Week 10



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 14th November 2025

Next week is Road Safety Week, an important annual campaign run by the charity Brake. Every day, five people lose their lives on our roads, and this week gives us the chance to share vital safety messages with our children. The theme for 2025 is 'Safe vehicles save lives', focusing on how vehicle safety, technology, and simple checks can prevent accidents, as well as supporting those affected by road incidents. You can help by talking to your child about road safety and following some simple top tips:

Walking to School:

- Use pavements and crossings wherever possible.
- Encourage children to walk on the side of the pavement furthest from the road.
- Hold your child's hand near roads.
- Stop, look both ways, and listen before crossing.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing to be seen.
- Always follow road rules children copy what you do!

Travelling by Car:

- Make sure children are in the right car seat or seatbelt for their age and size.
- Keep your vehicle in good condition check brakes, tyres, and lights.
- Avoid distractions while driving.
- Stick to speed limits, especially near schools.
- Teach children to get in and out of the car safely, on the pavement side.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!

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.

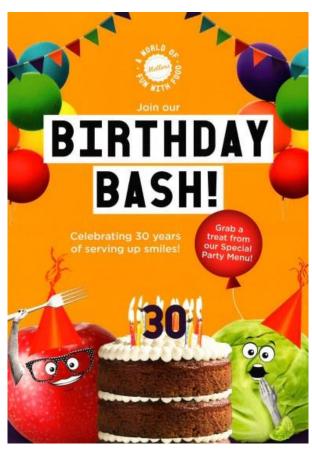
Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at:

https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/calendar

Week commencing 17 th November	Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Geography Awareness Week
	Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Brake Road safety Week
	Monday 17 th	PCSO Visit to Year 6
	Tuesday 18 th	Year 2 Helsinki Nantwich Museum Visit
	Tuesday 18 th	Y1 & 2 Nature Detectives After School Club will take
		place today instead of Thursday this week
	Tuesday 18 th	Year 5 & 6 Autumn Football League vs Stapeley Broad Lane (3:20-4:30 pm at WCLA – By invitation only)
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 2 Amsterdam Nantwich Museum Visit
	Wednesday 19 th	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 5 Tatton Park Visit
	Wednesday 19 th	Visyon Peer Support Group for Parents & Carers at Visyon Congleton (10am – See below for more details)
	Thursday 20 th	Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appointments only 9:30-11:30am)
	Thursday 20 th	No Y1 & 2 Nature Detectives After School Club today
	Saturday 22 nd	Cancer Research UK Xmas Fair at Wistaston Memorial Hall (10am-3pm) – See below for more details.
Week commencing 24th November	Monday 24 th	Year 3&4 and 5&6 Sportshall Athletics - 2.30-5.30pm
	Monday 24 th	at Shavington Academy (By invitation only) Deadline for Academy Photography Orders (9am)
	Tuesday 25 th	White Ribbon Day
	Friday 28 th	Christmas Decoration Day
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	Friday 28 th	Cheshire Fire Service - Key Stage 2 Road Safety presentation to Year 5 10-11am
	Friday 28 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 1st December	Tuesday 2 nd	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (appointments only
	Thursday 4 th	9:30-11:30am) FLUENZ
	Thursday 4 th	Kids Cup Finals Day – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025
	, , , , , ,	– 9.30am -1.00pm (Details tbc depending on
	Friday 5 th	qualification)
	Friday 5 th	Year 1 Explorers and Arctic Workshop Year 6 WWII Workshop
	Friday 5 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
	Friday 5 th	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the
	Triday 5	Playground at End of School Day
Week commencing 8th December	Mon 8 th – Wed 10 th	Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
	Mon 8 th	EYFS Nativity 2pm
	Tues 9th	EYFS Nativity 9:30am
	Tuesday 9 th	Year 2 Christmas Concert for U3A Local History Group at the Memorial Hall
	Wed 10 th – Thurs 11 th	Friends of WCLA Santa's Grotto
	Thursday 11 th	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (9:30- 4:15 – See below for details of how to book)
	Thursday 11 th	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day & Elf Run in Aid of St Luke's Hospice
	Friday 12 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 15th December	Monday 15 th	Cygnest visit to St Mary's Church (Afternoon Session)
	Tuesday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Carol Concert
	Wednesday 17 th	Cygnet Christmas Crafts with Parents (2:15pm)
	Wednesday 17 th	Alsager Library SEND Drop In (1:30-2:30pm)
	Wednesday 17 th	Shavington Christmas Concert (5pm)
	Thursday 18 th	Staff Pantomime
	Thursday 18 th	Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (Appointments only) (9:30-11:30am)
Week commencing 22 nd December	Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	Christmas Holidays
Week commencing 29th December	Mon 29 th – Fri 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Week commencing 5 th January	Monday 5 th	INSET Day
	Tuesday 6 th	Crewe Alex Assembly
	Friday 9 th	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
Week commencing 12 th January	Tuesday 13 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 15 th	September 2026 Reception Admissions Applications Close

