

# Week 1



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 5th September 2025

Welcome back to a brand new academic year! It is always a joy to see our school full of energy again, and we know the year ahead will be a special one. Together, we will continue to build a welcoming community where every child feels they belong, where learning is limitless, and where aspirations are encouraged and celebrated.

This week, all our classes have been exploring the story *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, which reminds us about the power of kindness, acceptance, and celebrating difference. We are looking forward to putting these important messages into practice to make our school an even better place to learn and grow.

If you are new to the school, the newsletter is sent out each Friday and contains all the information you need for the weeks ahead. Please do keep an eye on the school calendar for key dates, upcoming events, and chances for families to get involved in school life. A great place to start is our Friends of WCLA Annual General Meeting next Tuesday (9th) – we would love to see you there!

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 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wistaston Community Model Boat &amp; Duck Race (1pm)</b>
<b>Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Smart Uniform Click &amp; Collect</b>
	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friends of WCLA AGM (6pm)</b>
<b>Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 London Residential Parents Meeting (3:30pm)</b>
	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm</b>
<b>Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>500 Words Live Lesson</b>
	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Oaks Academy Open Evening (5-7pm – see below)</b>
	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandbach High Open Evening for Years 4, 5 &amp; 6 Parents &amp; Carers</b>
	<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm</b>
<b>Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
	<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup>- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Census Day</b>
	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>EYFS/KS1 Open Afternoon (2:45pm)</b>
	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm</b>
<b>Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Open Morning (9am)</b>
	<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm</b>
<b>Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Smart Uniform Click &amp; Collect</b>
	<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EYFS/KS1 Parents Evenings</b>
	<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup>-Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 London Residential</b>
	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm</b>
<b>Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Harvest Week</b>
	<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
	<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thur 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Parents Evenings</b>
	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm</b>
<b>Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Half Term</b>
	<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Secondary School Applications for 2026 Close</b>
<b>Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
	<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Fri 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Week (Flo of the Somme)</b>
	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm</b>

Week Commencing 8th September will be WEEK 2 for lunches

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Chicken tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Roast chicken with new potatoes & gravy	Italian pasta bolognese	Pork Sausage and Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN DISH	BBQ bean & cheese wrap with 50/50 rice	Quorn™ lasagne with herby dough balls	Creamy Quorn™ pie with new potatoes	Vegetable Chow Mein	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower Salad bar	Sweetcorn & carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Lemon shortbread	Chilled mango & coconut rice pudding	Banana bread	Fresh fruit & ice cream	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	Turkey Sandwich	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato

**MENU**

KEY 5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY MEAT-FREE MONDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE - 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 allergies 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
This week: Free Speech vs Hate Speech

## Sharing of Information on Social Media

We kindly ask that when sharing letters from school on social media, you are mindful that some correspondence relates to specific groups and only sent to that group. If the correspondence is then shared on social media it could cause confusion or anxiety when shared with others. If you have any questions about anything happening in school please contact the school office or talk directly to a member of staff on the playground. Thank you.

## After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs during the first half term when we return in September to give everyone time to settle back into school. Swan Stars will run as normal.

## Y1 Drop Off & Collection

In order to reduce congestion and ensure the safety of children, we kindly ask that parents/carers do not walk up the ramp when dropping off and collecting from Year 1. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## Y6 Parent Information meeting for London Residential

There will be an information meeting at 3.30pm on 16th September for the parents of children attending the London residential. This will be held in Miss Smith's classroom. The

presentation will be added to the Y6 class page on the school website for anyone who is unable to attend.

### [Lunch Payments & KS2 Snack](#)

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6, and would like them to have snack each half term, you will need to confirm consent and make payment via the *Trips* section on Arbor. Snack is charged at £5.50 per child for each half term. KS2 Snack for this half term shows as *KS2 Snack Autumn 1 2025*.

Lunches are charged at £2.58 per day for both Cygnets and KS2 children, payable in advance under *Meals* on Arbor. Reception, year 1 & 2 meals are free of charge as these are fully funded.

When topping up meal accounts, please be mindful that we are unable to refund any balances remaining at the end of the school year. *All meal payments should be made in advance.*

We kindly ask that parents check lunch accounts weekly and make the office aware of any queries by end of play on Friday at the latest.

### [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.

### [Pupils Prescribed Inhalers](#)

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler and you have not already done so, please complete new asthma forms for this academic year and ensure that your child has an inhaler (and completed Prescribed Medication Form) in school. Paper copies of the forms are available from the school office.

### [Swan Stars Bookings for Academic Year 2025-2026](#)

Bookings for contracted sessions can be requested on KidsClubHQ. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis depending on availability. Payment for contracted sessions is by monthly invoice to be paid before 1st of each month. Current contracts will carry over unless we are informed otherwise.

Bookings for ad-hoc sessions are also available to book subject to availability. Please note that payment for all ad-hoc bookings is due at the time of booking however far in advance. If payment is not made, bookings will unfortunately be cancelled on the system.

Please note that to cancel any bookings 4 weeks notice is required for contracted sessions and 7 days notice is required for ad-hoc bookings. Any sessions cancelled inside the notice period will still be chargeable in full.

Please note that payments made by BACs and Tax Free Childcare can take up to 10 working days (or longer during school holidays) to show on accounts.

