

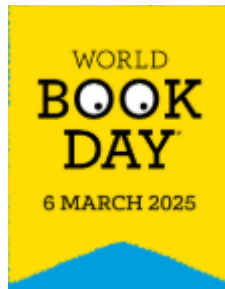
Week 22



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 28th February 2025

Are you ready for the Ultimate Character Championship on Thursday? We are so excited to celebrate World Book Day next week on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in a fun extra challenge – creating the Ultimate Character Champion from a potato! If your child has been busy crafting their potato character, please bring it into school on Thursday morning. During the day, each class will select one Ultimate Character Champion, which will be displayed in the main school libraries. Teachers will also be encouraging children to explain why their potato character deserves to win, helping them develop their oracy skills in describing and reasoning.



We are also looking forward to welcoming parents into school to share a book with their child and enjoy a special reading session together. For EYFS/KS1, please enter through the pedestrian gate at the main school reception at 2:45 pm on Thursday and access classrooms via the tunnel and playgrounds. For KS2, parents can go directly into class with their children from drop-off onwards on Friday. We can't wait to see all the wonderful costumes, creative potato characters, and to share the joy of reading with you.

I also want to wish you a 'Mindful March' and share the next installation of the Action for Happiness Calendar with you all below.

Kind regards

Mrs Elsley

Principal

Mindful March 2025

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day
8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do
15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant	18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today	21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible
29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

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 3rd March	Monday 3 rd	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 Let's Play! Club is cancelled today due to staff training.
	Thursday 6 th	Cheshire Cricket Board After School Club (Years 3-6 bookable directly)
	Friday 7 th	KS2 Parent Open Reading Session (8:45 – 9:15 am)
	Friday 7 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
Week Commencing 10th 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 (13:30-15:00)
	Friday 14 th	ELS Book Bus visit to WCLA (11-12)
	Friday 14 th	Educational Psychology Team Drop In – Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (Crewe) (1-2:30pm)
	Saturday 15 th	Police Led Vanguard Games Starter Session (See below for details)
Week Commencing 17th March	Thursday 20 th	Cheshire Cricket Board After School Club (Years 3-6 bookable directly)
	Thursday 20 th	Year 5 & 6 Timperley Shield (12:30-16:00 at Crewe Alexandra in the Community – By invitation only)
	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
	Thursday 27 th	Non-Uniform Day in support of Easter Bingo Event
	Friday 28 th	Friends of WCLA Event - Easter Bingo
Week commencing 31st March	Mon 31 st - Fri 4 th	No teacher led after school clubs will be running this week. SCG clubs and Swan Stars will run as normal.
	Monday 31 st	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
	Friday 4 th	Cygnets & Reception Dinosaur Workshop
Week commencing 7th April	Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Easter Holidays
Week commencing 14th 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 28th 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
Week commencing 5th May	Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday – School is closed today
	Tuesday 6 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 8 th	Cygnets Open Event – Booking required (2-3pm)

Week Commencing 3rd March will be WEEK 2 for lunches

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED 5 ADAY

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TREAT FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Cheese & vegetable quesadilla with wedges	BBQ chicken wrap with savoury rice	Traditional cottage pie	Beefburger on a bun with chips	Chicken and bacon pasta with garlic bread
MAIN DISH 2	Vegetable stir fry with chicken style pieces and noodles	Vegetable pasta bake	Potato & cauliflower curry with 50/50 rice	Falafel in a pitta with slaw	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar
JACKET POTATO/ SANDWICHES	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Cheese bap	Jacket potato with cheese or coleslaw Or Tuna wrap	Jacket potato with tuna or beans Or Turkey pitta	Jacket potato with coleslaw or beans Or Cheese Bap	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Ham salad wrap
DESSERTS	Shortbread	Flapjack	Apple crumble & custard	Chocolate sponge & custard	Chopped mixed fruit with butterscotch whip
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt

MENU Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors 5 ADAY - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY - HEALTHY OPTION

What's New!

Safety on the Playground

For the safety of all, no animals are permitted on school premises whether on leads or carried. We also ask that children do not use scooters or bikes until they are out of the school gates. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Crewe//Makes Artist Workshop

On Monday, Reception and Year 4 worked with artist James Brunt to create some amazing outdoor art. A big thank you to James and Crewe//Makes.





Parents Evenings

Bookings for parents evenings will go live at 4pm on Saturday 1st March under Guardian *Consultations* on Arbor. Ten minute slots will be available between 15:40 and 18:10 on each day. We kindly ask that you tick the relevant boxes to indicate who will be attending.