Week Commencing 17th November will be WEEK 3 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

Please be aware that in celebration of Mellors' 30th birthday, there will be a change of dessert on Thursday 20th November. The dessert will now be **birthday cake.**





What's New!

Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

This week: Bullying support guidance

School Sport - Thursday 13th November

Kids Cup – Road to Wembley

What a fantastic day of school sport! Our Year 5 & 6 footballers kicked off the morning at the Crewe Alexandra Soccer Centre for the Kids Cup qualifying round.

Nine pupils represented Church Lane brilliantly, playing seven matches, securing five wins, two draws, and scoring 11 goals—finishing the day unbeaten! Their positivity, teamwork, and energy shone through every game, earning them a well-deserved place at Finals Day on Thursday 4th December.

A superb achievement—well done, team!

*Please can football kits be returned on Monday 17th, please.

Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Festival

In the afternoon, eighteen pupils took part in the Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Festival at Shavington Academy. The event was all about celebrating school sport, and Team Church Lane certainly embraced the spirit—full of dodging, diving, ducking, and catching!

The smiles and laughter said it all. Every pupil represented the school with pride and enthusiasm, making it a hugely enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Academy Photography – Individual & Sibling Photos

Proofs have gone home with children this week. These include all information to help parents order online at www.academyphotos.co.uk. The deadline for placing orders is **9am** on **Monday 24th November**.

Year 2 Nantwich Museum Trip Date Change

Due to unforseen circumstances, we have had to swap the days for Amsterdam and Helsinki's trips to Nantwich Museum. The classes will now be going as follow:

Amsterdam - Wednesday 19th November 2025

Helsinki - Tuesday 18th November 2025

Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience caused.

Year 1 & 2 Nature Detectives

Due to staff availability, there will be no Nature Detectives on Thursday 20th November. Instead, Mrs Gratton will hold the club on Tuesday 18th November. This change is for one week only. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

School Entry Screening – Reception Pupils

During their first school year, Reception children are offered screening for vision and hearing. This screening is due to take place on **Wednesday 19th November** during the normal school day. You will be informed of the results once the School Health Team have carried out the screening and if necessary, your child will be referred for further assessment. If your child's vision or hearing is found to be outside normal limits, this information will be shared with the class teacher to ensure that their education is not compromised. Children with a PVP shunt should not undergo school entry hearing screening with headphones and should be referred directly to the local Audiology service for testing using inserts. Please inform the School Health Team at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net if your child has a PVP shunt in situ.

Please email the School Health Team at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net if you do not wish your child to be included in the vision and hearing screening programme. Please include your child's name, date of birth, and the school they attend. If they have not already heard from you, they will see your child in school to undertake their vision and hearing screen.

Choking Hazards & Food Preparation

If preparing lunches for children, please help reduce the risks of choking by following the guidance below when preparing foods such as grapes or sausages.

