

# Week 23



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 7th March 2025

Next week, we are excited to celebrate British Science Week with our students. This year's theme, *Change and Adapt*, encourages us to explore how the world is evolving and how we can adapt to new challenges. At our school, we strive to inspire aspirations in all our students, and this week provides a fantastic opportunity to break down stereotypes around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths). Through engaging, cross-curricular activities, we will highlight how STEM not only helps us understand the world but also develops valuable, transferable skills for future careers.

We look forward to a week of curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

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 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>British Science Week</b>
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnets Open Event – Booking required (10:30-11:30am)
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Office will be closed 1-3pm today
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Cricket Board After School Club (Years 3-6 bookable directly)
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Educational Psychology Team Drop In – Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (Crewe) (1-2:30pm)
	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Police Led Vanguard Games Starter Session (See below for details)
<b>Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Cricket Board After School Club (Years 3-6 bookable directly)
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Timperley Shield (12:30-16:00 at Crewe Alexandra in the Community – By invitation only)
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
<b>Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup>- Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	No teacher led after school clubs will be running this week. SCG clubs and Swan Stars will run as normal.
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Condoover Hall
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Parents Evenings
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Pirate Day
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day in support of Easter Bingo Event
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	ELS Book Bus visit to WCLA (9:30-10:30) – Change of date.
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of WCLA Event - Easter Bingo
<b>Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> - Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>	No teacher led after school clubs will be running this week. SCG clubs and Swan Stars will run as normal.
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Visitor from St Mary's Church
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Parents Evenings
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS Easter Hat Parade
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnets & Reception Dinosaur Workshop
<b>Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Holidays
	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	September 2026 Reception Offers Released
<b>Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School reopens as normal for the Summer Term
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Academy Photography Photographs – Class groups, leavers groups and Leaver individual photos (Full school uniform please)
<b>Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year 1 Nantwich Museum Workshop
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Smokebusters with Cheshire Fire & Rescue
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Drop in with the Educational Psychology Team - Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (Crewe) 1-2:30pm
<b>Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Bank Holiday – School is closed today
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnets Open Event – Booking required (2-3pm)
<b>Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Thur 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SATs Week</b>
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Census Day

Week Commencing 10th March will be WEEK 1 for lunches

**NUTRITIONIST APPROVED** 5 AMAY

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TREAT FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	Margherita Pizza with wedges	Meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Roast beef with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Chicken korma with 50/50 rice	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
<b>MAIN DISH 2</b>	"Veggie" curry with rice and Chapati	Cheese quiche served with Spanish potatoes	Vegetable cobbler with mashed potatoes	Sweet potato, cheese and onion pie with diced potatoes	Southern fried quorn burger with chunky chips
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b>	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar
<b>JACKET POTATO/ SANDWICHES</b>	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 Roast beef pitta	Jacket potato with curry or beans Or Ham bap	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Turkey & salad wrap
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Chocolate brownie	Marble sponge with custard	Strawberry mousse	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate muffin
<b>FRESH FRUIT &amp; YOGHURT</b>	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

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

## What's New!

### World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for their support with World Book Day and our Open Reading Sessions. There were some truly amazing costumes and Ultimate Character Champions. We hope you enjoyed talking about stories and book characters as much as we did!

### Online Safety

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online. Please see the link below for more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Please also see below for information specific to WhatsApp:

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**EVOLVING SCAMS**  
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

**CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**  
To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

**FAKE NEWS**  
WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

**CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES**  
In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

**VIEW ONCE CONTENT**  
The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't rescan them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

**VISIBLE LOCATION**  
WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**  
Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

**ADJUST THE SETTINGS**  
It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

**CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY**  
Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know only have their safety at heart. If you spot a locked chats folder you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

**DISCUSS GROUP CHATS**  
Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

**THINK BEFORE SHARING**  
Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp/2025>

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Parents Evenings

Bookings for parents evenings are now live 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 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)

### [KS1 Hub](#)

Our KS1 lunchtime Hub promotes cooperative play and working towards goals. The hub would be grateful of any donations of the following:

Jigsaw Puzzles

Puzzles

Games

Classic Lego

Play Mobil

Small World Toys (Farm/Zoo/Dinosaurs)

### [Non-Uniform Day \(27th March\) & Easter Bingo Night \(28th March\)](#)

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Bingo Night on Friday, 28th March, from 6pm to 8pm! Enjoy an evening of bingo, crafts, refreshments, tombola, and exciting raffle prizes!