Parents evenings will be held in the KS1 Hall as follow:

EYFS & KS1 – Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th March (Bookings close on Tuesday 25th March)

KS2 – Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd April (Bookings close on Tuesday 1st April)

Year 4 & 5 Let's Play Club Cancellation – Thursday 6th March

Please be aware that due to staff availability, the Year 4 & 5 Let's Play Club due to take place on Thursday 6th March has had to be cancelled. The club will run as normal again on 13th March. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Household Battery Recycling



We are pleased to offer household battery recycling as part of our waste reduction initiatives. Please deposit any household batteries for recycling in the box in the main office. Please note that we cannot accept car or other industrial batteries through this scheme or any battery with a wire connected to it.

Infection Control

There has been a recent suspected case of norovirus in EYFS and chickenpox in KS2. Please see the link below for details of symptoms to watch out for and appropriate treatment:

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

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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

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Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO

Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



DON'T

Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

Easter Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 27th March

Get ready for a fun day on **Thursday 27th March**! Students can come to school in non-uniform – **all in exchange for bringing an Easter egg for our Easter Bingo Night!**

Easter Bingo Night - Friday 29th March

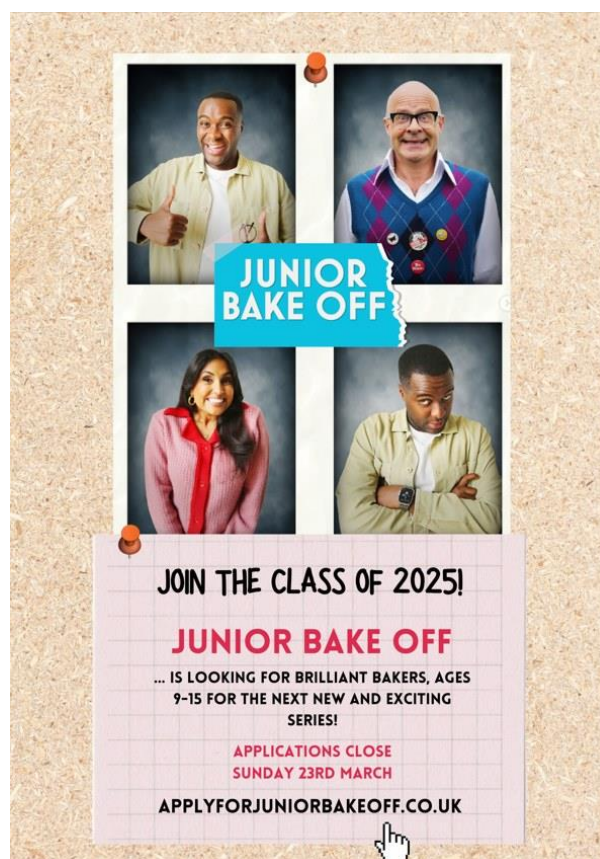
Hop on over to our Easter Bingo Night on **Friday 28th March**, from 6pm to 8pm! Enjoy an evening of fun, and the chance to win Easter eggs, Easter-themed prizes, and more! All money raised will go towards funding new facilities at our school. It's a great way to support our community while celebrating the season. Ticket details will be released soon, and we hope to see you there!

Junior Bake Off

Applications for the 11th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain are now open.

Filming would take place from July 2025, but **applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025.**

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



Lunch Payments & KS2 Snack

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6, would like them to have snack each half term and have not done so already, 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*.

When topping up meal accounts, please be mindful that we are unable to refund any balances remaining at the end of the school year.

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



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

- Cheshire East School Attendance: 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.

[Silk Radio Local Hero Awards](#)

Silk Radio are holding their Local Hero Awards and would love you to get involved:

Do you know a:

A YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

A SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

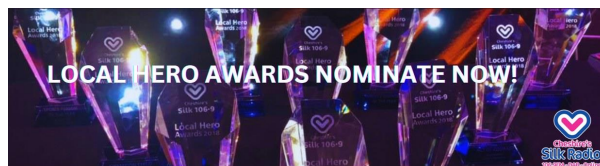
A VOLUNTER OF THE YEAR

TEACHER OF THE YEAR?

It's free to vote and they could be honouring somebody you nominated at their Local Hero Awards ceremony.

If you would like to make a nomination, please use the link below before 16th March:

[Local Hero Awards 2025](#)



[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.

Please see below for more details.

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



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 it 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.

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=email&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-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

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

Splitting the £1.00

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

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

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 3 Delamere – Final Balance OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Spring 1 – Now OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Spring 2 – Payment now due

Year 6 Condoover Hall – Final Balance OVERDUE

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

Cygnets & 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