6 Kids Cup at Crewe Alexandra in the Community (9:15-1 subject to qualification on 13/11 – By invitation only)
	Saturday 29th	Big Bounce Event at Sir William Stanier School (See below)
Week commencing 30th November	Tuesday 1st Dec	Smart Uniform Click & Collect
	Tuesday 1st December	Talking Walk-In at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (10-11:30am)
	Tuesday 1st December	Year 3 & 4 Times Tables Club is cancelled today
	Wednesday 2nd Dec	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
	Thursday 3rd Dec	Year 2 Nantwich Museum Great Fire of Nantwich Trip
	Thursday 3rd Dec	School Tour for Reception (September 2027 (Intake) – Bookable in advance) – 9:15am
	Friday 4th Dec	Choir Performing at Wistaston Village Christmas Concert (6-7pm)
Week commencing 7th December	Monday 7th	Cygnets Visit to St Mary's Church (1pm)
	Tuesday 8th	EYFS Nativity (9:30am)
	Wednesday 9th	Year 1 Victorian Workshop
	Wednesday 9th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Wednesday 9th	EYFS Nativity (2:30pm)
	Thursday 10th	**Monkey Puzzle Performance for KS2 (10am) & KS1 (2pm)**
	Friday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day (DATE CHANGE)
	Friday 11th	Christmas Dinner Day (Please be aware that there will be no Jacket Potato option today) (DATE CHANGE)
	Friday 11th	Elf Run in aid of St Lukes Hospice (DATE CHANGE)
Week commencing 14th December	Mon 14th – Fri 18th	NO after school clubs this week
	Tuesday 15th	Choir Performing at Shavington Academy Christmas Community Concert (6-8pm)
	Thursday 17th	Cygnets Christmas Craft Afternoon (2:15-3:15)

Week Commencing 16th November will be WEEK 3 of our NEW menus for lunches



WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Meat free sausage ragu with wholemeal pasta	All day breakfast	Roast turkey with mashed potato & gravy	BBQ chicken with baked potato wedges	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheese pinwheels with half a jacket potato	Vegetarian chilli with 50/50 rice	Vegetable wellington with mash potato & gravy	Vegetarian pasta bake	Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS (5 A DAY)	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Peas & sweetcorn Salad bar
DESSERTS	Rice pudding with fruit compote	Jam & coconut sponge	5 A DAY Fruit cobbler & custard	Spiced apple cake	5 A DAY Oaty biscuit with fresh fruit
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit *or* Yoghurt	Fresh fruit *or* Yoghurt	Fresh fruit *or* Yoghurt	Fresh fruit *or* Yoghurt	Fresh fruit *or* Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Tuna Sandwich	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling

Mellors MENU

Eating all your fruit & veg will help you grow BIG and STRONG (like me!)

KEY 5 A DAY - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY · MEAT FREE - MEAT-FREE MONDAY · - CHEF'S CHOICE · PB - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Allergens and intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

What's New!

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight
This week: Keeping Children Safe from Cyber Crime

Anti-Bullying Week

Week commencing 16th November is Anti-Bullying Week:



Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

On Monday, pupils and staff are invited to wear odd socks. Please see below for more details:



Academy Photography Orders

Proofs of individual and sibling photographs have arrived this week. Orders should be placed online at www.academyphotos.co.uk by **9am on Monday 16th November.**

Years 5 & 6 Walking Home

As it is getting dark much earlier, we strongly recommend that pupils from years 5 & 6 do not walk home alone after after-school clubs. If however, parents wish their child to do this, consent should be given on Arbor and an email sent to the school office to confirm the arrangements for after-school clubs.

Year 5 Tatton Park Visit – Thursday 19th November

Year 5 pupils are due to visit Tatton Park on Thursday:

- A packed lunch is required in a named bag or lunchbox.
- Children should wear school uniform (please label items) with weather-appropriate outerwear (warm coat and sensible shoes).
- Children need to be in school at **8:40am prompt.**
- Children will be back in school for approximately 3pm so collection will be at the end of the school day as normal. We will notify you via text of any changes to this on the day (e.g. in case of traffic).

