

Week 15



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 19th December 2025

What a fantastically festive week we have enjoyed in school! On Monday, our Nursery children enjoyed a delightful visit to St Mary's, which was a wonderful way to begin the celebrations. On Tuesday, it was lovely to see everyone come together for our outdoor KS1 Christmas carol concert. The children sang beautifully, filling the air with a real sense of Christmas cheer, and our thanks go to the Friends of the School for providing hot drinks and tasty snacks to enjoy as we listened. On Wednesday evening, our school choir, made up of children from Year 1 to Year 6, took to the stage at Shavington Academy and thoroughly entertained the audience with a selection of festive favourites, with *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town* proving to be a standout hit and a firm favourite to perform. The excitement continued on Thursday as the children were treated to our staff pantomime, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, which was full of laughter, surprises and festive fun. What a week!



All that remains to say I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

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 be found on the School Calendar at:

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





Week commencing 22 nd December	Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	Christmas Holidays
Week commencing 29 th December	Mon 29 th – Fri 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Week commencing 5 th January	Monday 5 th	INSET Day
	Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th	There are NO after school clubs this week (Swan Stars is open as normal)
	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 12 th January	Monday 12 th	Autumn Football League vs Ridgeway Bude (3-4pm By Invitation only)
	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 Buwardley Stone Age Day (CHANGE OF DATE)
Week commencing 26 th January		
Week commencing 2 nd February	Thursday 5 th	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppertall 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 9 th February	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	Children's Mental Health Week
	Mon 9 th – Tues 10 th	Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability Resilibility
	Tuesday 10 th	Safer Internet Day
	Tuesday 10 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
Week commencing 16 th February	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	Half Term
Week commencing 23 rd February	Friday 27 th	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Week commencing 2 nd March	Monday 2 nd	Year 4 Chester Deva Museum
	Tuesday 3 rd	Secondary School Offers Released
	Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
	Thursday 5 th	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
	Friday 6 th – Sun 8 th	British Science Week

Week Commencing 6th January will be WEEK 1 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

WEEK 1	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	 Macaroni cheese	Homemade meat & potato pie with mash potato	All day breakfast	Chicken korma with 50/50 rice	Beef burger with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	 Vegetable stir fry with chicken style pieces and 50/50 rice	  Vegetarian bolognese	Vegetarian toad in the hole with roast potatoes & gravy	 Sweet potato, cheese & onion pie with new potatoes	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	 Cauliflower & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	 Fruit crumble & custard	Apple & cinnamon muffin	 Flapjack	Marble sponge & custard	 Fruit in jelly
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	Tuna Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling



Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

KEY  - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  - MEAT-FREE MONDAY  - CHEF'S CHOICE  - 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: Gaming boundaries

Christmas Holidays & INSET Day

Please be aware that school closes for Christmas after the normal school day today (19th December) and school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 6th January (Monday 5th January is an INSET Day). We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in 2026.

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Elf Run

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our recent event in aid of St Luke's Hospice. If you would like to make a donation, this can still be done via our Just Giving page at:

WCLA Elf Run Just Giving Link¹

Christmas Pin Badges

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a pin badge in aid of Macmillan and to our Year 6 pupil for organising everything. An amazing £133.60 has been raised.

KS2 Morning Snack

KS2 Snack for the Spring and Summer terms are now available via *Trips* on Arbor for payment and consent. If you would like your child to have toast during morning break, please ensure payment is made in advance. The cost is £5.50 per half term, and this will be checked daily. Toast will only be provided for children whose consent is recorded on Arbor.

Attendance & Fines For Unauthorised Absence

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Office to improve our attendance and prevent children's attendance from falling below 95%. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. We are contacting parents by letter if we are worried that a child's attendance is becoming close to 90%. Please be assured that this is just a process and that we are here to support families as much as we can to improve attendance.

If you wish to find out more, you may refer to the following:

¹https://www.justgiving.com/page/wistaston-church-lane-academy-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

- Pupil Attendance and Registration Policy: <https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies>
- Cheshire East School Attendance: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx²
- Department for Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

If your child is going to be absent due to a medical appointment, please inform the school office (By telephone, email or via the school website) and show confirmation of the appointment (This can be by letter, text, appointment card or email).

