Week 13



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 5th December 2025

In response to the darker evenings at this time of year, we will be making a small but important change to our after-school club pick-up arrangements from next week. To ensure children can be dismissed safely, all clubs will now finish on the KS2 playground, where pupils will be lined up and handed over directly to an adult. Both gates will be open for entry, and we kindly ask parents to come onto the playground to collect their child before exiting through the large gate. This new system will provide more space for waiting families and help us ensure that every child is collected safely and calmly, away from the roadside. Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe end-of-day routine.

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 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 (11am – Please note that parents are NOT able to attend) – EVENT CANCELLED
	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
	Friday 12 th	Friends of WCLA Christmas Event at The Brittles (3:45-5:45pm - see below for details)
Week commencing 15 th December	Monday 15 th	Cygnest visit to St Mary's Church (Afternoon Session)
	Tuesday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Carol Concert (5pm – Parents/carers/siblings welcome)
	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 5th 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 19 th January	Tuesday 20 th	Year 3 Conway Centre Burwardsley Stone Age Day (CHANGE OF DATE)
Week commencing 26th January		
Week commencing 2 nd February	Thursday 5 th	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (9:30-4:15)
	Friday 6 th	NSPCC Number Day
	Friday 6 th	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
Week commencing 9th February	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	Children's Mental Health Week
	Mon 9 th – Tues 10 th	Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability
	Tuesday 10 th	Safer Internet Day
	Tuesday 10 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)

Week Commencing 24th November will be WEEK 3 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

Thursday 11th December will be a special Christmas Dinner menu (see below). Please be aware that the sandwich option will NOT be available that day.

We ask that parents confirm their child's meal choice for that day via the form below by 9am Monday 8th December. Meals will be charged at the normal rate.

https://forms.gle/KxHLrpiGrLhNpnGe9

Christmas Dinner (Main)	Roast Turkey
	Served with Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing Balls & Gravy
Christmas Dinner (Vegetarian)	Crispy Coated Sage & Onion Quorn Fillet
Accompaniments	Creamy Mashed Potato, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
	Sprouts and Cranberry Sauce
Dessert	Christmas Biscuits or Fresh fruit
Jacket Potato or Sandwich	NOT AVAILABLE





What's New!

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight
This week: Worry and anxiety guide

Parental Concerns

Just a quick reminder that if you have any queries or concerns regarding school, we ask that you talk to your child's class teacher initially at the earliest possible opportunity. Teachers are usually available at the end of the school day (subject to after school clubs and meetings) and this is an ideal opportunity to talk to them. If a more lengthy or private discussion is required, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Years 5 & 6 Kids Cup

On a rain-filled morning, the Year 5 & 6 team arrived full of enthusiasm and excitement, ready for the challenge ahead. They faced a very competitive group of eight teams and battled brilliantly throughout the day.

Team Church Lane finished 5th in the group—just one place outside the top four who progressed—recording 2 wins, 2 draws, and 3 losses. The effort, determination, and teamwork shown in every match were outstanding.

A fantastic experience for all involved, and we now look forward to our next league fixtures in January.

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th December

Our upcoming residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes is fast approaching, and we're excited for the fantastic experiences it will bring! Please ensure your child comes with the correct kit, including suitable clothing and footwear for a range of activities. Children will also need a packed lunch for day one, as we will be eating shortly after arrival before activities begin. As always, we expect excellent behaviour throughout the visit so that everyone can enjoy a safe, positive and memorable trip together. Thank you for your ongoing support in making this a wonderful experience for the children.

Please note that if your child requires medication for the trip, this must be provided in its original labelled packaging in a clearly named lidded container (e.g. tupperware) along with a completed medication form. A separate form should be completed for each medicine.

EYFS Nativity

Our EYFS children are so excited to perform the nativity 'Hey Ewe' for parents/guardians next Monday 8th at 2pm and Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. You should have received your tickets for the nativity this week so please bring these with you. Each family should have received 2 tickets per performance. If you do not need any of your allocated tickets, please bring them to the school office so that they can be reallocated. Children will stay in school afterwards and can be collected at the usual time.

Please be aware that pushchairs will not be permitted in the hall due to space restrictions and siblings will have seen the nativity this week.

Year 2 Christmas Concert for U3A Local History Group at the Memorial Hall – Tuesday 9th December

Please be aware that this event which was due to take place during the normal school day has been cancelled.

