

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 Crewe Alexandra (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 Conwy Centre Runwayside Stone Age Day (CHANGE OF DATE) |
| Week commencing 26 th January | Thursday 5 th | Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenthal 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 |
| | 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 | 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 |  5  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 |  5  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 & todays choice of filling | Tuna Sandwich | Jacket potato & todays choice of filling | Cheese Sandwich | Jacket potato & todays choice of filling |



MELLORS MENU

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 freshly 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 allergen/ your child's allergen 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.

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

²www.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 an 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%3F%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|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=9ub7hOk%2BNj6oNY75z%2F5XuM6wQS5yDgZtAJNNSvszzKg%3D&reserved=0>

⁵<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fcapt.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df1346f3ff5a62d47baae512fa%26id%3Ddc1c077cb3%26e%3Df3af37bc1d&data=05|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|c8f7f23b5bbf4e26c26708de388e9920|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639010382504566261|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=%2BZ6BiVuK8VtxKSX3RXM%2F%2FiKjOSIIrb1LCd2vGf1QjGY%3D&reserved=0>

⁶<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fcapt.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df1346f3ff5a62d47baae512fa%26id%3D9f3baf9ec1%26e%3Df3af37bc1d&data=05|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|c8f7f23b5bbf4e26c26708de388e9920|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639010382504588035|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=QjdSHPD9GuilYjxIrfiGx578vG86HEqxH0uaQ%2FmSItg%3D&reserved=0>

⁷<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fcapt.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df1346f3ff5a62d47baae512fa%26id%3D84569406c1%26e%3Df3af37bc1d&data=05|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|c8f7f23b5bbf4e26c26708de388e9920|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639010382504609716|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=6%2BtltL82BxbhT%2FZIXiSpjEF1LRfG1ps5F9frPvrC%2B1k%3D&reserved=0>

⁸<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fcapt.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df1346f3ff5a62d47baae512fa%26id%3D68dad6df5f%26e%3Df3af37bc1d&data=05|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|c8f7f23b5bbf4e26c26708de388e9920|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639010382504629769|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=wX2KQYD35Im9az%2F%2FvCF2EnSzAXVPzBuP2soE8suyGd4%3D&reserved=0>

⁹<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fcapt.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df1346f3ff5a62d47baae512fa%26id%3Dfe9e2ef3c3%26e%3Df3af37bc1d&data=05|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|c8f7f23b5bbf4e26c26708de388e9920|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639010382504650991|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=%2B5iXudQAJdFj%2BRgcP9FCDPLi4NtTNqS7CvSE0%2Bh7gDo%3D&reserved=0>

¹⁰<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3F%2Fcapt.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df1346f3ff5a62d47baae512fa%26id%3Da56a1d5fee%26e%3Df3af37bc1d&data=05|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|c8f7f23b5bbf4e26c26708de388e9920|a8a557db58534>

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.

eeaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639010382504668924|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsII
YiOiwLjAuMDAwMCIsIiAiOjXaW4zMilskFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUijoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=NDVqmOpJuwlPbGz
felo7Kmavw5KgSgEZVQIlg0kmWr0w%3D&reserved=0

¹¹<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSfn91sdoJkUV5e5zJvpj-ixP6Q7IB6ZG8Kvd4FpWJZH2NjmBA%2Fviewform&data=05%20|02|dloton%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|dde4eb1595e546f4f1be08de2da9c735|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|638998405982671905|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOjXaW4zMlsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIlldUljoyfq%3D%3D|60000|111&sdata=k2PdH6r3NcC%2BII%2B0qWsfOhFkI7vSNnnDddZRMstGAF%3D&reserved=0>

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%25A%252F%252Feducationhub.blog.gov.uk%252F2025%252F10%252Freducing-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|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%253D%253D|0|||&sdata=hVrcoi5X%252BVtSb%252Fc4s%252BU1xDGOfn3ojerE2UcziO1X3Ns%253D&reserved=0>

¹⁴<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%25A%252F%252Fwww.nhs.uk%252Flive-well%252Fis-my-child-too-ill-for-school%252F&data=05|02|admin%2540wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|9784bb5edda64233832b08de34091345|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639005410748094266|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%253D%253D|0|||&sdata=iCG3IYleDFaKKfgRfGobBbxt1pN0t0FxFT4bUXQL0QQ%253D&reserved=0>

