

# Week 12



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 28th November 2025

As we step into December, the excitement of the Christmas season is already filling our school. Today, the children have been busy creating their beautiful Christmas hoops, which will soon be displayed around the building to start spreading festive cheer. Next Friday brings our December tuck shop, and the following week the Friends have arranged an extra-special surprise visitor for the children (we can't say who—but he does have a beard and a red coat!). Friends will also be hosting a wonderful afternoon of Christmas crafts at the Brittles on Friday 12th Dec from 3:45 to 5:45pm, offering plenty of fun for everyone - all details are in the flyer below. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help with these events—your support makes these magical moments possible.

We are delighted to once again transform our entire school into a team of cheerful elves on Thursday 11th December, as we raise funds for St Luke's Hospice. All children will receive their elf hats and take part in our annual Elf Run during the morning session—a highlight of our festive calendar. This special day will also include Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner for pupils, adding even more seasonal joy. Any donations in support of St Luke's Hospice would be greatly appreciated and can be made via our JustGiving page below



[.WCLA Justgiving page for Elf Run](#)

Happy December!

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>

<b>Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (appointments only 9:30-11:30am)
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	FLUENZ
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kids Cup Finals Day – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025 – 9.30am -1.00pm
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Explorers and Arctic Workshop
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 WWII Workshop
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
<b>Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Nativity 2pm
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Nativity 9:30am
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Christmas Concert for U3A Local History Group at the Memorial Hall
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	No Year 3 & 4 Book Club Today
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 High 5 Netball Friendly vs Shavington Primary School (15:20-16:15 – By invitation only)
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Malbank Christmas Fair in aid of Nantwich Food Bank (3:30pm) (see below for more details)
	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of WCLA Santa's Grotto
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day & Elf Run in Aid of St Luke's Hospice
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of WCLA Christmas Event at The Brittles (3:45-5:45pm - see below for details)
<b>Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnest visit to St Mary's Church (Afternoon Session)
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Carol Concert
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnest Christmas Crafts with Parents (2:15pm)
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Alsager Library SEND Drop In (1:30-2:30pm)
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shavington Christmas Concert (5.30pm)
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Pantomime
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (Appointments only) (9:30-11:30am)
<b>Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holidays
<b>Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays
<b>Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Crewe Alex Assembly
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
<b>Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	September 2026 Reception Admissions Applications Close
<b>Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Conway Centre Burwardsley Stone Age Day (CHANGE OF DATE)
<b>Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
<b>Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (9:30-4:15)
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Number Day
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day

## Week Commencing 24th November will be WEEK 2 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

We have introduced the option for parents to **pre-order school dinners via the Arbor portal/app**. By doing so, our kitchen team will have accurate numbers for each meal choice in advance, helping them prepare the correct portions for every lunch service. This will greatly reduce the likelihood of children being disappointed and will help us make lunchtimes smoother and more enjoyable for everyone. If parents do not pre-order via the app, children will still be able to give their lunch choice to the class teacher during the morning register.

Please continue to refer to the menu below as the Arbor app will list lunch options more generally as Main, Vegetarian Main, Jacket Potato/Sandwich or lunch from home. The menu will allow you to see the specific dishes available for each day so you can make the appropriate selection.

We encourage parents to look at the menu with their children before making selections to avoid any upset from pupils on the day. Selections made by parents will not be overwritten by teachers and we ask that you ensure your child knows that this is the meal that will be prepared for them. We are unable to change any lunch selections once they have been submitted to the kitchen.

To select your child's meals in advance online via the browser please visit **Arbor>Quick Actions>Meals>Autumn Term**. If using the Arbor App, please click the hamburger menu button (3 horizontal lines) and then **Meals-Term**. From here you can then select the week you would like to make the selection for and confirm this by clicking on **process**.

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Traditional cottage pie	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Mexican chilli with 50/50 rice	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Chickpea & vegetable curry with 50/50 rice	Creamy butternut squash pasta	Vegetable cobbler with mash potato	Vegetarian meatballs with pasta	Cheese & bean bake with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & parsnips Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Bananas & custard	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Fruit sponge & custard	Chocolate brownie
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 OR SANDWICH	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Ham Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling

### MENU

KEY: 5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY, 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: Safety on social media

### Sportshall Athletics

Our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 teams represented Church Lane brilliantly at this week's Sports Hall Athletics event at Shavington Academy. Throughout the afternoon, pupils showed fantastic spirit, determination, and teamwork, earning numerous 1st and 2nd place finishes that reflected their growing confidence and skill. A special mention goes to our Year 5 & 6 6-Lap Paarlauf duos, who won their races by a country mile—an outstanding achievement!

