Week 11



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 21st November 2025

Next week, we will be marking White Ribbon Day on Tuesday 25th November, a day dedicated to promoting safety, respect, and kindness for all. The White Ribbon Campaign encourages everyone to play their part in helping others feel safe, and our key message this year is: "When we treat everyone with respect, we help make the world a safer, kinder place for all." To show support, children are invited to wear a white T-shirt or white ribbon on Tuesday. Pupils will also be creating a piece of artwork responding to one of the following prompts: "What does respect look like?", "How can we be kind and supportive to others?", or "How can boys and girls be equal and work together?" Artwork can be created in any style—drawing, painting, collage, or mixed media. If families would like to create a poster together at home, these can be dropped off at the school office by Friday 28th November. A selection will be shared with the Her-Place Charitable Trust in Crewe, and the winning entries will be showcased on their social media platforms. Winners will also be named "Respect Reps" for the charity and will receive a personalised certificate. We look forward to celebrating White Ribbon Day with our school community next week.



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 17th November	Saturday 22 nd	Cancer Research UK Xmas Fair at Wistaston Memorial
	Manual 2 Ath	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 at Shavington Academy (By invitation only)
	Monday 24 th	Deadline for Academy Photography Orders (9am)
	Tuesday 25 th	White Ribbon Day
	Friday 28 th	Christmas Decoration Day
	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 9:30-11:30am)
	Thursday 4 th	FLUENZ
	Thursday 4 th	Kids Cup Finals Day – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025 – 9.30am -1.00pm
	Friday 5 th	Year 1 Explorers and Arctic Workshop
	Friday 5 th	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 Playground at End of School Day
Week commencing 8th December	Mon 8 th – Wed 10 th	Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
	Monday 8 th	EYFS Nativity 2pm
	Tuesday 9 th	EYFS Nativity 9:30am
	Tuesday 9 th	Year 2 Christmas Concert for U3A Local History Group at the Memorial Hall
	Tuesday 9 th	No Year 3 & 4 Book Club Today
	Tuesday 9 th	Year 6 High 5 Netball Friendly vs Shavington Primary School (15:20-16:15 – By invitation only)
	Wednesday 10 th	Malbank Christmas Fair in aid of Nantwich Food Bank (3:30pm) (see below for more details)
	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 (5.30pm)
	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 12th January	Tuesday 13 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 15 th	September 2026 Reception Admissions Applications Close
Week commencing 19th January	Wednesday 21st	Year 3 Conway Centre Burwardsley Stone Age Day

Week Commencing 24th November will be WEEK 1 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

We would like to encourage parents and carers to discuss the menu with their child(ren) so that they fully understand the options on offer and the choices they will make depending on availability on the day. Thank you for your help and support.



What's New!

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

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This week: Encouraging children to show respect

Crewe & Nantwich Autumn Football League

The Year 5 & 6 football team kicked off their league campaign this week, hosting Stapeley Broad Lane on a cold and wet Tuesday afternoon. Despite the conditions, Team Church Lane showed great determination and quality, securing a 2–0 victory.

There are currently no further league fixtures scheduled, but the team now looks ahead with excitement to the Kids Cup Finals Day on Thursday 4th December.

Sportshall Athletics – Monday 24th November (2:30-5:30pm)

If your child has been selected to represent the school at Sportshall Athletics on Monday, please collect your child from the school office at 2pm and head straight to Shavington Academy, Rope Lane, CW2 5DH.

Your child will be given an athletics kit to change into on the day of the event. We would appreciate it if parents/carers could wash the kit and return it to school as soon as possible

after the event. Washing instructions are: wash at 40°, use a cool iron and bleach must not be used. Kit should be returned to school within five days of the event.

Please ensure that your child has a drink for the event. Parents have a responsibility to transport to and from the event. *If someone else will be collecting them, please inform the school office prior to the event.* Due to High School rules, parents can only spectate from 3:30pm.

Please be aware that the after-school club will continue for the rest of the term after the event above has taken place.

Lost Property

We kindly ask that all coats, gloves, scarves and hats etc are clearly named to help us return any lost items as soon as possible in the colder weather. We also ask that any items that are taken home by mistake are returned to the school office at the earliest possible opportunity.

Academy Photography – Individual & Sibling Photos

The deadline for placing orders is **9am** on **Monday 24th November**. All information to help parents order online at www.academyphotos.co.uk is included with the proofs.

Christmas Decoration Day – Friday 28th November

On Friday the children will be getting Christmas ready by creating Christmas hoops to be displayed around the school. If you have any tinsel or Christmas decorations you are happy to donate, we would be more than happy to accept them. Children will be in school uniform as usual.

Christmas Pin Badges

We currently have a limited stock of Christmas pin badges in the school office. These can be purchased for a donation of £1.50 each (cash only) and are available on a 'first come, first served' basis. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. A big thank you to our pupil in Year 6 who has organised this.

KS2 Snack

Please be aware that KS2 pupils who require a daily snack should either have toast (Payable every half term via *Trips* on Arbor) or a healthy snack (e.g. fruit). We kindly ask that parents do not send pupils with unhealthy items (e.g. sweets, chocolate bars, etc). Thank you for your help in this matter.

Bikeability

If your child is in Year 4 or Year 5 and you would like them to take part in Bikeability, please complete the consent form *in full* (either the electronic form emailed to parents this week or a paper copy) and return it to school ASAP. Please note that consent for this activity cannot be given on Arbor. Further details are included in the consent form.

The dates for Bikeability are as follow:

Year 5 Level 2 (Available to all children who completed Level 1 last year) – Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th February 2026

Year 4 Level 1 – Tuesday 24th March 2026

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

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

There has been a suspected case of Hand, Foot & Mouth in EYFS. Please see the link below for symptoms and treatment:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/

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





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 4 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 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.