Tickets: £5 per player

Tickets will be available to purchase after 9am on Monday, 10th March, at the school office (cash only). Please bring exact change if possible.

There will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 27th March in exchange for donations of the following for our Easter Bingo:

- \* Easter eggs - Any size, for our tombola.
- \* Raffle prizes – Any contributions are welcome.
- \* Drinks – Due to the Friends' storage shed move, we urgently need donations of canned drinks or Fruit Shoots. If you or your business can help, we would be very grateful.

**Please bring all donations to school on Thursday 27th March.** Any donations will be much appreciated.

Thank you for your support—We look forward to seeing you there!

### [ELS Book Bus Visit](#)

Due to vehicle servicing, the ELS Book Bus visit has had to be rescheduled to Friday 28th March.

### [Motherwell Charity Change of Name](#)

The Motherwell charity has officially changed its name to **Her-Place Charitable Trust**. They are excited to announce that their **official launch** will take place during their **International Women's Day celebration on Saturday, 8th March**.

As part of this transition, **The Community Share Hub** will now operate under the **Her-Place Charitable Trust** umbrella. However, please be assured that their name will remain **The Community Share Hub**, and all of their services and support for the community will continue as usual, without any changes.

#### [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 this 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](http://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.

### Crewe Town FC – Year 1 Players Wanted

Please see below:

**CREWE TOWN FC  
PLAYERS WANTED**

CURRENT YEAR 1

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR CLUB & BEGIN THEIR  
FOOTBALL JOURNEY

FORMING A NEW U7'S TEAM FOR THE 25/26 SEASON

TRAINING FRIDAYS NOW & WEEKLY MATCHES STARTING  
SEPTEMBER

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE DM US VIA FACEBOOK OR EMAIL ENQUIRIES@CREWETOWNFC.ORG

### Cheshire Football Trials – Years 3 & 4

Lewis Barker, a technical football coach based in Sandbach is running a gifted & talented football trials day for Year 3 & 4s in Cheshire. The camp will be on Monday April 7th @ Sandbach United Football Club and it has been created to provide local talented footballers with a confirmed opportunity to showcase their ability in front of Premier League, Championship, & League 2 scouts. Please see below for details

**CHESHIRE  
FOOTBALL TRIALS**

**APR  
7TH  
2025**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO JOIN US**

-  **PREMIER LEAGUE, CHAMPIONSHIP & LEAGUE TWO SCOUTS IN ATTENDANCE**
-  **AGED UNDER 8 – UNDER 9  
(HIGH LEVEL GRASSROOT PLAYER)**
-  **SANDBACH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB  
CW11 3LZ**
-  **£50 FOR THE DAY**

**MESSAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
COACHBARKSFOOTBALL@GMAIL.COM**

 **SANDBACH UNITED**  
**9:00-15:00**

  

### 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

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGd37IUqtplhe9DF8h-G363lvSpH3KwiDQ\\_ZV3CljQlOBBrQ/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGd37IUqtplhe9DF8h-G363lvSpH3KwiDQ_ZV3CljQlOBBrQ/viewform?usp=header)

Any enquiries or issues can be sent to [Salt.Wars@Cheshire.Police.uk](mailto: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](https://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. **We'll be so grateful for your donations! Plus, join today and we could win a £500 donation! Sign up here:**

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbi/c2s/5Y7VCYqf/CE946/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**

**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**

**Reception Runway Visitor Centre – Payment due by 02/05/25**

**Year 4 Mayan Workshop – Payment due by 16/05/25**

**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**