

# Week 16



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 10th January 2025

## **Welcome to the Spring Term 2025!**

Although we're already over a week into January, I think it's still the perfect time to say that 2025 is going to be a fantastic year for WCLA and our learners. This year, our focus is on being **happier, kinder, together**.

To support this, we'll be drawing inspiration from Action for Happiness and sharing their monthly calendars with you each month. Today I am truly grateful for the wealth of resources and ideas this organization provides, as these simple actions boost my wellbeing day by day.

In school, we'll be introducing the children to the **10 Keys to Happiness** and utilising them alongside the other wonderful activities and learning already taking place.

The first key we're focusing on is **G for Giving**, and we'll be recognizing individuals who do kind and thoughtful things for others. Look out for the feathers and yellow tags being awarded for these acts of kindness next week

Here's to a happier January for us all!

Kind regards

Mrs Elsley

Principal

**Happier January 2025**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**      **Happier · Kinder · Together**

## 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>

<b>Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Online Toilet Training Webinar (7-8:30pm) – see below for details</b>
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Date for Primary School Admissions Applications for September 2025
	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Online Toilet Training Webinar (7-8:30pm) – see below for details</b>
<b>Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Online Toilet Training Webinar (7-8:30pm) – see below for details</b>
	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
<b>Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire East Autism Team Parent/Carer Drop-In at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (10-12)
<b>Week Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	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)
<b>Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	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)
<b>Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term
<b>Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	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)
<b>Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Secondary School Admissions September 2025 Offers Released
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	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)
<b>Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)

Week Commencing 13th January will be WEEK 1 for lunches

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TREAT FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	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
<b>MAIN DISH 2</b>	"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
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b>	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar
<b>JACKET POTATO/ SANDWICHES</b>	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
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Chocolate brownie	Marble sponge with custard	Strawberry mousse	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate muffin
<b>FRESH FRUIT &amp; YOGHURT</b>	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

**NUTRITIONIST APPROVED** 5

**Mellors MENU** Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors 5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  
 - HEALTHY OPTION

## What's New!

### Sharing of Photographs

Please remember that photographs of other people's children must not be shared on social media without the written permission of parents. Thank you.

### Non-Uniform Day Tribute

A huge thank you to everyone for their support with the non-uniform day tribute to our past pupil. Together we raised £633.04 for Claire House Children's Hospice.

### KS2 Snack

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and would like them to have snack each half term, please confirm consent and make payment via the *Trips* section on Arbor. Snack is charged at £5.10 per child for each half term. KS2 Snack for this half term shows as *KS2 Snack Spring 1 2025*.

### 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.

### Swan Stars Payments

When making ad hoc bookings for Swan Stars, please be aware that payment is due at the time of booking, even if this relates to sessions that are some time in the future. If you require regular sessions, please consider setting up a contract so that payment can be made on a monthly basis.

### 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: <https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies>
- Cheshire East School Attendance: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx)
- 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.**

### Information and Free Training for Parents - Toilet Training

We have received some information from Cheshire East regarding some free, online sessions for parents around toilet training. If this is something that you think you and your child may benefit from please see the link below. All courses are free to attend.

<https://eric.org.uk/events/>

**The Children's Bladder and Bowel Society**

These FREE webinars are designed for parents and carers who have children facing challenges related to the bowels and bladder. Our aim is to give you more information about interventions that can be offered to manage ongoing bowel emptying problems, prevent soiling, constipation and bed wetting.

Talking more about poo  
January 14th 7pm-8.30pm

Talking about wee and poo  
January 16th 7pm-8.30pm

Talking more about wee  
January 21th 7pm-8.30pm

### Think Pharmacy First

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows pharmacists to provide advice and where appropriate, supply NHS medicines for the following conditions

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)

- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you or your child has symptoms that suggest you or they may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. Your GP surgery may also refer your child (or you) to the service if you contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist. If your child or you have symptoms that suggest one of the above conditions, why not give the Pharmacy First service a try?

[Watch the animation on Pharmacy First](#)

For more information, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/>

After School & Lunchtime Clubs Spring 1

**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 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.

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



Multi-Sports

Tuesday

Reception - Yr 6

07.01.25 - 11.02.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

Dodgeball

Wednesday

Reception - Yr 6

08.01.25 - 12.02.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

Football

Thursday

Reception - Yr 6

09.01.25 - 13.02.25

3:15 - 4:15

£30 (6 weeks)

✉ info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

☎ 01270 449770

🌐 sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

### 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=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=email-](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-)

**If you sign up as a new supporters before midnight February 2nd, you'll earn the school a chance to win a share of a huge £1,000 donation in their Jumpstart your January giveaway.**

### Cheshire East Autism Team Parent/Carer Drop-In

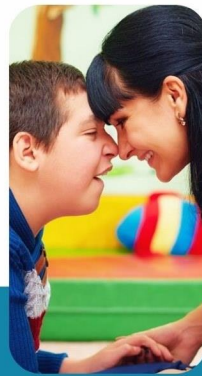
Please see below for details of the next drop-in session scheduled for January.





## 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

### 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](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)

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY**

**£1 per week**

**Weekly cash prizes**

**£25,000 jackpot**

**£1 TICKET**

**Splitting the £1.00**

**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**

■ **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 2 – Payment now OVERDUE**

**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 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 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop – Payment due by 18/02/25**

**Cygnets & Reception Dinosaur Workshop – Payment due by 10/03/25**

**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**