

# Week 19



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 30th January 2026

We have now completed two weeks of our new parking and access restrictions, and we would really value your initial feedback on how these changes have impacted your journey to and from school. If you could please share your thoughts by completing the form below, it would be greatly appreciated. We will collate your responses and feedback the findings in the newsletter before half term.

[Parent feedback form - Restricted access arrangements – Fill in form](#)

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of our School for their continued support and generosity. Thanks to their fantastic fundraising efforts, we have been able to purchase some exciting new playground games and resources for our children in both KS1 and KS2. The Friends joined us in celebration assembly this morning to share the wonderful news with the children, who were absolutely delighted and full of enthusiasm. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children enjoy these new resources and having lots of fun together at playtimes—thank you, Friends, for making such a positive difference to our school community. Don't forget the next Friends tuck shop is taking place on Friday 6th Feb - Hope to see you there.



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.**

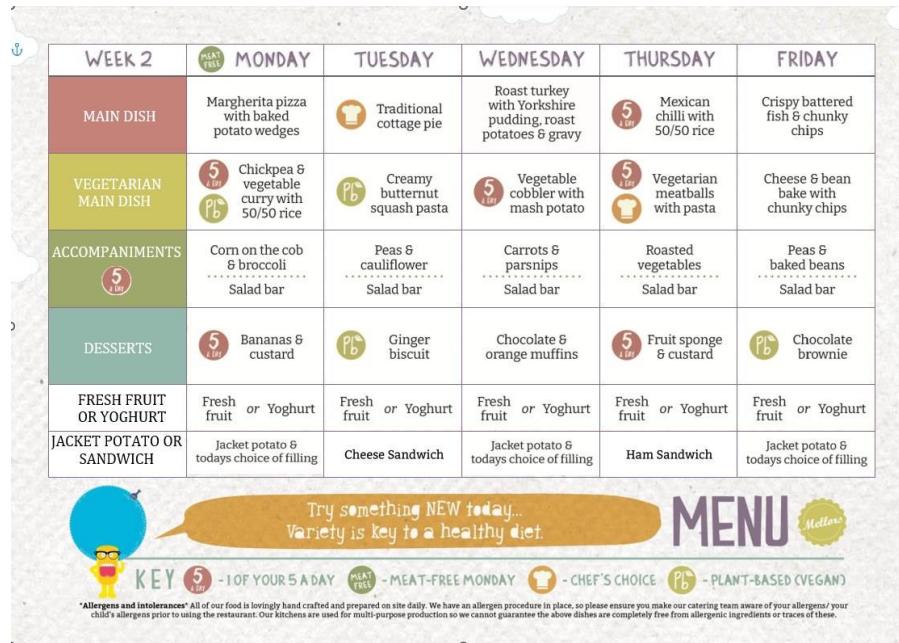
**Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at:**

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

<b>Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Reception & Year 1 Drawing Club is CANCELLED today
	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 School Games Netball Competition at Shavington Academy (By invitation only – 3:30-5:30pm)
	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenthal Family Hub (9:30-4:15)
	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	NSPCC Number Day
	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for Parents at the Hope Centre, Macclesfield (9-4)
<b>Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 Autumn Football League vs Millfields at Crewe FC Hub (15:45-17:15 – By invitation only)</b>
	<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Children's Mental Health Week
	<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability
	<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Safer Internet Day
	<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 Peak Wildlife Park
	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Mystery Reader Sessions – 2:45pm
<b>Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Half Term
	<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Shavington Pantomime (See below for details)
	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (Appointments Only 9:15-12:15)
<b>Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Years 4 & 5 Maths 24 Club is CANCELLED today
	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Pirate Day
	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
<b>Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Year 4 Chester Deva Museum
	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Secondary School Offers Released
	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	World Book Day
	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	British Science Week
<b>Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	British Science Week
	<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National Oral Health Survey of 5 Year Old Schoolchildren</b>
	<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	PJ Day in Exchange for Easter Egg Donations for the Friends of WCLA Easter Bingo
	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Friends of WCLA Easter Bingo (6:30-8pm)
<b>Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (Appointments Only 9:15-12:15)
	<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	EYFS & KS1 Parents Evenings
<b>Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
	<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 Parents Evenings
	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	EYFS Easter Bonnets
	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenthal Family Hub (9:30-4:15)
	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 Timperley Shield (By invitation only - 12-4 – Details TBC)</b>
<b>Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	INSET Day
	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	School reopens as normal
	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception 2026 Offers Released
	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Cheshire Fire Service Visit to Year 5 (Escape to Safety Talk)

## Week Commencing 2nd February will be WEEK 2 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

*Please be aware that we are currently experiencing technical issues with meal ordering on Arbor. We are working to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. If you have any difficulties in the meantime, please contact the school office. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.*



## What's New!

### Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight  
This week: What you need to know about Netflix

### Reception & Year 1 Drawing Club – Monday 2nd February

Please be aware that due to staff availability, there will be Reception & Year 1 Drawing Club on Monday 2nd February. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Additional Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We are pleased to offer an additional opportunity to order Y6 leavers' hoodies.