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please inform the school office (By telephone, email or via the school website) each day and give as much detail as possible regarding their symptoms/diagnosis for their attendance records.

If your child is going to be absent for any other reason (e.g. holiday, wedding, non-medical appointment), please complete a Leave of Absence Request Form at your earliest possible opportunity and attach any relevant supporting information that you wish to be taken into consideration. You should be aware that if your child is taken out of school and the reasons are not classed as exceptional, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. **Any appeal should be made prior to the end of the period of absence before an FPN is issued.**

The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education. Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices came into force on 19th August 2024. As a result of these changes, absences will be tracked over a rolling 3 year period and penalty notices will be issued for the following:

- Term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days
- 10 sessions of unauthorised leave in a rolling 10 week period

²<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx>

Please note that penalty notices may also be issued before the threshold is met where it appears parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays of less than 5 days.

Penalty notices will continue to be issued per parent per child as follows:

- First Offence – For term time leave or irregular school attendance; Charged at £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Offence – Where a second notice is issued within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either term time leave or irregular attendance, this will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days.
- Third Offence – If a third offence occurs within 3 years of the first penalty notice, a penalty notice will not be issued but the case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school', the Magistrate can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

Please be aware that these changes are national changes and all penalty notices will be issued by Cheshire East Council. The school does not benefit financially in any way from any fines issued.

EYFS Absence Messages

Please be aware that Tapestry should not be used to report absences. If your child is absent, please report this by email to the school office (admin@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk³), telephone (01270 663619) or by submitting on online form via the website (<https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/>). Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Smart Uniform Christmas Opening Hours

Please see below for details of Smart Uniform's opening hours over the festive period:

³<mailto:admin@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk>



[Community Share Hub](#)

The Community Share Hub will be closed from 18th December, and will be reopening on the 5th of January. As a result they will not be accepting donations or hub orders again until they reopen.



[CAPT Top Tips for Buying Safe Toys](#)

As Christmas fast approaches, please see below advice from the Child Accident Prevention Trust to help keep children safe when buying toys:

- 8 dangerous gifts that could be a nightmare this Christmas⁴
- How to buy safe toys online⁵
- Toy safety guide⁶

Please pay extra attention to some of the biggest toy safety risks to children including:

- Button batteries⁷
- Magnets⁸
- Water beads⁹
- Dangerous baby products¹⁰

⁴<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https:%2F%2Fcapt.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df1346f3ff5a62d47baae512fa%26id%3De07e97a76a%26e%3Df3af37bc1d&data=05|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|c8f7f23b5bbf4e26c26708de388e9920|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639010382504545039|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=9ub7hOk%2BNj6oNY75z%2F5XuM6wQS5yDgZtAJNNSvszzKg%3D&reserved=0>

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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 Link¹¹. The club in blue is organised by Crewe Alexandra in the Community and has to be booked directly with them via www.crewealexandrainthecommunity.com¹². 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.

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¹²<http://www.crewealexandrainthecommunity.com/>

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	20	£4 per session. Sessions on 13 th January, 20 th January, 27 th January, 3 rd February and 10 th 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		£5.25 per session Sessions on 12 th January, 19 th January, 26 th January, 2 nd February and 9 th 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:

27th January, 3rd February, 10th February, 24th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 14th April, 21st April, 28th April & 5th May

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

- Education Hub Blog¹³: Reducing the spread of illness this winter: Seven steps to healthier schools and higher school attendance.
- NHS Guidance for Parents¹⁴: 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 Diseases¹⁵: Practical guidance on managing specific illnesses.

There have been suspected cases of Scarlet Fever in EYFS, KS1 & KS2, Chickenpox in EYFS & KS1 and Slapped Cheek Syndrome in KS2. Please see the link below for advice regarding symptoms and treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

For further NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit Patient.info¹⁶.

