

Week 14



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 13th December 2024

It's hard to believe we are approaching the final week of the Autumn term—and what an amazing term it has been! We've enjoyed countless exciting learning opportunities, enriching our curriculum both inside and outside of the classroom.

This term, we've welcomed a variety of visitors to the school, from Viking reenactors to Ofsted inspectors, and have supported several wonderful causes, including the Royal British Legion, Chance Changing Lives, Macmillan Cancer Support, Mid Cheshire Hospitals and St. Luke's Hospice. A heartfelt thank you to all of you for your continued support and for attending the parent events we've hosted. Be sure to look out for even more opportunities to see learning in action during the Spring term!

Next week, we'll wrap up the term with our final Christmas events. Key Stage 1 will perform carols on Wednesday at 5 p.m., and the Cygnets will enjoy festive Christmas crafts. I hope to see many of you there!

Wishing you a joyful end to the term,

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 16th December	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	There will be no teacher led after school clubs this week. Sports Coaching Group clubs will run as normal.
	Monday 16 th	Crewe & Nantwich Junior 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)
	Tuesday 17 th	SEND Local Offer Marketplace at Monks Coppenthal Family Hub (4-6pm)
	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 23rd December	Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 30th December	Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 6th 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 13th January	Wednesday 15 th	Closing Date for Primary School Admissions Applications for September 2025
Week Beginning 20th 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 27th January	Thursday 30 th	Cheshire East Autism Team Parent/Carer Drop-In at Monks Coppenthal Family Hub (10-12)
Week Beginning 3rd 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 10th 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 17th February	Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Half Term
Week Commencing 24th February	Friday 28 th	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day

Week Commencing 16th December will be WEEK 1 for lunches

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED		5 A DAY				
WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TREAT FRIDAY	
MAIN DISH	Margherita Pizza with wedges	Meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Roast beef with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Chicken korma with 50/50 rice	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips	
MAIN DISH 2	"Veggie" curry with rice and Chapati	Cheese quiche served with Spanish potatoes	Vegetable cobbler with mashed potatoes	Sweet potato, cheese and onion pie with diced potatoes	Southern fried quorn burger with chunky chips	
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	
JACKET POTATO/ SANDWICHES	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Cheese bap	Jacket potato with cheese or coleslaw Or Tuna wrap	Jacket potato with tuna or beans Or Roast beef pitta	Jacket potato with curry or beans Or Ham bap	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Turkey & salad wrap	
DESSERTS	Chocolate brownie	Marble sponge with custard	Strawberry mousse	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate muffin	
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	

Mellors MENU

Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

5 A DAY - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY

HEALTHY OPTION

What's New!

Autumn Term After School Clubs

Teacher led after school clubs for this term finish today. There will be no after school clubs next week (w/c 16th December) apart from those organised by Sports Coaching Group. Swan Stars will be open as normal.

Wistaston Church Lane Academy Term Dates 2025/2026

Please see below term dates for the academic year 2025-2026:

Holiday	Date of closing	Date of reopening
Summer Holiday		Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 24 th October 2025	Tuesday 4 th November 2025
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Spring Half-Term	Friday 13 th February 2026	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Easter	Friday 27 th March 2026	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
May Day	Friday 1 st May 2026	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Summer Half-Term (Whitsun)	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026
Summer 2024	Friday 17 th July 2026	

2025 to 2026 INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

All term dates can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/term-dates>

Elf Run

We are pleased to be supporting this year's Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice.

Congratulations to everyone who took part on Thursday 12th December and thank you to everyone who has made a donation. If you would still like to make a donation, this should be made via our JustGiving page below:

[JustGiving Donation Link.](#)



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. 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.**

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.

Pupils should arrive for 5:40pm and will be met by staff at the main entrance to Shavington Academy. Please wear full school uniform and elf hat (from this week's Elf Run).

KS1 Christmas Carol Concert

As you all know, our Year 1 and 2 Christmas Carol Concert is taking place on Wednesday 18th December at 5pm. Please could we ask that all children who are taking part come to school through the side gate that leads to Cygnets and the external classroom doors at 4.45pm. Please could they wear their school uniform and wrap up warm in hats/scarves/gloves etc and wear suitable footwear for standing outside. Festive headwear is welcome (e.g. elf hats from the Elf Run). If possible, could they also bring a small torch to hold while they are singing.

