Week 21



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 14th February 2025

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March, and this year we have a fun and creative challenge for the children over half term! We're inviting them to transform a potato into a character from their favourite book. They can paint it, decorate it with craft materials, or use pens to bring their character to life. There are lots of fantastic ideas online if they need inspiration! Please keep their potato characters safe over the break, ready to bring into school on 6th March, where they will be part of our special World Book Day activities.

Don't forget we are also looking forward to welcoming parents into school to share a story with their child and help spread the joy of reading—EYFS and KS1 parents are invited on Thursday 6th March, and KS2 parents on Friday 7th March. We hope you can join us for this special occasion and can't wait to see your amazing potato creations!

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 17th February	Mon 17 th – Fri 21st	Half Term
	Tuesday 18 th	MYCWA Fundraiser (See below for details)
	Wed 19 th – Thurs 20 th	Nantwich Museum Workshops
	Sat 22 nd – Sun 23 rd	Crewe//Makes 25 (See below for details)
	Sunday 23 rd	Year 6 – Deadline for placing leaver hoodie orders
Week Commencing 24 th February	Monday 24 th	James Brunt (Artist) workshop in school with
	Monday 24 th	Reception & Year 4 Year 3 & 4 Photography Club is cancelled today
	Tuesday 25 th	Year 4 Voice 21 Focus Group on Oracy
	Tuesday 25 th	School Office will be closed 1-3pm today
	Friday 28 th	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day
	Friday 28 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-
	Monday 3 rd	15:00)
Week Commencing 3 rd March		Secondary School Admissions September 2025 Offers Released
	Tuesday 4 th	School Office will be closed 1-3pm today
	Tuesday 4 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 6 th	World Book Day – Children are invited to dress as a character from an adventure book.
	Thursday 6 th	EYFS/KS1 Parent Open Reading Session (2:45–3:15pm)
	Thursday 6 th	Year 4 & 5 Lets Play! Club is cancelled today due to
	Thursday 6 th	staff training. Cheshire Cricket Board After School Club (Years 3-6
	Friday 7 th	bookable directly) KS2 Parent Open Reading Session (8:45 – 9:15 am)
	Friday 7 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-
we have a contract to	Turandari 11th	15:00)
Week Commencing 10 th March	Tuesday 11 th	Cygnets Open Event – Booking required (10:30- 11:30am)
	Tuesday 11 th	School Office will be closed 1-3pm today
	Thursday 13 th	Cheshire Cricket Board After School Club (Years 3-6 bookable directly)
	Friday 14 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-
	Friday 14 th	15:00) ELS Book Bus visit to WCLA (11-12)
	Friday 14 th	Educational Psychology Team Drop In – Monks
	Saturday 15 th	Coppenhall Family Hub (Crewe) (1-2:30pm) Police Led Vanguard Games Starter Session (See
Week Common in 17th Merch	Thursday 20 th	below for details) Cheshire Cricket Board After School Club (Years 3-6
Week Commencing 17 th March		bookable directly)
	Friday 21 st	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30- 15:00)
Week Commencing 24th March	Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	No teacher led after school clubs will be running this week. SCG clubs and Swan Stars will run as normal.
	Monday 24 th	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
	Mon 24 th – Tues 25 th	Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
	Mon 24 th – Wed 26 th	Year 6 Condover Hall
	Wed 26 th – Thurs 27 th	EYFS/KS1 Parents Evenings
	Friday 28 th	Reception Pirate Day
Week commencing 31 st March	Mon 31 st - Fri 4 th	No teacher led after school clubs will be running this work. SCG clubs and Swap Stars will run as pormal
	Monday 31 st	week. SCG clubs and Swan Stars will run as normal. Visitor from St Mary's Church
	Tuesday 1 st	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Wed 2 nd – Thurs 3 rd	KS2 Parents Evenings
Week commencing 7 th April	Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Easter Holidays
Week commencing 14 th April	Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th	Easter Holidays
	Wednesday 16 th	September 2026 Reception Offers Released
Week commencing 21st April	Monday 21 st	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 22 nd	School reopens as normal for the Summer Term
	Tuesday 22 nd	Academy Photography Photographs – Class groups, leavers groups and Leaver individual photos (Full school uniform please)
Week commencing 28 th April	Thursday 1 st May	Year 1 Nantwich Museum Workshop
	Thursday 1 st May	Year 5 Smokebusters with Cheshire Fire & Rescue
	Friday 2 nd	Drop in with the Educational Psychology Team - Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (Crewe) 1-2:30pm

