

Week 18



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 23rd January 2026

This week we have been excited to launch an exciting new addition to our curriculum: Finance Week, a dedicated opportunity for children across the school to build essential financial life skills. Aligned with the Department for Education's drive to raise the profile of financial education in primary schools, this carefully planned learning shows clear progression from EYFS through to Year 6. Children have been engaged in a range of practical and purposeful activities, including role-playing shopping experiences, exploring coins and notes, discussing interest rates, and analysing job adverts and salaries to better understand income, choices and real-world responsibilities. These rich learning experiences are firmly rooted in the Maths National Curriculum, from early concepts of money as exchange to tackling multi-step problems involving decimals, percentages and ratios in Key Stage 2. Learning is further enhanced through links to children's literature and our commitment as a Rights Respecting School, supporting pupils to develop their voice, access key information and grow in independence and critical thinking. By making money meaningful now, we hope to equip our children with skills that will pay dividends for life. If you have a job in finance and would like to get involved in future events, please do get in touch.

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 26th January	Tuesday 27th	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
	Wednesday 4 th	Year 6 School Games Netball Competition at Shavington Academy (By invitation only – 3:30-5:30pm)
	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
	Saturday 7 th	Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for Parents at the Hope Centre, Macclesfield (9-4)
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	Year 2 Football Festival (Selection by Random Draw) at Nantwich Town FC (12:30-3pm)
	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 23rd March	Tuesday 24 th	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
	Wed 25 th – Thurs 26 th	KS2 Parents Evenings
	Thursday 26 th	EYFS Easter Bonnets
	Thursday 26 th	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (9:30-4:15)
Week commencing 30th March	Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Easter Holidays

Week Commencing 26th 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	Vegetarian bolognese	Vegetarian toad in the hole with roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato, cheese & onion pie with new potatoes	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Cauliflower & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Fruit crumble & custard	Apple & cinnamon muffin	Flapjack	Marble sponge & custard	Fruit in jelly
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO OR SANDWICH	Jacket potato & 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 5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY M - MEAT-FREE MONDAY C - CHEF'S CHOICE P - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Allergens and intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

What's New!

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

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This week: Kindness between peers guide

New Access Road Arrangements

We recognise that parking near the school can be challenging and we would like to thank everyone for the patience, flexibility and support you have shown as you establish new routines and identify alternative places to park. These changes are an important part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe at the start and end of the school day. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be mindful of our neighbours in the surrounding roads and to avoid blocking driveways or damaging verges, however quick your drop-off or collection may be. Your continued cooperation makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Access to School Buildings

We kindly ask that parents do not enter school buildings unless invited to do so by staff or visiting the school office. If you need to speak with a teacher or hand over any items (e.g. forms, medicine), please pass these to a member of staff at the door or if this is not possible, to the school office. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

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.

Years 1 & 2 Film Club – Thursday 29th January

Please be aware that due to staff availability, there will be no Years 1 & 2 Film Club on Thursday 29th January. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

WiseUp to Switching Off – Free Digital Detox for Families

We're sharing this free, printable resource from WiseUp to support families in creating healthier, more balanced screen habits at home. *WiseUp to Switching Off* encourages positive conversations around screen use and wellbeing, helping children and parents find balance together. Although aimed at teens, much of the information is relevant to other age groups as well.

Download here: <https://team.wiseup-teambuilding.co.uk/landing-page-page>

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!!!**



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!

[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

[Infection Control](#)

For 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

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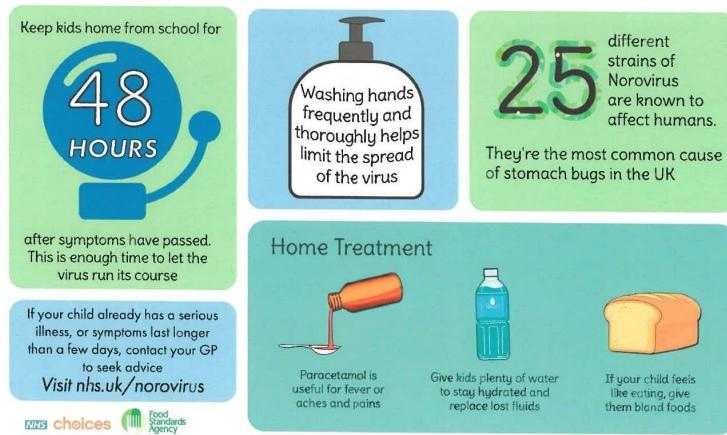
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Advice and guidance

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



Free February Half-Term First Aid Courses for Children and Young People

Smiles to Come CIC, a local Community Interest Company supporting children and families across Cheshire and Staffordshire are offering FREE courses for children and young people during the February Half Term.

The courses available are:

 **First Aid for Children & Young People**

 **Children First – Building a Safe Future**

These sessions are delivered by Ensure Safety & Training, in partnership with Smiles to Come CIC, and are designed to:

- Build basic first aid and safety awareness
- Increase confidence and resilience
- Equip children with practical, real-life skills
- Support wellbeing and personal development

The courses are fully funded, with limited spaces available, and are suitable for school-aged children and young people.

www.smilestocomecic.com/book-online

Coach Barks' February Football Camp

Coach Barks will be running a camp at Crewe FC at their new facility over half term.

The day will be full of challenges, small side games, competition and tournaments. The club has recently had a new 3G surface placed down to begin an exciting chapter at the club!

📍 Location: Crewe FC, King George V Playing Fields CW2 8TT

📅 Dates: Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th February

⚽ Open to: 6-13 Years Old | Boys & Girls

Price

- £30 Per Day
- £80 for all 3 days

Current Clients (This includes current lunch club clients)

- £25 Per Day
- £70 for all 3 days

The camp will offer a fun, positive and challenging environment where players can develop their skills, build confidence and enjoy their football, all within a professional club setting. Sessions will be led by experienced coaches and designed to suit players of all abilities.

Spaces will be limited, early booking is recommended.

Please find the booking link below:

<https://forms.gle/4bVHVMcfToWXqQzW8>



Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for Parents

Please see below for details of a free course for parents and carers of young people aged 11-18yrs to help build knowledge and confidence to support their child's mental health issues.

Link: <https://www.justdropin.co.uk>

**Youth Mental Health First Aid
Course for parents**

at the Hope Centre, Macclesfield SK11 7NA

For all parents and carers living in Cheshire East of young people aged 11-18 to help build knowledge and confidence to support their child's mental health issues.

Saturday 7th February 2026
9am - 4pm

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:
parenting@justdropin.co.uk



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

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.

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

Tues 27th January 1-2pm Oakencloough 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 Oakencloough 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 Oakencloough 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 Oakencloough 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:



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 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.

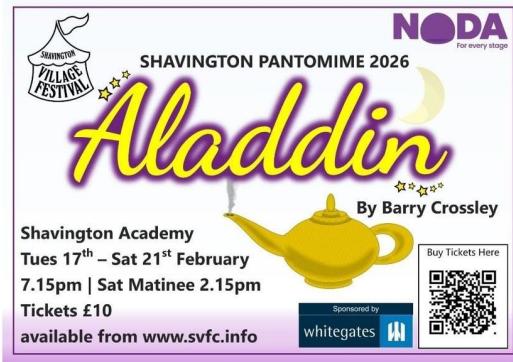
Arbor Information & Consents

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