Kids Cup Football Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Kids Cup team who came 3rd in the heats to secure a place in the finals that will be held on Friday 27th November.

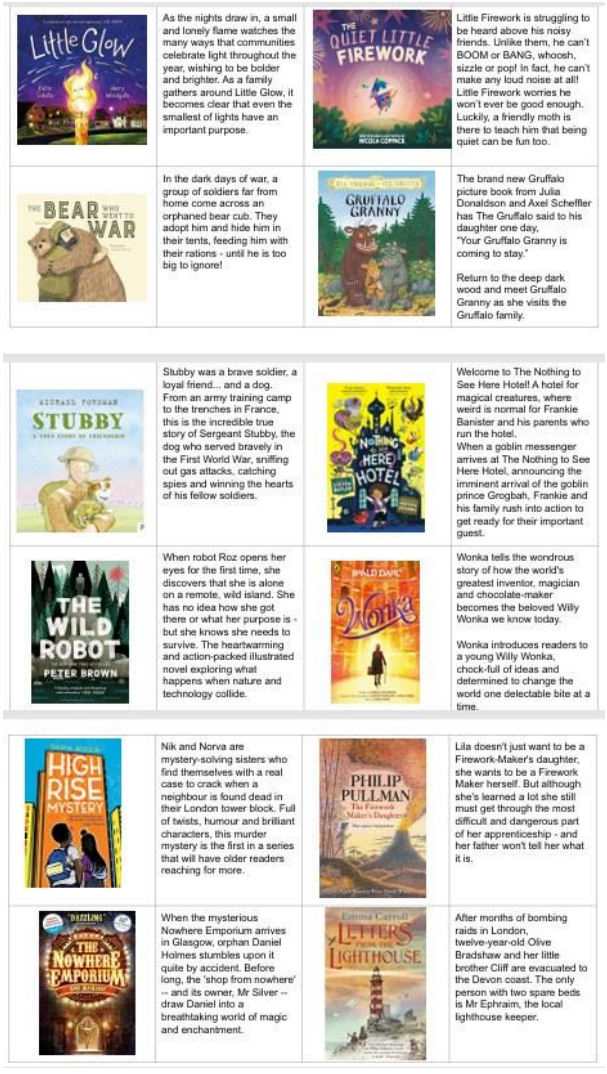
NO	Team	Final position	PTS
1	THE BERKELEY ACADEMY	1st Group A	21
2	ACTON CE PRIMARY	2nd Group A	19
3	WISTASTON CHURCH LANE ACADEMY	3rd Group A	16

The Friends of WCLA

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Friends at The Brittles event on Saturday. All proceeds will go towards school.

Recommended Reading – November

This month's Reading for Pleasure selection features 12 wonderful book recommendations for children to cosy up with during November. From heartwarming seasonal reads to stories about Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day, there's something for everyone to enjoy!



Choir Performance at Shavington Christmas Concert – Limited ticket availability

Our school choir are scheduled to perform at this year's Shavington Christmas Concert on Tuesday 15th December. Tickets are now available directly from Shavington Academy on a 'first-come, first-served' basis as availability is limited.



School Entry Screening – Reception

Important information from the School Health Team regarding school entry screening for Reception aged children was sent out to relevant parents by email before half term.

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Reception parents should have received a screening questionnaire via text. If parents have not received a screening questionnaire, please email the School Health Team directly at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net to inform them.

When completing questionnaires, if you are asked for an access code, please use the code from the body of the text message.