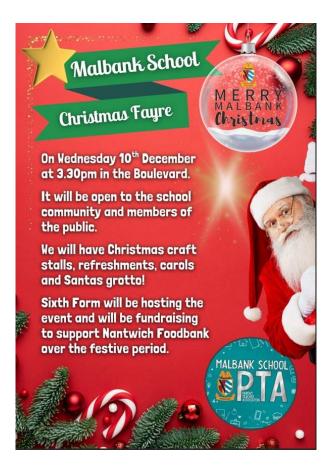
Cancer Research UK Xmas Fair

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



Malbank Christmas Fair

Please see below for details. This is a good opportunity for any perspective students in Year 5 and 6 that may be considering Malbank for their next step to visit the site.



Shavington Academy Christmas Community Concert

Our school choir will be performing at the Shavington Academy Christmas Community Concert on Wednesday 17th December. Tickets are limited to 200 per night and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Please see below for more details:



Foodbank Temporary Closure & Relocation

Please note that the Foodbank temporary closure has been extended and will now remain closed from Monday 17 November, reopening on Monday 1 December.

This extension is necessary as they await installation of the intercom system, CCTV, and final safety measures to ensure they can welcome and support clients safely and effectively.

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)

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.

Please see below for details of additional support available across Crewe during this period:

Housing options (<u>Delamere</u> House): Office hours:0300 123 5017 (option 1 or 2); Out of hours: 0300 123 5025 YMCA: 07732 681 233

Practical support (food, shower, advice)

				Address
Mon	Currently closed	Salvation Army	01270 500591	1 Prince Albert St, Crewe
	08.30-1200	Chance Social Supermarket	07456 505522	2 11-13 Coronation Cres, Crewe
Tues	10.00-13.00	LATH	07734 169721	3 65 <u>Delamere</u> St, Crewe
Wed	12.00-13.00	Lighthouse Centre	01270 668996	4 56 Stewart St, Crewe
Thurs	10.00-13.00	LATH	07734 169721	65 Delamere St, Crewe
Inurs	17.30-18.30	Lighthouse Centre	01270 668996	4 56 Stewart St, Crewe
Fri	10.00-12.00	Salvation Army	01270 500591	1 Prince Albert St, Crewe
Fri	08.30-12.00	Chance Social Supermarket	07456 505522	2 11-13 Coronation Cres, Crewe
Sat	15.30-17.30	Chance Meal	07456 505522	5 Jubilee House St Paul's St, Crewe

Other useful information

- Citizens Advice Bureau (housing, benefits, debt):
 03444 111444
 Shelter: 0808 8004444 / 0808 1644 6600
 Vesta (Polish Family Support): 07545 075093
 Green Doctor (Energy problems): 0330 1740 863

Mental health support: Crewcial Crisis Café 3 Partridge Close, Flat 2, Dunwoody Way, Crewe; 07587 507281; 13.00-22.00
Food banks: St Paul's: 01270 586186; Salvation Army: 01270 500591

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.

Status	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools
Online application forms available	1 st September 2025	1 st September 2025
Closing date for applications	15 th January 2026	31st October 2025
Deadline for giving supporting information	16 th February 2026	5 th December 2025
Offers made	16 th April 2026	2 nd March 2026
Deadline for accepting or refusing	30 th April 2026	16 th March 2026
places		
Waiting lists prepared and vacancies	After 30 th April 2026	After 16 th March 2026
allocated		
Deadline for accepting or refusing waiting list place	10 days from offer	10 days from offer
Closing date for appeal applications	15 th May 2026	30 th March 2026
Appeal hearings (on time applications)	Heard by 17 th July 2026	Heard by 15 th June 2026
Appeal hearings (late applications)	Within 40 days of appeal closing date	Within 40 days of appeal closing date
	where possible or 30 school days of	where possible or 30 school days of
	appeal being lodged	appeal being lodged



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.

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

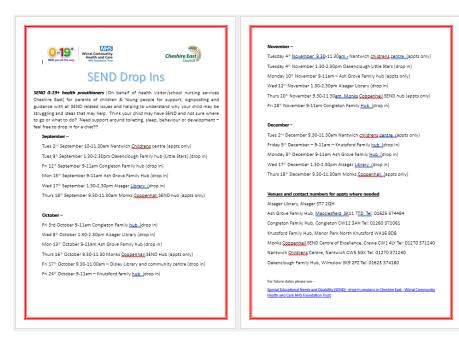
Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - $\underline{Family Hubs}$. Dates and locations are as below:

Date	Location	Times 9.30am – 4.15pm	
09.10.25	Oakenclough Family Hub		
09.10.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm 9.30am – 4.15pm	
11.12.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub		
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

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 on the app today and we'll get a £2 bonus!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeId=139508&utm_term=CE941

School Lottery

We're delighted to celebrate the 8th anniversary of our School Lottery—what a fantastic milestone! A huge thank-you to our Friends PTFA and to every one of our supporters for helping us get this far.

We now have 72 supporters taking part, with a lucky winner every single week. If you're not yet involved, why not join today? Sign up and you could also be in with a chance of winning a brilliant prize bundle, all while supporting our school community.

Head over to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy.



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Payment now OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now due

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

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – Deposit due by 05/12/25

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

Year 1 Peak Wildlife Park - Payment due by 19/01/26

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – 2nd Deposit due by 31/01/26

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – 3rd Payment due by 31/03/26

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – 4th Payment due by 31/05/26

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – Final Balance due by 03/07/26