Both teams finished the competition in 2nd place, just six points behind Berkeley. Although this means we won't progress to the final, we are incredibly proud of every single competitor and the way they represented the school. And of course, a big shoutout to Mr Raiswell for his impressive 1st place Javelin throw!

*Please be aware that the after-school club will continue for the rest of the term in line with all other clubs.*

### Lunchtime & After School Clubs – Spring Term

We are pleased to be offering various after school and lunch clubs for the Spring term. Our aim is that these clubs will enrich your child's learning and provide them with different experiences.

If your child wishes to attend any of the clubs below, please go to your child's Arbor account and choose the appropriate club for our child's year group. After signing up, children will be expected to attend **all** sessions (for safeguarding reasons we need to keep a register). The clubs in green are organised by Coach Barks and should be booked directly at [Coach Barks Spring Term Link](#). The club in blue is organised by Crewe Alexandra in the Community and has to be booked directly with them via [www.crewealexandrainthecommunity.com](http://www.crewealexandrainthecommunity.com). The club in red is organised by Cheshire Cricket Board and has to be booked directly with them. Further details about the cricket club will follow as soon as possible.

**All after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 12th January to the week ending 13th March unless otherwise stated below.** All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground.

Clubs run by staff members are free and only those booked directly through external organisations are charged for.

**Where places are limited, we will be operating on a 'first come, first served' basis. All clubs run by school staff will go live on Arbor from 4PM on SATURDAY 29th November. We**

kindly ask that you initially book **ONLY ONE** free after-school club for your child to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to take part in the clubs. If there are still places available on Sunday 4th January, additional clubs may then be booked.

Please note that due to staff absences we may need to cancel clubs at short notice. We will, of course, do our utmost to avoid this and to help where we can.

Please consider that the notice period for cancelling places at Swan Stars is four weeks for contracted sessions and 7 days for ad hoc bookings and that we are sending this letter out early to help you to make the necessary arrangements.

Year Group	Club	Day of the Week	Club Leader	Maximum Numbers	Comments
Reception & Year 1	Nature Detectives	Thursday	Mrs Gratton & Miss Boschi	20	
Reception & Year 1	Drawing Club	Monday	Miss Longhorn	20	
1 & 2	Film Club	Thursday	Mrs Sutton	20	
1 & 2	Board Games	Monday	Miss Harvey	20	
1 & 2	Cricket	Tuesday	Cheshire Cricket		Price and dates during Spring 1 TBC. Club to be booked directly (info to follow)
1 & 2	Football	Wednesday Lunchtime	Coach Barks		£5 per session. To be booked directly (see flyer)
3	Storytelling	Tuesday	Mrs Watson	20	
3 & 4	Board Game & Puzzle Club	Monday	Miss Hillard	20	
3 & 4	Film Club	Monday	Miss Davenport	20	
3 & 4	Football	Monday	Crewe Alexandra in the Community		£5.25 per session Sessions on 12 <sup>th</sup> January, 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February and 9 <sup>th</sup> February only See separate letter for more details.
3, 4, 5 & 6	Girls Football	Tuesday Lunchtime	Coach Barks		£5 per session. To be booked directly (see flyer)
3, 4, 5 & 6	Pickleball	Friday Lunchtime	Mr Raiswell	24	
4 & 5	Maths 24	Tuesday	Mrs Culshaw	20	
5 & 6	Netball	Monday	Mrs Horan, Mrs McDonald & Mrs Finney	20	
5 & 6	Journalism	Monday	Mrs Storey	20	
5 & 6	Football	Wednesday	Mr Raiswell	24	
6	Maths Booster	Tuesday	Mrs Dunbobbin, Miss Smith, Miss Willington & Mrs Lawrie	N/A	See * below for dates See separate letter for more details.

\*Year 6 Maths Club will run on the following dates only before SATs:

27<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> April & 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Year 3 & 4 Book Club – Tuesday 9th December

Please be aware that there will be no Year 3 & 4 Book Club on Tuesday 9th December due to the Whitemoor Lakes residential. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Friends of WCLA Christmas Event

Please see below for details of the Friends of WCLA's Christmas event which will take place at The Brittles on Friday 12th December. Entrance is payable on the door.





### 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.

### Year 3 Stone Age Day

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the venue has had to change the date of the Year 3 trip to *Tuesday 20th January* (Was Wednesday 21st). Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Swan Stars Absences

If your child is scheduled to attend Swan Stars and is going to be absent, we ask that you inform the school office as soon as possible to avoid any confusion at the end of the school day. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

### 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 have been reported cases of Covid. Please see the link below for symptoms and treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

For further NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit [Patient.info](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/).