¹³<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%253A%252F%252Feducationhub.blog.gov.uk%252F2025%252F10%252Feducing-the-spread-of-illness-this-winter-seven-steps-to-healthier-schools-and-higher-school-attendance%252F&data=05|02|admin%2540wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|9784bb5edda64233832b08de34091345|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639005410748067241|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAIiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFpbiClldUljoyfQ%253D%253D|0||&sdata=hVrcoi5X%252BVtSb%252Fc4s%252BU1xDGOfn3oierE2UcziO1X3Ns%253D&reserved=0>

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¹⁵<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%253A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fhealth-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities%252Fmanaging-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z%252Finfluenza&data=05|02|admin%2540wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|9784bb5edda64233832b08de34091345|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639005410748131665|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAIiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFpbiClldUljoyfQ%253D%253D|0||&sdata=RZLNwLnY5Zh9VQgPKB118p4dp2KlhbhallvyyA0hC5H0%253D&reserved=0>

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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>.

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

choices food hygiene 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

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

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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.

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>.

School Applications Timetable

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Status	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools
Online application forms available	1 st September 2025	1 st September 2025
Closing date for applications	15th January 2026	31 st 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

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

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2025 for secondary

15th January 2026 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

Cheshire East Council

SEND Support for Parents

Please see below for further details of upcoming SEND Drop Ins:

SEND Drop Ins

SEND & life health practitioners (On behalf of health visitors/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & young people for support, reassurance 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 learning, social, behaviour or development – feel free to drop in for a chat? You will be seen on a 1:1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

January 2026

Thurs 8th January 9-12:15am Macclesfield SEND Hub (drop in)
Mon 12th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
Tues 13th January 9-11:15am Northwich Children's Centre (drop in)
Thurs 18th January 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)
Wed 27th January 1.30-2.30pm Alton Library (drop in)
Friday 27th January 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)
Tues 27th January 1-2pm Delamere Family Hub (drop in)

February 2026

Monday 2nd February 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
Thurs 5th February 9-11:15am Macclesfield SEND Hub (drop in)
Friday 6th February 9-11:15am Alton Library and Community Centre (drop in)
Tuesday 10th February 1-2pm Delamere Family Hub (drop in)
Fri 12th February 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)
Tues 17th February 9-11:15am Northwich Children's Centre (drop in)
Wed 18th February 1.30-2.30pm Alton Library (drop in)

March 2026

Monday 2nd March 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
Thurs 5th March 9-11:15am Macclesfield SEND Hub (drop in)
Wed 11th March 1-2pm Congleton Family Hub (drop in)
Monday 16th March 10-11am Delamere Family Hub (drop in)
Tuesday 17th March 9-11:15am Northwich Children's Centre (drop in)
Wed 18th March 1.30-2.30pm Alton Library (drop in)
Friday 20th March 1-2.30pm Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)

To book an appointment
At Congleton, Ash Grove or Delamere email parentsupport@cheshireeast.gov.uk
At Macclesfield and Northwich call 01753 371240

Venues and contact numbers
Alton Library, Alton, 01753 371240
Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, 01753 371240
Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, 01262 3441 Tel: 01262 372095
Knutsford Children's Centre, Knutsford, 01262 372095
Macclesfield SEND Centre of Excellence, Cheshire, 01753 371240
Northwich Children's Centre, Northwich, 01262 371240
Delamere Family Hub, Willington, 01262 371240

For more information see:
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SEND
parentsupport@cheshireeast.gov.uk
parentsupport@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments

Please see below for details of appointments offered by the Educational Psychology Service:



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY TEAM



Supporting Parents and Carers

Connected Conversation Appointments

The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering appointments for parents and carers at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held every half term in both North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice and explore strategies to support your child or young person. Our focus areas are **Cognition and Learning** and **SEMH (Social, Emotional 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.

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](#)¹⁷

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,

¹⁷<https://www.visyon.org.uk/parentwebinars>

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.uk¹⁸ and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy.



¹⁸<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http:%2F%2Fwww.yourschoollottery.co.uk%2F&data=05|02|admin%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|5595cbfb57b546affe5c08de2422cc79|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|638987929059934712|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoITWFpbiClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=LrLwoBGiEB%2F15cGFQ5P%2FSg64oYWkbXqcmWROBG%2BEMMM%3D&reserved=0>

Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Spring 1 - Payment now due

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 4 Chester Deva Museum – Payment due by 02/02/26

Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop – Payment by 05/02/26

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