¹⁵<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%25A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fhealth-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities%252Fmanaging-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z%2523influenza&data=05|02|admin%2540wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|9784bb5edda64233832b08de34091345|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639005410748131665|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%253D%253D|0|||&sdata=RZLNwLnY5Zh9VQgPKB118p4dp2KlbhallyyA0hC5H0%253D&reserved=0>

¹⁶<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%25A%252Fr.send.patient.info%2Fmk%2Fcl%2Ff%2Fs%2FWCpzyXJTZ6uvdqzEy74qUvLGIMbzUS2D%2FkzAKhT7Ynxm8&data=05|02|admin%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|9784bb5edda64233832b08de34091345|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|639005410748131665|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%253D%253D|0|||&sdata=h2FWCpzyXJTZ6uvdqzEy74qUvLGIMbzUS2D%2FkzAKhT7Ynxm8&reserved=0>

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 |



Advice and guidance

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

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



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

ch.uk/1a5026514c614184fc7208ddf50e90f5|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|638936167366391040|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIiYiOiwLjAuMDAwMCIsIiAiOiJXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUijoyfQ%3D%3D|80000|||&sdata=VPRFgP7%2Fuw36GY%2FJx5NqyeGfMqrhcSjPOXLFTDSp3js%3D&reserved=0

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

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 | 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 |



SEND Support for Parents

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

|  SEND Drop Ins  | |
|--|--|
| SEND D-25* Health practitioners (Or behalf of health-visitors/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & young people for support, signposting and guidance with SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling. *D-25 means that the child has a disability that means they have difficulty in doing what other children their age can do, and need extra help and support to do what they want to do. Need support around learning, sleep, 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 book in advance. | |
| January 2025 | |
| Thurs 5 th January 9.30-11.30am Morris Copse Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Mon 12 th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Tues 13 th January 9.15-11.15am Northwich Children's Centre (Drop ins) | |
| Thurs 15 th January 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Wed 2 nd February 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (Drop in) | |
| Fri 23 rd January 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (Drop in) | |
| Tues 27 th January 1-3pm Delamere Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| February 2025 | |
| Monday 2 nd February 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Thurs 5 th February 9.30-11.30 Morris Copse Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Fri 6 th February 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Tuesday 10 th February 9-10.30am Delamere Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Fri 13 th February 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Tues 17 th February 9.15-11.15am Northwich Children's Centre (Drop ins) | |
| Wed 18 th February 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (Drop in) | |
| March 2025 | |
| Mon 5 th March 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Thurs 8 th March 9.30-11.30am Morris Copse Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Wed 14 th March 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Mon 19 th March 9.30-11.30am Delamere Family Hub (Drop ins) | |
| Tuesday 20 th March 1.30-2.30pm Knutsford Children's Centre (Drop ins) | |
| Wed 21 st March 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (Drop in) | |
| Friday 23 rd March 1.30-2.30pm Knutsford Children's Centre (Drop in) | |
| To book an appointment: At Congleton, Ash Grove or Delamere email parentsonline@cheshireeast.gov.uk At Morris Copse Hub and Northwich call 01270 371240 | |
| Venues and contact numbers Alsager Library, Alsager, ST7 2QH Ash Grove Family Hub, Middlewich, SK13 7TD Tel: 01625 374484 Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 2AH Tel: 01260 371261 Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA14 8BB Morris Copse Hub Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4UJ Tel: 01270 371240 Northwich Children's Centre, Northwich, CW9 5GJ Tel: 01270 371240 Delamere Family Hub, Winsford, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374280 For more information see: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/parentsonline or www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/parentsonline/parentsonline.aspx | |

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 | 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 Grove 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 | visyon¹⁷

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!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causId=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.uk¹⁸ and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy.



¹⁸<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3Fwww.yourschoollottery.co.uk%2F&data=05J02|admin%40wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk|5595cbfb57b546affe5c08de2422cc79|a8a557db58534eaaa759eb7581cb675c|0|0|638987929059934712|Unknown|TWFpbGzsB3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIiOjJXaW4zMiIsIkF0IjoiTWFpbCIsIldUijoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=LrLwoBGjEB%2F15cGFQ5P%2Fs64oYWkBXqcmWROBG%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