Parents, grandparents and siblings etc. are all welcome to come along to watch and refreshments will be available while you wait.

Children not due to attend Swan Stars should be collected from school as normal at 3.15pm and then return with parents at 4.45pm ready for the concert to start at 5pm. Children attending Swan Stars will be brought over to the concert by staff.

If your Year 1 or 2 child is due to attend Swan Stars after school on 18th December, please let Swan Stars know your arrangements for collection (i.e. whether they will be going home with parents straight after the concert or returning to Swan Stars).

Please be aware that if children in other years are being collected from Swan Stars between 4:50 and 5:40, they should be collected from the KS2 Hall.

All the children in Years 1 & 2 have been practising their songs and are really excited to sing for you all! We look forward to seeing you all there.

[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 10th & Tuesday 11th February.

Year 4 Level 1 – Monday 24th March 2025.

[Parking](#)

When parking for school, please be considerate to local residents and businesses and take extra care for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists – Thank you.

[Special Education Needs & Disabilities \(SEND\) Local Offer Marketplace](#)

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

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Local Offer Marketplace



For all parents/carers with children aged 0-25 who would like to find out more about our SEND Local Offer and how we can support you and your child. Drop in and meet with multiple agencies all in one place!

Tuesday 17th December 4pm-6pm

0-19+ SEND Health Practitioner
Speech and Language Therapist
Education Psychologist
LDCAMHS
SPOTSS



Monks Copenhall Family Hub

Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY

01270 371240



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 [Wistaston Church Lane Primary School - Spring Term 1 \(Tue 7th Jan 2025 - Thu 13th Feb 2025\) | Sports Coaching Group](#).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SPORTS COACHING GROUP
ENJOY
IMPROVE
ACHIEVE

Multi-Sports	Dodgeball	Football
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Reception - Yr 6	Reception - Yr 6	Reception - Yr 6
07.01.25 - 11.02.25	08.01.25 - 12.02.25	09.01.25 - 13.02.25
3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15
£30 (6 weeks)	£30 (6 weeks)	£30 (6 weeks)

✉ info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk
☎ 01270 449770
🌐 sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

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 & 'Super Bodies' Campaign

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



NHS Cheshire and Merseyside is sharing guidance for parents and carers on common winter illnesses that often start circulating at this time of year, and asking them to think twice before treating these conditions with antibiotics, which rarely speed up recovery. Instead, the 'Super Bodies' campaign shares a guide for parents and carers on the simple things they can do to treat these common ailments at home, as well as helping them to spot the signs of a more serious illness, and knowing when and where to go for medical help. Please can

schools highlight the campaign to their parents and carers. Find out more: www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/super-bodies.

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

SCAN ME

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

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](#)-

Head to their [Advent Calendar](#) and open the door for a chance to win a £100* donation for Wistaston Church Lane Academy!

This will also give school an automatic entry into the **Christmas Day grand prize draw to win £1,000.**

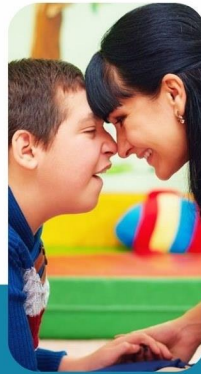
Cheshire East Autism Team Parent/Carer Drop-In

Please see below for details of the next drop-in session scheduled for January.



Cheshire East Autism Team

CEAT's Family Liaison Officer and a specialist support assistant will be available to chat and offer advice and support to parent/carers of children and young people who have social and communication differences (whether diagnosed or not) regarding challenges they may be experiencing at school and/or home.



Monks Coppenhall Family Hub
Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY

Drop-in on Thursday 30th January 2025
10am-12pm

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:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/wistaston-church-lane-academy?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Splitting the £1.00

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school

Buy A Ticket

GambleAware 18+

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.**



**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 2020 and 31 August 2021, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2025.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from
1st September 2024 at
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2024 for secondary

15th January 2025 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

**Cheshire East
Council**

Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Payment OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now due

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 3 Delamere Residential – Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 4 Chester Deva Museum – Payment OVERDUE

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 1st Deposit of £30 OVERDUE

Year 1 Chester Zoo – Payment due by 10/01/25

Year 6 Condoover 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