Screening will take place during the normal school day on **Thursday 26th November.**

Cheshire East Home to School Travel consultation

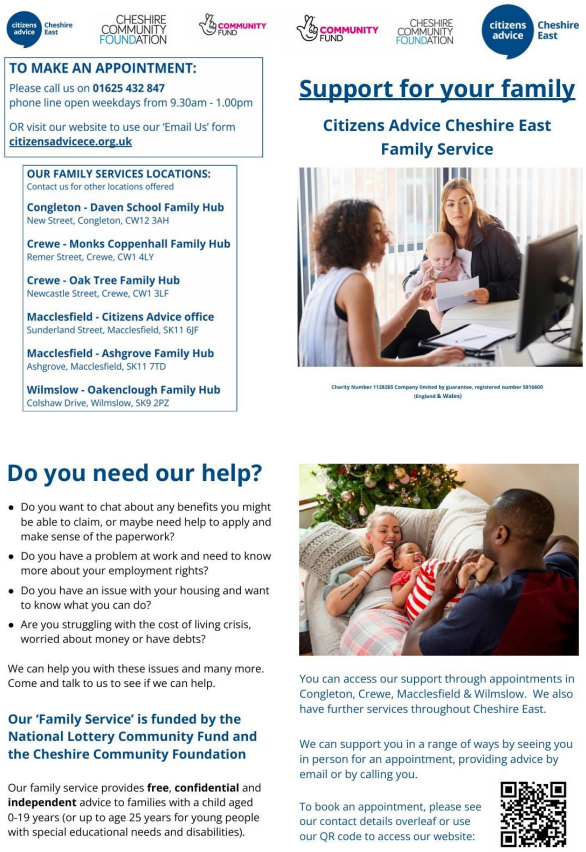
Cheshire East is inviting parents, carers, young people and residents to share their views on proposed updates to home to school travel assistance arrangements, in their new consultation. The consultation is running until 4th December, giving people the opportunity

to help shape future policy and ensure that the experiences of local families are reflected in decision making. This forms part of a review of their compulsory School Age Travel Policy, which explains when travel support is available for eligible children and young people travelling between home and school.

The consultation follows a decision by Cheshire East Council's Cabinet on 8th October to approve a refreshed policy and seek public views on a number of proposed changes before any final decisions are made. Have your say before the deadline on 4th December 2026 at [Home to School Travel Policy Consultation 2026]

New Citizen's Advice Service

Please see below details of new Citizen's Advice Service for families in Crewe:



Talking Walk-Ins

Please see below for details of upcoming Talking Walk-In sessions being held locally:



Primary School Admission Applications

Applications are now open for children starting primary school in September 2027. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences. Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by:

• **15 January 2027** for pupils starting primary in September 2027.

Parents still need to apply even if pupils have a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school. Some faith schools may also require parents and carers to submit a supplementary information form/confirmation of baptism. Further information about this will be available on the school's website.

Parents should consider how their child will travel to school when making preferences. Parents can find out about school transport at School transport.

To apply online and for further information please go to Apply for September 2027 school place or call 0300 123 5012.



Infection Control

For NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit Patient.info.

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

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

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Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for



after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice

Visit nhs.uk/norovirus



25 different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



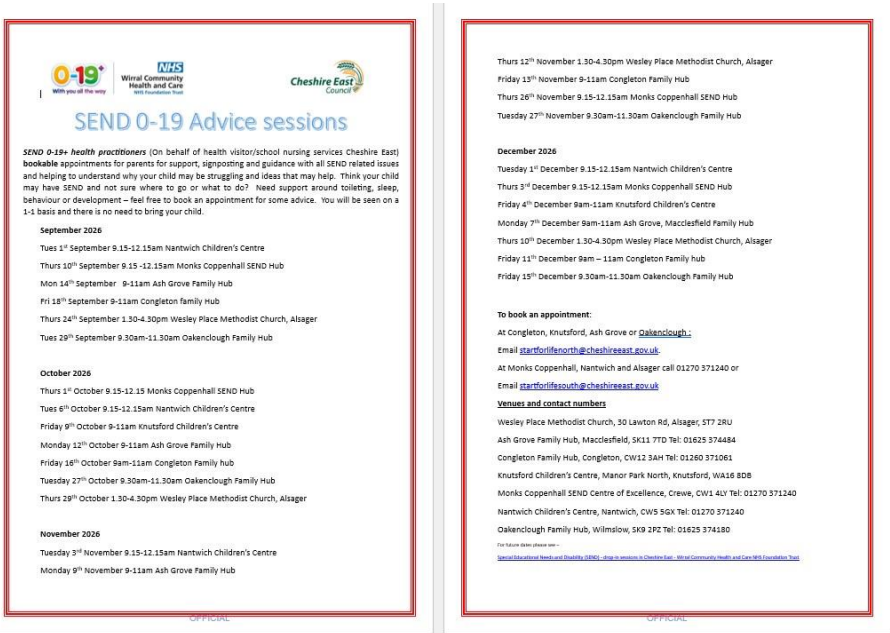
If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

