# Week 15



Wistaston Weekly

## Friday 20th December 2024

The festive season is always a special time in school, and we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating together through nativity performances, carol singing, pantomimes and other joyful activities. Your encouragement and involvement in these events has truly added to the sense of community that makes our school so special.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. May this holiday season bring warmth, happiness, and precious time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, refreshed and ready for an exciting new term ahead.

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 23rd December	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 6th January	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens after the holidays
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Delamere Information Evening (3:30pm)
Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Date for Primary School Admissions Applications for September 2025
Week Beginning 20th January	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Tokyo Delamere Residential
	Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Seoul Delamere Residential
Week Beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire East Autism Team Parent/Carer Drop-In at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (10-12)
Week Beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week
	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	LGBT+ Month
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
Week Beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Chester Zoo Trip
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Free SEND Support Event for Parents (See Below for details)
Week Commencing 17th February	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21st	Half Term
Week Commencing 24th February	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
Week Commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Secondary School Admissions September 2025 Offers Released
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)

# Week Commencing 6th January will be WEEK 2 for lunches



## What's New!

#### Christmas Holidays

School will close after the normal school day today (Friday 20th December) and reopen to pupils as normal on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**. Monday 6th January is an INSET day. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and New Year.

### Autumn Football League

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 football team. On Monday, in their third Crewe and Nantwich Autumn League game against Sound & District Primary School, the team played with determination and skill, securing a well-deserved 6-0 victory. Finishing 2nd in the group with 6 points, Team Church Lane has earned a spot in the Timperley Shield Trophy in the new year. Well done to all the players for their hard work and dedication!

#### School Sport

This autumn term has been a fantastic display of effort and progress in PE and school sport, with everyone pushing themselves to improve their performances. There have been numerous football matches and tournaments, including mixed, boys and girls teams, showcasing great teamwork and determination. The Sports Hall Athletics heat saw the team finish 3rd.

A big thank you to the two parent volunteers for their dedication and hard work in running the Netball club. Your commitment has made a real difference to the team, and we truly appreciate your support. We're excited to take the team to experience matches in the Spring term and look forward to seeing their progress on the court!

Well done to all the students for their hard work and enthusiasm in PE – we can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds in store!

#### **Payments**

As we come to the end of the year, please ensure that all payments for meals, snack, trips and Swan Stars are up to date. Thank you.

If your child is in KS2 and you would like them to have snack next term, this is now available under *Trips* Arbor under KS2 Snack Spring 1. The cost for the half term is £5.10.

#### Year 3 Delamere Information Evening

There will be an information evening for parents about the upcoming residential on Tuesday 7th January at 3:30pm in the Tokyo classroom.

#### **Arbor Information**

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 of any changes or errors. Thank you.

#### 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:

- Pupil Attendance and Registration Policy: <a href="https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies">https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies</a>
- Cheshire East School Attendance: <a href="www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx">www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx</a>
- 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 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 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

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.

#### Elf Run

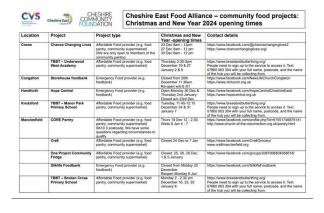
A big thank you to everyone who made a donation for this year's Elf Run. We are pleased to say that we have passed our target of £500. If you would still like to make a donation, this can be made via our JustGiving page below:

#### JustGiving Donation Link.



## Cheshire East Food Alliance Community Food Projects

Please see below details of Christmas and New Year opening times for local community food projects for anyone who may need support accessing food over the festive period:





More information on Community Food project across Cheshire East can be found on their Community Food Map.

#### 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.

## 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 the original letter. All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground. Please note that there will be no teacher led after-school clubs w/c 6th January 2025 though Sports Coaching Group clubs will run and Swan Stars will be open as usual.

Clubs run by staff members are free and only those booked directly through Sports Coaching Group are charged for.

Where places are limited, we will be operating on a 'first come, first served' basis. All clubs run by school staff are now live on Arbor. We kindly ask that you initially book only one free after-school club for your child to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to take part in the clubs. If there are still places available on Sunday 5th January, additional clubs may then be booked. If a club will not accept your booking, this usually means that it is fully subscribed.

Please note that due to staff absences we may need to cancel clubs at short notice. We will, of course, do our utmost to avoid this and to help where we can.

Please consider that the notice period for cancelling places at Swan Stars is four weeks and that we are sending this letter out early to help you to make the necessary arrangements.

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



#### Infection Control

There has been a recent case of threadworms in KS1, suspected chickenpox in KS2 and norovirus. Please see the links below for details of symptoms to watch out for and appropriate treatment:

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

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



## 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

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/?utm\_medium=e mail&utm\_campaign=pmc&utm\_content=email-

Head to their <u>Advent Calendar</u> 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.



### Free SEN Support Event for Parents

The Witherslack Group have just developed a new calendar of *free* SEND advice, support & CIPD sessions On **Thursday 13th February** parents in Cheshire are invited to join them for advice on the EHCP process, emotional health, and sleep. Please see the link below for more details and to register for the event:

#### SEN Support Event - 13th February 2025

#### 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



## **School Applications**

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



## Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 1 - Payment OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now due

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 3 Delamere Residential - Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 4 Chester Deva Museum – Payment OVERDUE

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

Year 6 Condover Hall – Final Balance due by 24/01/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 2nd Deposit of £70 due by 31/01/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 3rd payment of £100 due by 31/03/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 4th payment of £100 due by 31/05/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – Final Balance due by 03/07/25