Vegetable and fruits	Advice		
Pips or stones in fruit	Always check beforehand and remove hard pips or stones from fruit.		
Small fruits	Cut small round fruits like grapes, cherries, berries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes into small pieces: cut lengthways and then again cut them in halves (quarters).		
Large fruits and firm fruits	Cut large fruits like melon and firm fruits like apple into slices instead of small chunks For very young children, consider grating or mashing firm fruits, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.		
Vegetables	Cut vegetables like carrots, cucumber and celery into narrow batons. For very young children consider grating or mashing firm vegetables and legumes like butter beans, chickpeas and tofu, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.		
Skin on fruit and vegetables	Consider removing the skin from fruit and vegetables, especially for very young children. Peeled fruit and vegetables can be swallowed more easily.		
Cooking fruit and vegetables	Consider softening firm fruit and vegetables (such as carrots, broccoli, yam and apples) by steaming or simmering until soft. Serve cut into slices or narrow batons.		
Meat and fish	Advice		
Sausages and hot dogs	Cut sausages and hot dogs into short strips. Cut them in half and then lengthways or as thirty as possible. Peeling the skin off the sausages helps them to be swallowed more easily.		
Meat or fish	Remove bones from meat or fish. Cut meat into strips as thinly as possible. Remove skin and fat from meat and fish, it will help the food pass smoothly down the throat.		
Cheese	Advice		
Grate or cut cheese	Grate or cut cheese into short strips. Cut lumps of cheese as narrow as possible.		
Nuts and seeds	Advice		
Chop or flake whole nuts	Chop or flake whole nuts, peanuts and seeds. Whole nuts should not be given to children under five years old.		
Bread	Advice		
White bread and other breads	White bread can form a ball shape with a dough-like texture at the back of a child's throat, if not chewed properly. Brown bread or toasted white bread are good alternatives. Cut bread, chapatis, naan bread and other breads into narrow strips.		
Snacks and other foods	Advice		
Popcorn	Do not give babies and young children popcorn.		
	Do not give babies and young children chewing gum or marshmallows.		
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It is also advisable that care givers are familiar with how to respond to a choking incident, please see: How to stop a child from choking: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/

and How to resuscitate a child: https://www.nhs.uk/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/

Please remember that school if a NUT-FREE setting. We therefore ask that no products containing nuts are brought into school.

FLUENZ

The Immunisation Team are scheduled to come into school on Thursday 4th December to administer FLUENZ. Parents should have received an email from school which includes a letter from the team and links for parents to give consent for the vaccine or to decline it. Parents must register by **Monday 1st December** using the online links in the letter.

Please be aware that if parents elect to have the injectable vaccine rather than the spray, this will not be administered in school. The Immunisation Team will contact you directly to confirm an appointment elsewhere.

Year 6 Leaver Hoodies

If you wish to purchase a hoodie for your Year 6 child, we ask that the £22.00 payment is made via *Arbor>Trips* and the preferences for your order are submitted via the google form link below. We kindly ask that all payments and choices are made by *Sunday 30th November*. This will enable us to process the order promptly for the children to have them early Spring term.

https://forms.gle/EdcUif5K1WUjcKcm9

If you do not wish for your Year 6 child's first name to appear on the back of the hoodies, we ask that you email the school office at admin@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk before *Tuesday 4th November 2025*. If we have not heard anything from you, we will assume that you consent to this.

There is an option to order more than one hoodie if desired. If this is the case, please submit the order form twice and contact the school office to arrange payment.

If you do not wish to purchase a hoodie, we would also be very grateful if you could let the school office know.

Infection Control

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





Freedom Football Every Tuesday Night at the Brittles (4:30-5:30pm)

There is a new football programme called Freedom Football running every Tuesday for the next 5 weeks 4:30-5:30pm at the Brittles sports ground, Wistaston. The pitch is located off Church Lane behind the Primary School. Post code is CW2 8EZ.

