

Week 17



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 16th January 2026

CHANGES TO SCHOOL ACCESS FROM MONDAY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent parent survey on improving road safety at the start and end of the school day. We received over 100 responses and are very grateful for both the level of engagement and the thoughtful suggestions shared. A number of parents suggested blocking off the grassed verges to prevent cars parking there; unfortunately, as this land does not belong to the school, this is not something we are able to action. However, 85% of respondents supported the idea of stopping access to the road during school drop-off and pick-up times, with views split between the use of a physical barrier and a lollipop patrol. In response to this clear support, from Monday 19th January we will be trialling a restricted access policy. This will mean no access to the road leading to the Brittles from 8:30am until the start of the school day, and again from 3:00pm, to ensure our children can arrive at and leave school as safely as possible. If you have a Blue Badge, please show this and you will be let through. Please do share your feedback on this initiative as the trial progresses and thank you once again for working with us to help keep all our children safe.

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.

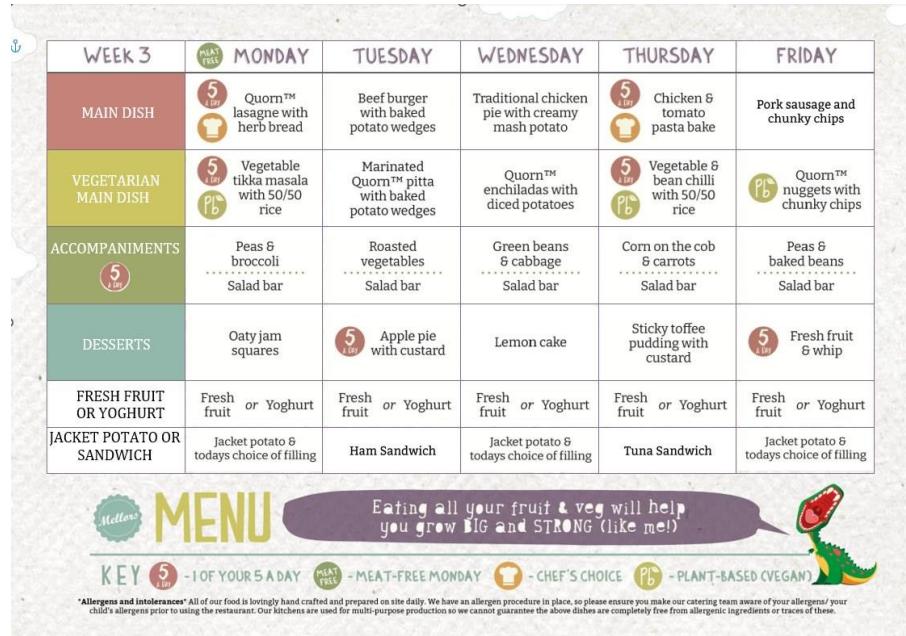
Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at:

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

Week commencing 19th January	Tuesday 20 th	Year 3 Conway Centre Burwardsley Stone Age Day (CHANGE OF DATE)
	Tuesday 20 th	Coach Barks Girls' Lunchtime Football is CANCELLED today (RESCHEDULED to Thursday 22 nd)
	Thursday 22 nd	Coach Barks Girls' Lunchtime Football will take place today
Week commencing 26th January	Tuesday 27 th	ELS Book Bus visiting WCLA (1:30-2:30 pm)
	Thursday 29 th	Years 1 & 2 Film Club is CANCELLED today
Week commencing 2nd February	Monday 2 nd	Reception & Year 1 Drawing Club is CANCELLED today
	Thursday 5 th	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenhall 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 9th 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)
	Friday 13 th	Mystery Reader Sessions – 2:45pm
Week commencing 16th February	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	Half Term
	Tues 17 th – Sat 21 st	Shavington Pantomime (See below for details)
	Tuesday 17 th	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (Appointments Only 9:15-12:15)
Week commencing 23rd February	Tuesday 24 th	Years 4 & 5 Maths 24 Club is CANCELLED today
	Thursday 26 th	Reception Pirate Day
	Friday 27 th	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Week commencing 2nd 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 9th March	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	British Science Week
	Tuesday 10 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 12 th	PJ Day in Exchange for Easter Egg Donations for the Friends of WCLA Easter Bingo
	Friday 13 th	Friends of WCLA Easter Bingo (6:30-8pm)
Week commencing 16th March	Tuesday 17 th	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (Appointments Only 9:15-12:15)
	Wed 18 th – Thurs 19 th	EYFS & KS1 Parents Evenings

Week Commencing 19th January will be WEEK 3 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

Please be aware that there is currently an ongoing issue with meal choices and payments on Arbor. Arbor are working to resolve the issue as a priority. In the meantime, card payments for meals can be made over the phone or in person at the school office. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



What's New!