APPROVED 60 WEEK1 WEDNESDAY TREAT FRIDAY MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY Roast beef Meatballs in tomato Crispy battered fish & chunky chips Margherita Pizza with wedges Chicken korma with 50/50 rice AN DISH sauce with wholemeal pasta Sweet potato, cheese and onio pie with diced potatoes Southern fried quorn burger with chunky chips Vegetable cobbler Cheese quiche Veggie" curry with rice and Chapati with mashed potatoes served with Spanish potatoes Seasonal vegetables Seasonal vegetables Seasonal vegetables Seasonal vegetables Seasonal vegetables CCOMPANIMENTS Salad bar Salad bar Salad bar Salad bar Salad bar Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Turkey & salad wrap Jacket potato with cheese or coleslaw Or Jacket potato with curry or beans Or Jacket potato with cheese or beans Jacket potato with tuna or beans O Tuna wrap Roast beef pitta Cheese bap Ham bap Marble sponge with custard SSERTS Chocolate brown Strawberry mousse Ginger biscuit Chocolate muffin FRESH FRUIT Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt & YOGHURT or yoghurt or yoghurt or yoghurt or yoghurt - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY althy school from Mellors HEALTHY OPTION

Week Commencing 24th February will be WEEK 1 for lunches

What's New!

Half Term

School closes for half term after normal session today and reopens as usual on Monday 24th February. We hope everyone has a good half term.

Parking

When parking for school, please be considerate to local residents and businesses and take extra care for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Vehicles should not park on double yellow lines, kerbs or verges as this can cause dangerous obstructions. All cars should be parked legally and safely. Cheshire Police are aware of some recent parking which has posed a danger to others and the PCSOs will be patrolling the area.

Thank you for your kind help and cooperation to keep everyone safe.

KS2 Snack & Lunch Payments

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and would like them to have snack each half term, please confirm consent and make payment via the *Trips* section on Arbor. Snack is charged at £5.10 per child for each half term. KS2 Snack for next half term shows as *KS2 Snack Spring 2* 2025.

Reception & Year 4 Artist Workshop – Monday 24th February

On Monday 24th February, the artist James Brunt will be visiting school. Pupils in Reception and Year 4 will be doing workshops with him during the normal school day. Please be aware that they will need warm/waterproof coats, hats and gloves as they will be looking at natural materials outside.

Year 3 & 4 Photography Club Cancellation – Monday 24th February

Please be aware that there will no Photography Club on Monday 24th February. Club will however run as normal on Monday 3rd March. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

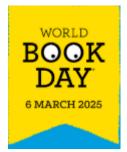
Year 6 Leaver Hoodies

If you wish to purchase a hoodie, we ask that the £22.28 payment is made via Arbor>Trips and the preferences for your order are submitted via the Google Form link below. We kindly ask that all payments and choices are made by **Sunday 23rd February** latest. This will enable us to process the order promptly in time for the children to hopefully be able wear them for our upcoming residential to Condover Hall. Unfortunately, we will not be able to process any orders submitted after Sunday 23rd February 2025. Year 6 will also be allowed to wear the hoodie as a school uniform replacement for the rest of the academic year.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Google Form

World Book Day 6th March 2025

At Wistaston Church Lane we love books and there is no better day than World Book Day to celebrate this even more.



On **Thursday 6th March** we would love the children to bring in a book that they love. The theme this year is 'Book an Adventure', so any book which shows an adventure that the children can share and talk about would be perfect. The children also have an opportunity to dress up as a character from their book if they wish.

We have so many bookish activities and opportunities to immerse ourselves into these adventures throughout the day, so we hope you can take part and show our love of books, reading and writing.

DON'T FORGET: Mrs Elsley has a potato book challenge for you too!

Nursery Open Days

Please see below for details of our upcoming Cygnet open days. If you would like to attend one of these events, please book a place through the school office.



Cygnets Nursery

Open Events

10:30am 11th March and 2pm 8th May

for nursery places in September 2025

We have places available for children aged 3 and 4. Our new facility is a wonderful space for fostering imaginative play both indoors and outdoors, under the guidance of our expert Cygnets team.

Call today to book your place 01270 663619 | www.wclacademy.co.uk



Parents Evenings

Please look out for details of how to book upcoming parents evening appointments in our next newsletter after half term.

School Office Closure

Please be aware that the school office will be closed on Tuesdays from 1pm until 3pm for the next few weeks. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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: <u>https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies</u>
- Cheshire East School Attendance: <u>www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx</u>
- 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.

Crewe//Makes 25

Crewe's first FREE, family-friendly festival of making, Crewe//Makes 2025 will take place Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February. Dotted around the town centre in unexpected, easy-to-find locations, including the Victoria Street Crewe//Makes ArtSpace, hands-on workshops take place for participants of ALL AGES. This is the biggest weekend of the year to learn new skills and create something new. In nooks and crannies, as well as the Market Hall, Ly2 Lyceum Square and Crewe Library, artists including robot-building specialist, Mark Haig of Gizmobots, and land artist, James Brunt, are on hand to help the town's residents and visitors bring their ideas to life. Digital art, 3D printing, the work of Crewe's schools and colleges and a welcome gathering of the town's community groups and charities makes for a weekend of sharing, learning and great fun!