Freedom football is a chance for players aged 6-12 to express themselves without pressure and to try new skills in a fun environment. There will be lots of games with different skill outcomes with the emphasis on having fun, teamwork and being respectful to others. The club is open to all abilities. The idea is to provide a safe enjoyable space for players to enjoy playing football. Coaches are DBS checked, first aid trained, safeguarding trained and FA qualified. Adam Kirkpatrick (coach) is a former Stoke City and Republic of Ireland youth player.

The cost is £7 per session.

The club will run on these dates:

Tuesday 18th November 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 25th November 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 2nd December 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 9th December 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 16th December 4:30-5:30pm

Please email Adam Kirkpatrick at <u>discoversocialskills@yahoo.com</u> if you would like to book a place.

Nantwich Neptune Lifesaving Club

Nantwich Neptune Lifesaving Club, a volunteer-run charity organisation affiliated with the Royal Life Saving Society UK, proudly serving the community since 1973 are currently welcoming new members to their Rookie Lifeguard and National Lifesaving Academy programmes, designed for children aged 7 to 16 who have passed Stage 7 of the Learn to Swim Scheme and can swim 100 metres confidently.

These sessions teach vital water safety, rescue techniques, CPR and life support—all while building confidence, teamwork, and a sense of achievement through badges and certificates.

Please see below for more details:



Cancer Research UK Xmas Fair

Cancer Research UK will be holding their Xmas Fair at Wistaston Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd November. Please see below for more details.



Foodbank Temporary Closure & Relocation

St Paul's will be relocating some of their services to their new premises at Wellington House, Crewe.

Services affected:

- Extra Miles
- Foodbank
- Futures
- Sal's Shoes
- Welcome Home (including HSF)

Relocation period: Monday 17 November – Friday 28 November.

Temporary closures:

- Sal's Shoes: closed for the full two weeks
- Foodbank: closed Monday 17 Friday 21 November

Services continuing as normal during the relocation:

- Welcome Home (including HSF)
- Futures
- Extra Miles

Services remaining at St Paul's Centre:

- Abacus (Thursdays, term time)
- Apple Pie Club (first Sunday of each month)
- Resurrection Cycles
- Operations and Retail (including Friday Sale)

Christmas closure: Last day Wednesday 24 December (closing 1:00 pm). Centre closed 25 December – 4 January, reopening 5 January.

School Applications Timetable

Please see below the timetable for school applications for Reception and Secondary places for September 2026. More information can be found at

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx.

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	16 th March 2026
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Your Transport - Your Voice: Consultation until 7th December 2025

A consultation has launched on Cheshire East's draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Investment Framework. Their current LTP was adopted in 2019 and needs updating to reflect the considerable change in transport movements and trends. It is a statutory requirement to maintain a LTP to provide a policy framework that is robust and relevant to the needs of Cheshire East. Updating the LTP enables them to proactively feed in their strategic transport priorities to the future Combined Authority for Cheshire and Warrington.

The consultation seeks views on the proposed policies, investment framework, and key investment packages, which will guide how they plan, prioritise, and deliver transport improvements in the future. Following the consultation, the LTP will be updated and adopted in 2026.

The <u>consultation brochure</u> and further information can be found on the Cheshire East website (<u>www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportPlan</u>), along with a <u>questionnaire</u> and <u>short video</u>.

Cheshire East look forward to receiving feedback from residents, businesses and communities which will help shape the final versions of the LTP.

Shavington Academy Admissions Arrangements Consultation for 2027 - 2028

Shavington Academy is consulting on its admissions arrangements for 2027 - 2028. The proposed change is a *removal* of one of their over-subscription criterion:

4. Children attending AND living within the catchment area of a school designated as a partner primary school (Shavington Primary School, The Berkeley Academy, Weston Village Primary School, Wistaston Church Lane Academy and Wybunbury Delves C of E Aided Primary School).