### 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.

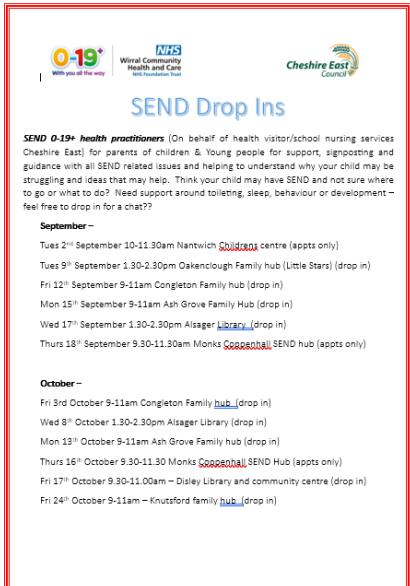
Penalty notices will continue to be issued per parent per child as follows:

- **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.**

## SEND Drop Ins

Please see below 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??

**September –**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10-11.30am Nantwich [Childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Family hub (Little Stars) (drop in)

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> September 9-11am Congleton Family hub (drop in)

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

**October –**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9-11am Congleton Family [hub](#) (drop in)

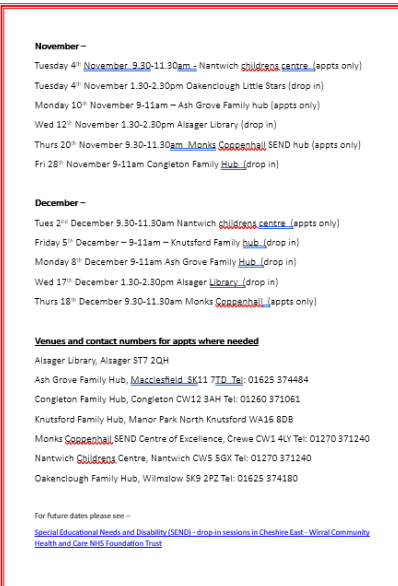
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am Ash Grove Family hub (drop in)

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11.00am – Disley Library and community centre (drop in)

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am – Knutsford family [hub](#) (drop in)



**November –**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am - Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Little Stars (drop in)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9-11am – Ash Grove Family hub (appts only)

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am [Monks Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> November 9-11am Congleton Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

**December –**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 9-11am – Knutsford Family [hub](#) (drop in)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9-11am Ash Grove Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) (appts only)

**Venues and contact numbers for appts where needed**

Alsager Library; Alsager ST7 2QH

Ash Grove Family Hub, [Macclesfield SK11 7TD](#) Tel: 01625 574404

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

Knutsford Family Hub, Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 8DB

Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich [Childrens](#) Centre, Nantwich CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow SK9 2P2 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](#)

### [Visyon Parent/Carer Webinars](#)

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](#)

### [Wistaston Community Model Boat & Duck Race](#)

This year's event will take place at 1pm at Joey the Swan.



### [The Oaks Academy Open Evening](#)

Please see below details of an upcoming open evening at The Oaks Academy:





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## Open Evening

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 5-7pm

- Headteacher presentation at 6pm
- Book your tickets today at [www.theoaksacademy.co.uk](http://www.theoaksacademy.co.uk)



**Ofsted**  
Good Provider

"The school has high aspirations for all pupils...a welcoming and supportive environment...a strong pastoral system that supports pupil's wellbeing."

*Ofsted Inspection, April 2024*

Buchan Grove, Crewe, CW2 7NQ | 01270 661223

### Nantwich Town U11 Girls Team

Nantwich Town U11 Girls team are looking for players to join the team. Please see below for more details:



# RECRUITING FEMALE FOOTBALLERS!

YEARS 5 AND 6 WELCOME

**U11'S** **GIRLS**

**NANTWICH TOWN FC:**  
**FRI 6-7PM**

**MORE INFO :**  
FDO@nantwichtownfc.com  
Nantwich Town Fc, Waterlode, Nantwich  
CW55BS  
Matches are played at Moss Farm on a Saturday



## Crewe Football Development at The Oaks Academy

Please see details of a local upcoming football course below:



# Crewe Football Development

At The Oaks Academy (Sports Hall)  
Buchan Grove, Crewe, CW2 7NQ  
Starting on Monday 29th September 2025



**In association with First Kick Football**

School years - Reception & Year 1	5:30pm - 6:15pm
School years - Year 1 & Year 2	6:15pm - 7:00pm
School years - Year 3 & Year 4	7:00pm - 7:45pm
School years - Year 5 & Year 6	7:45pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,  
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Monday at The Oaks Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football', building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £2.5 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £3.75 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

**\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

**Conrad**  
**0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534**  
**www.firstkick.co.uk**

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks  
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked



## 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. Please sign up today:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE947/facebook/>

## 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)

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY**

**£1 per week**

**Weekly cash prizes**

**£25,000 jackpot**

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**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

**The Maths...** 100 tickets sold a week means  
= **£30** weekly cash prize  
= **£2,080** a year for our school

**Buy A Ticket**

GambleAware 18+

## Payment Due Dates

**KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Payment now due**

**Year 5 Swimming Lessons – Payment due by 15/09/2025**

**Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes FINAL BALANCE – Payment due by 17/10/2025**