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.

Elf Run & Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

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. Children should come to school in their PE kit but have the option to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual sweatshirt. Any donations in support of St Luke's Hospice would be greatly appreciated and can be made via our JustGiving page below. A big thank you to those of you who have already donated.

.WCLA Justgiving page for Elf Run



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.



Lunchtime & After School Clubs – Spring Term

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. The club in red is organised by Cheshire Cricket Board and has to be booked directly with them.

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 are 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 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 &	Nature Detectives	Thursday	Mrs Gratton &	20	
Year 1	Hatare Bettetives	111013007	Miss Boschi	20	
Reception &	Drawing Club	Monday	Miss Longhorn	20	
Year 1		,			
1 & 2	Film Club	Thursday	Mrs Sutton	20	
1 & 2	Board Games	Monday	Miss Harvey	20	
1 & 2	Cricket	Tuesday	Cheshire Cricket	20	£4 per session. Sessions on 13 th January, 20 th January, 27 th January, 3 rd February and 10 th
					February and 10 st February. 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		E5.25 per session on 12th <u>January</u> , 19th <u>January</u> , 26th <u>January</u> , 2 nd February and 9 th February only See separate Jetter for more details.
3, 4, 5 &6	Girts 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 <u>Smith,</u> Miss Willington & Mrs Lawrie	N/A	See * below for dates See separate letter for more details.

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.

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

Infection Control

There have been numerous cases of flu like viruses and sickness in the area. With flu rates higher than this time last year, the DfE has asked us to share a reminder of the following information with you:

Managing seasonal illness – key information for schools and parents

- <u>Education Hub Blog</u>: Reducing the spread of illness this winter: Seven steps to healthier schools and higher school attendance.
- NHS Guidance for Parents: Is my child too ill for school? a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.
- A–Z of managing Infectious Diseases: Practical guidance on managing specific illnesses.

There has also been a confirmed case of shingles. Please see the link below for advice regarding symptoms and treatment:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/shingles/

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





Complimentary tickets for Crewe Alexandra v Bristol Rovers

We have received complimentary tickets from Crewe Alexandra Football Club for their upcoming home match against Bristol Rovers on December 19th at 7:45pm. Every child will receive a ticket and it's a great chance for families to enjoy a local event and support the team, with ticket prices reduced to just £10 for adults, £5 for U18s, and free for U12s.

It will be more than a match - there will be plenty of family activities including a performance on the pitch and a visit from Santa plus an incredible atmosphere in the stadium.

This fixture is expected to sell out, so we encourage families to secure their tickets as soon as possible.

For ticket details, more information, or to redeem your child's ticket voucher, please visit this link https://www.eticketing.co.uk/crewealex/EDP/Event/Index/1066?position=5, call 01270 252610, or visit the ticket office which is open 9am – 5pm throughout the week.



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 2 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:

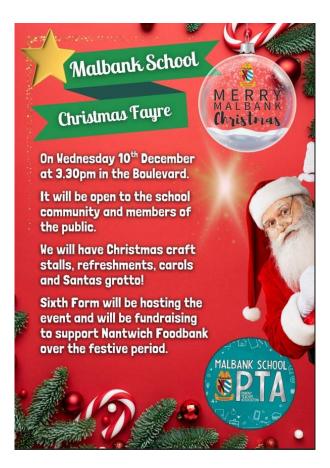
Tuesday 9th December 4:30-5:30pm

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.

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. 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.



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



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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 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 places	30 th April 2026	16 th March 2026
Waiting lists prepared and vacancies allocated	After 30 th April 2026	After 16 th March 2026
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 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



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), along with a guestionnaire 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 Pyschology Service:



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

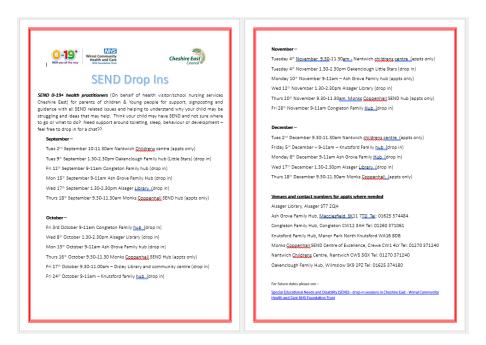
Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - Family Hubs. Dates and locations are as below:

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

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 (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