Week 13



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 6th December 2024

The countdown to Christmas is well and truly underway! Our school looks wonderfully festive, with beautifully decorated Christmas hoops created by the children and Christmas trees adorned with their Christmas wishes.

This Monday and Tuesday, our EYFS children will perform their nativity for family and friends. KS1 had the pleasure of enjoying the performance yesterday, and KS2 will have the opportunity to see it on Monday morning.

Thursday promises to be a fun-filled and busy Christmas-themed day! The children will take part in our annual Elf Run to raise much-needed funds for St Luke's Hospice. They are encouraged to come to school ready to join in, with the option of wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their usual sports top. In the morning, every child will receive an elf hat to complete their outfit, which they can also wear to enjoy a festive Christmas dinner. After all that exercise, it's sure to taste even better! If you'd like to make a donation to St Luke's Hospice, please use <u>JustGiving Donation Link</u>.



Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the West Cheshire Hospital Christmas Present Appeal by sending in a red tag. These gifts go directly to the hospital and are greatly appreciated. If you still need a red tag, please feel free to collect one from the school office. Only 19 sleeps until Christmas!

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.

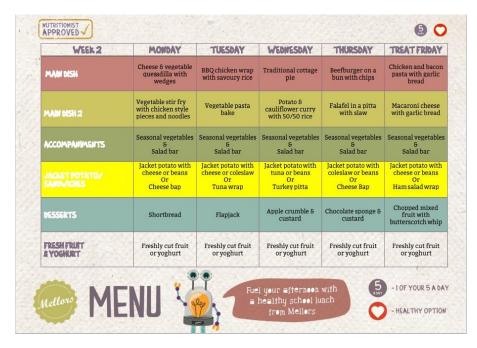
Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at:

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

Week Beginning 2 nd December	Friday 6 th	Malbank School Christmas Fayre (5:30pm)
Week Beginning 9th December	Monday 9 th	EYFS Nativity (2pm)
	Tuesday 10 th	EYFS Nativity (9:30am)
	Tuesday 10th	Year 2 Christmas Songs for U3A at Wistaston Memorial Hall (11:15am)
	Thursday 12 th	Christmas Dinner
	Thursday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Thursday 12 th	Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice
Week Beginning 16 th December	Monday 16 th	Crewe & Nantwich Junio Schools' Football Association Autumn Term Football League Match vs Sound & District Primary School (3pm – By invitation only; Spectators from 3:30pm)
	Tuesday 17 th	Christmas concert at Shavington Academy (School Choir – 6-8pm)
	Wednesday 18 th	Cygnets Christmas Crafts with Parents
	Wednesday 18 th	KS1 Carol Service (5pm) – CHANGE OF DATE
	Thursday 19 th	Staff Pantomime
Week Beginning 23 rd December	Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 30 th December	Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 6 th January	Monday 6 th	INSET Day
	Tuesday 7 th	School reopens after the holidays
	Tuesday 7 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Tuesday 7 th	Year 3 Delamere Information Evening (3:30pm)
Week Beginning 13 th January	Wednesday 15 th	Closing Date for Primary School Admissions Applications for September 2025
Week Beginning 20 th January	Wed 22 nd – Thur 23 rd	Year 3 Tokyo Delamere Residential
	Thur 23 rd – Fri 24 th	Year 3 Seoul Delamere Residential
Week Beginning 27 th January		
Week Beginning 3 rd February	Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	Children's Mental Health Week
	Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	LGBT+ Month
	Tuesday 4 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
Week Beginning 10 th February	Mon 10 th – Tues 11 th	Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability
	Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
	Thursday 13 th	Year 1 Chester Zoo Trip

Week Commencing 9th December will be WEEK 2 for lunches

Please note that Thursday 12th December will be Christmas Dinner instead of the usual menu. There will be a vegetarian version available but there will be no jacket potato or sandwich option that day.



What's New!

Safety

For everyone's safety, when parking and using roads around school, please take extra care to look out for pedestrians and cyclists. Thank you.

Year 5 & 6 Football Match vs Wybunbury Delves

The Year 5 & 6 football team played their second league match on Tuesday against Wybunbury Delves Primary School. The team showed great determination throughout the match and emerged victorious with a 3-1 win. The goals were spread across three different players, highlighting the team's collective effort and skill in securing the win.

Malbank School Christmas Fayre

Please see below for details of Malbank School's Christmas Fayre:



EYFS Nativity

All EYFS pupils should have received 2 tickets for each performance. If you do not require all your tickets, please return any spares to the school office.

Younger siblings may attend without a ticket if they can be sat on an adult's lap. We do however ask that they are taken out of the hall if they become restless or may cause a distraction. Unfortunately, due to space being limited, pushchairs and prams cannot be taken into the hall.

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 5 who has organised this.