Please see below or visit <u>https://crewemakes.com/2025-events</u> for more details.



Free Holiday Workshops at Nantwich Museum

Please see below details of some free workshops at Nantwich Museum over half term:



Police Led Events

Formerly known as Salt Wars and County Cross Games, Cheshire Police's free to attend events are about to return, and more frequently.

These will be taking place in Easter, May and Summer school breaks. But in the meantime, they have a starter session running at The Alexandra Soccer Centre in Shavington. CW2 5AF. This will be Saturday 15th March 2025, from 10:00-12:00.

Anyone who participates will receive a complimentary Parent & Child ticket for the Crewe Alex vs Doncaster Rovers game, on the 15th March, 3pm kick off.

To apply, please click the link below, or use your phone camera on the QR code in the poster

Vanguard Games Google Form

Any enquiries or issues can be sent to <a>Salt.Wars@Cheshire.Police.uk



Free Football Taster Sessions

Please see below details of some free football taster sessions being held across Cheshire:



Cheshire Cricket Board – KS2 After School Cricket

Cheshire Cricket Board have arranged an after school club for children in Years 3 to 6 which will run over three Thursday afternoons (3:20-4:15pm). The club is charged at £4 per week and places are available on a first mcome, first served basis. To book a place, please visit https://booking.ecb.co.uk/wAQN3Q. Please note that this club cannot be booked on Arbor as it is organised by an outside agency.

Please can we remind parents that if you have booked sessions with Swan Stars after school club for these dates, they need to be cancelled in writing at least 4 weeks in advance for contract sessions and 1 week in advance for ad hoc bookings if they are no longer required.

Sports Coaching Group After School Clubs (Spring 2)

Please see below details of afterschool clubs that will be run by Sports Coaching Group next half term. Places should be booked directly at:

<u>Wistaston Church Lane Primary School - Spring Term 2 (Tue 25th Feb 2025 - Thu 3rd Apr 2025) | Sports Coaching Group | Powered by ClassForKids</u>



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Shavington Village Festival Pantomime

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



Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind – Training Course for Adults

Mrs Clifford will be starting her 4-session x 1hr weekly programme in conjunction with <u>www.griefrecoverymethod.com</u> next week to help children deal with losses of any kind from friendship issues, to the absence, separation or death of a pet, divorce, loss of grandparents right through to everyday experiences such as moving class/school, losing a prized possession or loss of academic hopes, dreams and expectations. This brilliant course delivers top tips and support strategies, designed to give you a helpful toolkit of language choices – including what **not** to say! Loss is an unavoidable part of life and validating emotions, not comparing losses and active listening are just some of the tools that Mrs Clifford will explore with you. For full details and to book a free place please email Nicky Clifford – <u>nclifford@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk</u>.

Location – Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Dates:



7th March 2025 - 1:30 - pick-up

14th March 2025 - 1:30 - pick-up

21st March 2025 - 1:30 - pick-up

Arbor Information

To ensure school has up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency, please check your child's Arbor account and inform school immediately by email of any changes or errors. Thank you.

MYCWA (Cheshire Without Abuse)

Building a community where adults & children can live free from the fear of domestic abuse

Cheshire East Council has confirmed that is will no longer fund this service from 31st March 2025. This means both the Crewe Support Centre and the Macclesfield store and community hub will close, along with services provided from these centres, unless significant funds are raised.

Every donation, no matter how small, could help keep the service running for those who desperately need them.

Please donate via: justgiving.com/campaign/savemycwa

Remember:

If you need help

- Dial 999 if you are in an emergency, you've been threatened or attacked and require urgent assistance.
- If you live in Cheshire East and are looking for support, please call the Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub on 0300 123 5101.
- If you live outside Cheshire East and are looking for support, please call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247
- If you are a current client of MyCWA, please contact your case worker directly. We are contacting all of our clients individually, but please get in touch if you need emergency support.



February Half Term Gymnastics Sessions

Please see below details of some gymnastics sessions being run over February half term:



Sports Coaching Group February Half Term Holiday Club

Please see below details of the holiday club Sports Coaching Group will be running at half term:



Easyfundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/?utm_medium=e mail&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-

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-laneacademy?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=causepage&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink



Payment Due Dates

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 3 Delamere – Final Balance OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Spring 1 – Payment now due

Year 6 Condover Hall – Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 2nd Deposit of £70 OVERDUE

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

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

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 3rd payment of £100 due by 31/03/25

Year 1 Legoland Discovery Centre & Nantwich Museum Workshop – Payment due by 03/04/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 4th payment of £100 due by 31/05/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – Final Balance due by 03/07/25