Connected Conversation Appointments - Educational Psychology Service



SEND Advice Sessions

Please see below for details of upcoming SEND advice sessions:



0-19 With you all the way | NHS Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust | Cheshire East Council

SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) **bookable** appointments for parents for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to book an appointment for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

September 2026

Tues 1st September 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Thurs 10th September 9.15 -12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Mon 14th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub
Fri 18th September 9-11am Congleton family Hub
Thurs 24th September 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
Tues 29th September 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

October 2026

Thurs 1st October 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Tues 6th October 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Friday 9th October 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre
Monday 12th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub
Friday 16th October 9am-11am Congleton Family hub
Tuesday 27th October 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub
Thurs 29th October 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

November 2026

Tuesday 3rd November 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Monday 9th November 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub
Thurs 12th November 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
Friday 13th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub
Thurs 26th November 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Tuesday 27th November 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

December 2026

Tuesday 1st December 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Thurs 3rd December 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Friday 4th December 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre
Monday 7th December 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub
Thurs 10th December 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
Friday 11th December 9am – 11am Congleton Family hub
Friday 15th December 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or Oakenclough -
Email startforlifenorth@cheshireeast.gov.uk.
At Monks Coppenhall, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or
Email startforlifesouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Venues and contact numbers

Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU
Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484
Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061
Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB
Monks Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240
Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
Oakenclough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) – drop in sessions in Cheshire East - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Visyon Parent/Carer Webinars & Peer Support Group

Visyon now offer free online parent / carer webinars covering a range of topics. Please see the website for further information and to book.

[Parent webinars | visyon]

Please see upcoming workshops for parent and carers below:

• Parent/carer drop-in session : Wednesday 23 September 2026

• Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance : Wednesday 23 September 2026

• Sleep workshop : Wednesday 2 December 2026

Big Bounce Event

Please see below for details of a Big Bounce event taking place at Sor William Stanier School on 29th November:



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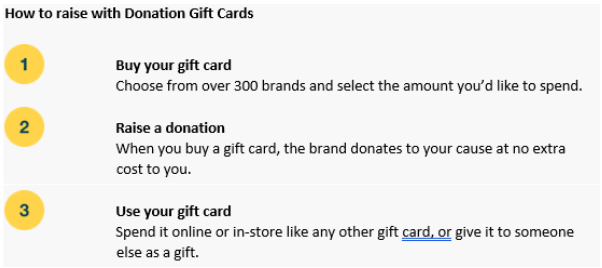
A huge thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on #easyfundraising.

If you've not signed up yet, please sign up to easyfundraising and when you shop online with your favourite retailers, they'll donate to us.

It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - the retailers you shop with will donate, not you!

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/AEWwwwVJ/CE076/facebook/

Supporters can also now raise instant donations when they buy gift cards through easyfundraising:



School Lottery

If you're not yet involved in our school lottery, and want the chance to win £25k every week, why not join today?

Head over to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy. Please find further details below:



Crewe Lyceum Production of Nativity

We are pleased to announce that a number of WCLA pupils will be taking part in this year's Crewe Lyceum's production of Nativity. Please see below for more details:



Payment Due Dates

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Payment OVERDUE

KS2 Snack – Autumn 2 – Payment OVERDUE

Year 5 Tatton Park – Payment due by 13/11/26

Year 3 Sea Life Manchester – Payment due by 17/11/26

Year 2 Nantwich Museum – Payment due by 25/11/26

Year 1 Victorian Workshop – Payment due by 06/12/26

Year 3 Burwardsley Stone Age Day – Payment due by 06/01/27