Shavington Academy Christmas Community Concert

Our school choir will be performing at the Shavington Academy Christmas Community Concert on **Tuesday 17th December.**

Doors open at 17:30 with the concert commencing at **18:00**. Tickets are priced as follows: Adults £4.00 and Children £1.00 (price of ticket includes refreshments). **Tickets can be purchased from Shavington Academy's Main Reception from Monday 2nd December (Cash only). Due to the anticipated demand for tickets, parents/carers are urged NOT to leave it** too late to purchase tickets as a maximum of 220 tickets per concert will be available. We are looking into the possibility of other ways to obtain tickets and will advise if other routes become available.

There will be prizes to be won at the concert. Raffle tickets will be £1.00 per strip. There will also be refreshments available at the interval. Please note all funds raised from the concert will be re-invested into Shavington Academy's Music Department to purchase new music, musical instruments and to stage school productions.

Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer Marketplace

Please see below details of an upcoming event for parents/carers:



Mid Cheshire Hospitals

Last week, each child should have brought home a red gift label for our Christmas appeal in support of *Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charity*. By scanning the QR code below, you'll find their wish list and can purchase a gift for either an adult or child who will be spending Christmas in hospital. If you use the link, this will be delivered straight to the hospital. Once you have donated a gift, can you please fill in your red label with your name and bring the label back to school to hang on our tree. Feel free to also add a little message (e.g, "I hope you enjoy this Lego set"). All donated presents will be delivered straight to the wards for everyone to enjoy.



After School & Lunchtime Clubs Spring 1

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.

All after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 13th January to the week ending 21st March unless otherwise stated in last week's letter. 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 Sports Coaching Group are charged for.

Where places are limited, we will be operating on a 'first come, first served' basis. All clubs run by school staff are now live on Arbor. 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 5th January, additional clubs may then be booked. If a club will not accept your booking, this usually means that it is fully subscribed.

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 and that we are sending this letter out early to help you to make the necessary arrangements.

All clubs run by Sports Coaching Group (see below) should be booked directly at <u>Wistaston</u> <u>Church Lane Primary School - Spring Term 1 (Tue 7th Jan 2025 - Thu 13th Feb 2025) | Sports</u> <u>Coaching Group</u>.



Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for a Midday Assistant and an After School Play Worker. If you know anyone who could be interested, please see the following links for more details:

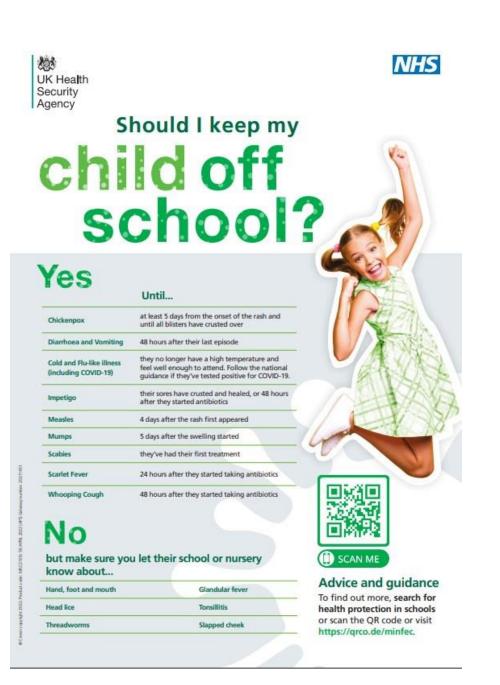
https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/midday-assistant-cheshire-east-2142160

https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/before-and-after-school-club-play-worker-cheshire-east-2139233

Please note that all applications need to be submitted online via these links.

Infection Control

If your child is unwell and won't be attending school, please inform the school of their symptoms and expected return date.



Easyfundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at WCLA Easyfundraising Link

School Lottery

The Friends of Wistaston Church Lane Academy would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery over the last few weeks. For further information on how to join our lottery and support our school, please visit:

WCLA Lottery link



School Applications

Please see below details of the application process for admissions to Reception in September 2025: Please be aware that primary school applications for current Cygnet pupils close on Wednesday 15th January 2025.



Payment Due Dates

- KS2 Snack Autumn 1 Payment OVERDUE
- KS2 Snack Autumn 2 Payment now due
- Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Final Balance OVERDUE
- Year 6 Condover Hall Deposit of £60 OVERDUE
- Year 3 Delamere Residential Final Balance due by 06/12/24
- Year 4 Chester Deva Museum Payment due by 13/12/24
- Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 1st Deposit of £30 due by 13/12/24
- Year 1 Chester Zoo Payment due by 10/01/25
- Year 6 Condover Hall Final Balance due by 24/01/25
- Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 2nd Deposit of £70 due by 31/01/25
- Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 3rd payment of £100 due by 31/03/25
- Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 4th payment of £100 due by 31/05/25
- Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 Final Balance due by 03/07/25