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

This week: In Game Chat Guide

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

Crewe & Nantwich Football League – Years 5 & 6

Team Church Lane secured their second league win with an exciting 3–2 victory over Bridgemere. In a well-contested and competitive match, goals from three of our players ensured Church Lane took all three points. A fantastic team performance and a great game of football all round!

Our School Newspaper - Wistaston Swan

Please look out for our new school newspaper, Wistaston Swan, in your emails. The newspaper has been written by pupils at the school from Mrs Storey's Journalism Club and is full of news.

Year of Reading - Reading Challenge

At Wistaston Church Lane we know how important reading is to the quality of life now and in the future. The government have announced a National Year of Reading in 2026. Don't forget that to get involved and **'GO ALL IN'** we are challenging the children as a class to read 2026 times and both in school and at home reading counts. The children's reading records will be checked each week and the total will be recorded. The first in each class will receive a prize. **ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE!!!**



[Year 3 Stone Age Day](#)

Just a quick reminder that the Year 3 Stone Age Day will take place on *Tuesday 20th January (NOT Wednesday 21st January as originally scheduled)*. Please see details for the visit below:

- Please send a packed lunch in a named disposable bag. No breakable bottles please.
- Children should wear warm, outdoor clothing, including a waterproof coat, and suitable footwear (e.g. walking boots or wellies).
- Children need to be in school **at the normal time**.
- We hope to be back in school by **the end of the usual school day** and so children will be ready for collection at **normal time** from the usual **Year Three doors**. We will notify you via text if there are any hold-ups on our homeward journey that may result in a late arrival.

[Changes to Lunchtime & After School Clubs](#)

Please be aware that there may be circumstances when clubs have to be cancelled or rescheduled (e.g. Staff absence due to illness or training). In these cases, we will send out texts to those affected by the change. We apologise for any inconvenience such changes may cause.

[Year 6 Maths Booster](#)

Please be aware that Year 6 Maths Booster 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.

[Choking Hazards & Food Preparation](#)

If preparing lunches for children, please help reduce the risks of choking by following the guidance below when preparing foods such as grapes or sausages.

Vegetable and fruits	Advice
Pips or stones in fruit	Always check beforehand and remove hard pips or stones from fruit.
Small fruits	Cut small round fruits like grapes, cherries, berries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, into small pieces: cut lengthways and then again cut them in halves (quarters).
Large fruits and firm fruits	Cut large fruits like melon and firm fruits like apple into slices instead of small chunks. For very young children, consider grating or mashing firm fruits, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Vegetables	Cut vegetables like carrots, cucumber and celery into narrow batons. For very young children consider grating or mashing firm vegetables and legumes like butter beans, chickpeas and tofu, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Skin on fruit and vegetables	Consider removing the skin from fruit and vegetables, especially for very young children. Peeled fruit and vegetables can be swallowed more easily.
Cooking fruit and vegetables	Consider softening firm fruit and vegetables (such as carrots, broccoli, yam and apples) by steaming or simmering until soft. Serve cut into slices or narrow batons.
Meat and fish	Advice
Sausages and hot dogs	Cut sausages and hot dogs into short strips. Cut them in half and then lengthways or as thinly as possible. Peeling the skin off the sausages helps them to be swallowed more easily.
Meat or fish	Remove bones from meat or fish. Cut meat into strips as thinly as possible. Remove skin and fat from meat and fish, it will help the food pass smoothly down the throat.
Cheese	Advice
Grate or cut cheese	Grate or cut cheese into short strips. Cut lumps of cheese as narrow as possible.
Nuts and seeds	Advice
Chop or flake whole nuts	Chop or flake whole nuts, peanuts and seeds. Whole nuts should not be given to children under five years old.
Bread	Advice
White bread and other breads	White bread can form a ball shape with a dough-like texture at the back of a child's throat, if not chewed properly. Brown bread or toasted white bread are good alternatives. Cut bread, chapatis, naan bread and other breads into narrow strips.
Snacks and other foods	Advice
Popcorn	Do not give babies and young children popcorn.
Chewing gum and marshmallows	Do not give babies and young children chewing gum or marshmallows.
Peanut butter	Do not give babies and young children peanut butter on its own, only use as a spread.
Jelly cubes	Do not give babies and young children raw jelly cubes.
Boiled sweets and ice cubes	Do not give babies and young children boiled, hard, gooey, sticky or cough sweets, or ice cubes.
Raisins and other dried fruits	Do not give babies under the age of 1 whole raisins or dried fruits. Cut them into small pieces.