If you would like to order, please submit your preferences via the link below and make payment via Arbor by Friday 20th February 2026.

<https://forms.gle/ZXHBNCRvcVjBZ6o79>

As this is optional, we will send a reminder before the deadline but will not chase orders.

## Year 2 Football Festival

Please be aware that the event scheduled for 5th March is being rescheduled to after Easter. As soon as we have the new date, we will let parents know. The random draw for team selection will still go ahead on 24th February in preparation for the event. If you would like your child to be included in the draw, please confirm your consent via *Clubs* on Arbor by 23rd February.

## Active Travel Competition 2026

Bikeability instructors are inviting children who have taken part in Bikeability (Level 1& 2) in South Cheshire to take part in an ACTIVE TRAVEL poster competition. The aim of the competition is to encourage youngsters to be more active and be safer on the roads especially when riding their bikes.

The competition winner and runner-up will receive a certificate and a bag of goodies as prizes.

All entries will be collected from school before the Easter school holidays by the competition organisers, who alongside a local member of the emergency services, will judge the competition.

If your child would like to get involved they are invited to create an A4 size POSTER that ENCOURAGES ACTIVE TRAVEL (cycling, walking, scootering and wheeling or using public transport) using paint, crayon felt pen or pencil.

Posters should be 'eye-catching' and highlighting the benefits and the various ways to take part in Active Travel in a clear and creative way. The pupil's name and school should be written on the back of the poster.

Examples of Active Travel:

- Using a safe walking route like a footpath
- Cycling, scooting or skateboarding safely to school
- Riding with a parent if you're still learning road safety skills
- Walking with a family member or in a supervised buddy group
- Park and walk by getting dropped off a short distance away and walking the rest
- Using public transport, such as a bus, which is more eco-friendly than travelling by car

Benefits of Active Travel:

- Improve health
- Better air quality

- Economic benefits
- Reduces carbon emissions
- Improves community safety

Please bring completed entries to the school office by **Friday 20th March**.

#### [New Ofsted Report Cards and Grades Video Explainer: a Guide for Parents](#)

Ofsted's new [YouTube video](#) explainer has more information for parents on exactly what Ofsted's new grades mean, including how they report on safeguarding.

[ADHD and Autism Support Resources for Children and Young People in Cheshire East](#)  
 In the summer of 2025, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board in Cheshire East Place launched a new web-based resource to support children and young people up to age 25 with suspected ADHD or autism, along with their families. Developed in collaboration with Contact, Genuine Partnerships, and the Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum, these resources were co-produced with parents, practitioners, and neurodivergent young people, led by a neurodivergent graphic designer and a local parent carer project manager.

Visit [www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/pathway](http://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/pathway) to explore the platform.



#### [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](mailto: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](#)

Please be aware that there has been a reported case of ringworm in KS2 and Slapped Cheek Syndrome in EYFS. Please see the links below for symptoms and treatment:

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

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

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).

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

## 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
Meads	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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QR code: <https://qco.de/minfec>

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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://qco.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

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)

Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

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

**Home Treatment**

Paracetamol 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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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



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](http://www.smilestocomecic.com/book-online)

**Free Course**

**FIRST AID FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**16 FEB, 2026 | AGE 16-18 | 9AM-4PM** **WHY YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON SHOULD JOIN OUR TRAINING:**

- ✓ Empowering children to stay calm and confident in emergencies.
- ✓ Teaching life-saving skills like helping someone who's unresponsive or not breathing.
- ✓ Giving kids the knowledge to handle choking, bleeding and minor injuries.

**20 FEB, 2026 | AGE 6-8 | 9AM-12PM**

**For ages 16-18**  
This course is accredited by Highfield Qualifications.  
Participants will receive a certificate valid for 3 years, which is a great addition to their CV and supports applications for jobs, apprenticeships, and further training.

**BOOK NOW**  
[www.smilestocomecic.com/book-online](http://www.smilestocomecic.com/book-online)

ALL STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED AND SAFEGUARDING TRAINED.

**Smiles to Come CIC** **Community Fund** **Ensure SAFETY & TRAINING**

## 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>



## 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.

#### [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.

#### **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](mailto: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:



### 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	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](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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy.



### Payment Due Dates

**KS2 Snack Spring 1 – Payment now OVERDUE**

**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 R Runway Visitor Centre – Payment by 13/03/26**

**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**