# 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



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### Advice and guidance

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

## 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

48  
HOURS

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](https://nhs.uk/norovirus)

choices Good Food Partnership Agency



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

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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

The Bread and Butter Thing - Food Hub

Please see below from the School Health Team in case it is of interest:



## The bread and butter thing.

### FIND YOUR LOCAL HUB AT

[breadandbutterthing.org](http://breadandbutterthing.org)

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open same place and time every week.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.

### It's really easy to sign-up:

- 1 Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from.
- 2 Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, Individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.
- 3 You'll get a text on the same day every week to see if you want an order. Just reply 'YES' by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to your designated hub at the designated time two days later.
- 4 Collect and pay for your goods from the designated hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).

## Where does our food come from?



Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons - sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarket to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its BEST BEFORE date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including: Cripes can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline date, including:

- Cripes can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline.
- Biscuits and snacks can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your store cupboard for a whole year as can soups and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard! If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its USE BY date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its USE BY date or, if you have a heater, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be frozen safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

[www.breadandbutterthing.org](http://www.breadandbutterthing.org)

or at:

@teambtb

## 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 3 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 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 [discoversocialskills@yahoo.com](mailto:discoversocialskills@yahoo.com) if you would like to book a place.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please see below for more details:

*Please be aware that ticket numbers are limited and will be available on a 'first come, first served' basis.*



## 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.

## Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Clubs

HAF clubs will be running across four local venues this December holidays:

- Camm Street Gymnastics Centre, Crewe
- Offley Primary

- Haslington Primary
- St Michael's Primary

All sessions run from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The Christmas clubs offer a fun, active and festive experience for children, with a programme that includes multi-sports activities, Christmas crafts and creative sessions and a Winter Wonderland Party experience at selected venues.

Some venues will also feature a professional Christmas entertainer, with festive magic and balloon modelling at:

- Offley Primary
- St Michael's Primary

#### SEND Sessions

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) sessions are on offer at:

- Camm Street Gymnastics Centre, Crewe
- Offley Primary

These sessions provide a calm, supported environment where children with additional needs can participate at their own pace, with adapted activities led by SEN-experienced coaches.

Free Hot Meal included

If your child is eligible and you would like to book, head to **eequ.org** and search 'Adv4nce Group'. Or call 01782 703065/07960292847.



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



**Apply online for a school place**  
It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2026.

If you do not have web access  
**call 0300 123 5012**

**You can apply from 1st September 2025 at**  
**[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Applications should be submitted by

**31st October 2025 for secondary**

**15th January 2026 for primary**

Late applications may be disadvantaged

**Cheshire East Council**

## 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 [consultation brochure](#) and further information can be found on the Cheshire East website ([www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportPlan](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportPlan)), along with a [questionnaire](#) and [short video](#).

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 Psychology Service:



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.

### Examples of Topics include:

- 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 - [Family Hubs](#).  
Dates and locations are as below:

Date	Location	Times
09.10.25	Oakencloough 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	Oakencloough 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:



### SEND Drop Ins

**SEND 0-19+ health practitioners** (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & Young people 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 drop in for a chat??

**September –**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10-11.30am Nantwich [Childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Family hub (Little Stars) (drop in)

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> September 9-11am Congleton Family hub (drop in)

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

**October –**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9-11am Congleton Family [hub](#) (drop in)

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am Ash Grove Family hub (drop in)

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11.30 Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND Hub (appts only)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11.00am – Disley Library and community centre (drop in)

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am – Knutsford family [hub](#) (drop in)

**November –**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am, Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Little Stars (drop in)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9-11am – Ash Grove Family hub (appts only)

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am [Monks Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> November 9-11am Congleton Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

**December –**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 9-11am – Knutsford Family [hub](#) (drop in)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9-11am Ash Grove Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) (appts only)

**Venues and contact numbers for appts where needed**

Alsager Library, Alsager ST7 2QH

Ash Grove Family Hub, [Macclesfield SK11 7TD](#) Tel: 01625 374484

Congleton Family Hub, Congleton CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061

Knutsford Family Hub, Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 8DB

Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich [Childrens Centre](#), Nantwich CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

Oakencloough 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](#)

## 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!

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## 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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy.

**Enter our  
Super Draw**

**Win a Nintendo Switch 2 bundle  
– or take the cash!**

**PLUS £500 for your school!**

50" 4K UHD Smart TV

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## 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**