It is also advisable that care givers are familiar with how to respond to a choking incident, please see: How to stop a child from choking: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/>

and How to resuscitate a child: <https://www.nhs.uk/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/>

Cheshire East Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Are you a parent who uses, or wants to use, early years childcare? Or do you have a school-aged child who uses, or may use, a before-school or after-school club or holiday club?

Cheshire East wants to hear your thoughts on early years childcare and wraparound childcare for any of your children aged 0-14 years old, or up to 25 years old if they have a special educational need or disability (SEND).

To tell Cheshire East about your childcare needs the Council would be extremely grateful if you could complete this survey before Friday 20th February 2026.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CheshireEast-CSA2026-Parents/>

If you have any questions about the local authorities' responsibility to provide sufficient childcare, or the purpose of this survey, you can contact:

earlyyearsandchildcareteam@cheshireeast.gov.uk

As always, thank you for your valuable feedback!

[KS2 Morning Snack](#)

Snack for the Spring and Summer terms are now available 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.*

[Term Dates 2027-2028](#)

Please be aware that there have been some slight changes to the INSET days for the academic year 2027-2028. These can be found at: <https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/term-dates>.

[Bikeability](#)

If your child is in Year 4 and you would like them to take part in Bikeability, please complete the consent form ***in full*** (either the electronic form emailed to parents 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

[Winter Safety Guide - Top Tips for Keeping Children Safe This Winter](#)

Please see the link below for some tips from the Child Accident Prevention Trust to keep children safe this winter:

[Winter safety guide: Top tips for keeping children safe this winter](#)

[OPSS Issues Safety Alert on Baby Sleep Pillows](#)

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) has issued a Safety Alert to warn about the risks associated with baby sleep pillows. The Safety Alert advises that baby sleep pillows should not be used, as they pose a risk of suffocation and increase the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Babies should always be placed to sleep on a firm, flat mattress, free from pillows, soft bedding or other items.

Baby sleep pillows are sometimes marketed with claims that they can improve sleep or help prevent flat head syndrome; however, there is no evidence that they are safe for use and they can obstruct a baby's airway or cause overheating. Everyone who cares for children are urged to stop using baby sleep pillows immediately and follow safer sleep advice to reduce the risk of harm:

<https://www.gov.uk/product-safety-alerts-reports-recalls/product-safety-alert-baby-sleep-pillows-psa8>

Infection Control

There has been a reported cases of Chickenpox in EYFS. Please see the links below for advice regarding symptoms and treatment:

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

For further NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit [Patient.info](https://www.patient.info).



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>.

QR code:  SCAN ME

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](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)

25 different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans. They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment

Panacetamol 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.

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SEND Support for Parents

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

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & Young people for support, signposting 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 toileting, 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 bring your child.

January 2026

Wed 21st January 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Friday 23rd January 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)

Tues 27th January 1-2pm Oakenclough Family Hub (appts only)

February 2026

Monday 2nd February 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)

Thurs 5th February 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appts only)

Friday 6th February 9.30-11.00am Disley Library and Community Centre (drop in)

Tuesday 10th February 1-2pm Oakenclough Family Hub (appts only)

Fri 13th February 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (appts only)

Tues 17th February 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)

Wed 18th February 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Fri 27th February 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)

March 2026

Monday 2nd March 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)

Thurs 5th March 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appts only)

Wed 11th March 1-3pm Congleton Family Hub (appts only)

Monday 16th March 10-11am Oakenclough Family Hub (appts only)

Tuesday 17th March 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)

Wed 18th March 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Friday 20th March 1-2.30pm Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Ash Grove or Oakenclough email startforlifenorth@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

At Monks Coppenhall and Nantwich call 01270 371240.

Venues and contact numbers

Alsager Library, Alsager, ST7 2QH

Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484

Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061

Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB

Monks Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

Oakenclough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –

[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) - drop-in sessions in Cheshire East - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[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, 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	Oakendough 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	Oakendough 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](#)

[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.

Shavington Pantomime 2026

Please see below for details of this year's pantomime:



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, 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/?causeld=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.uk and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy.



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now OVERDUE

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