Comments on this proposed change are welcome, via admissions@shavington.academy

The consultation will run until 3.00pm on Wednesday 19th November 2025.

Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments

Please see below for details of appointments offered by the Educational Pyschology Service:



EDUCATIONAL (80) PSYCHOLOGY TEAM Supporting Parents and Carers



Connected Conversation Appointments

The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering appointments for parents and carers at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held every half term in both North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice and explore strategies to support your child or young person. Our focus areas are Cognition and Learning and SEMH (Social, Emotion and Mental Health) needs. They are not sessions for local authority processes (e.g. EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

- Literacy, Maths or Executive Function difficulties
 Anxiety or school related issues
 Play, social skills or friendship needs
 Transitions and/or difficulties with change/loss
 Preparing for Adulthood

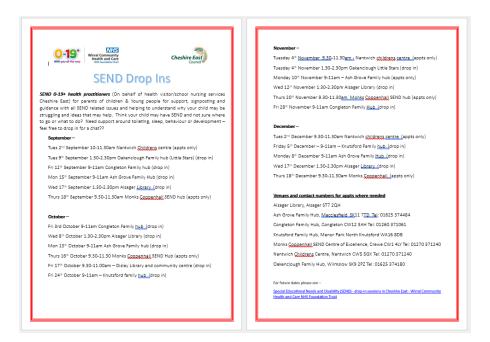
Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - $\underline{Family Hubs}$. Dates and locations are as below:

Date	Location	Times
09.10.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
09.10.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am - 4.15pm
11.12.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
06.02.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am-4.15pm
05.02.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
25.03.26	Oakenclough Family Hub	9.30am - 4.15pm
26.03.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
19.05.26	Ash Gove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	9.30am – 4.15pm
21.05.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
30.06.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
02.07.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	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.

SEND Support for Parents

Please see below for further details of upcoming SEND Drop Ins:



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

Visyon are offering a peer support group for parents and carers to discuss ways to support their young people. This will be held at Visyon in Congleton on Wednesday 19 November 2025 from 10:00am. Please see the link below for more details:

Parent Workshops | visyon

Spare Clothes

We kindly ask that any spare clothes that your child borrows from school are returned at your earliest possible convenience. If you have any spare joggers, PE shorts or socks that you no longer need, any donations would be much appreciated.

KS1 Lunchtime Hub

We would be grateful for any donations of the following items for the KS1 Lunchtime Hub:

- Small world toys (e.g. farm, zoo, dinosaurs, trains, cars)
- Construction toys (e.g. Lego, Playmobil).

Best Start in Life Parent Hub

As introduced in the recent letter from the Prime Minister, the Best Start in Life Hub can be found at https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/. The hub gives information about the support available to families.

Arbor Information & Consents

To ensure school has up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency, please check your child's Arbor account and inform school immediately by email of any changes or errors. Please also ensure that all consents (e.g. Local Area Visits, photographs, walking home, mobile phones, etc) are up to date and contact the school office if you have any issues. Thank you.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on #easyfundraising. Your continued support means the world to us! If you've not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for Wistaston Church Lane Academy every time you shop online this year! Over 8,000 retailers like eBay, Argos, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis & Partners, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat will donate at no extra cost to you. Sign up using the link below:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE94 2/facebook/

School Lottery

The Friends of WCLA would like to thank everyone who has purchased a lottery ticket since the start of term. We're delighted to share that we now have an amazing 67 tickets entered into the weekly draw! Don't miss your chance to win every week—and to be entered into the exciting super draw to win a £1,000 ALDI Gift Card. Simply visit https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy. Every pound raised through our lottery helps enrich the learning environment and enhance the experiences of children at Church Lane.



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Payment now OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now due

Year 6 WWII Workshop - Payment due by 14/11/25

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies – Payment due by 30/11/25

Year 3 Stone Age Day – Payment due by 19/12/25