

# Week 27



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 4th April 2025

As we come to the end of another term, it's wonderful to reflect on how far we have come—from starting in the cold and snow to now enjoying the bright sunshine of spring. It has been a busy and exciting term, filled with limitless learning, which many of you had the chance to see during our recent parent evenings. This week, we ended the term by welcoming several visitors to our school. Rachael Rivers from the local church spoke to the children about Easter, EYFS had a workshop all about dinosaurs, and we also had a visit from our Crewe Alex players, who answered fantastic questions and shared insights into what it takes to succeed both on and off the pitch.

Thank you all for your continued support throughout the term, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

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 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Policeaster Bunny Safety Trail in Queen's Park (11-2pm – Last entry 1:30pm)
<b>Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
	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>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
	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)
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Online Parents Meeting re RSE 6pm (link to be sent out on return)
<b>Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception People Who Help Us Day (A day of activities during the normal school day – No dressing up required)</b>
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Young Carers Assembly (KS1 & 2)
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Inter-School Football Friendly vs Shavington Primary (By invitation – Spring Term Wednesday After-School Football Club) 3:20-4:30pm
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Fire Engine Visit at WCLA
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1 Nantwich Museum Workshop
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Smokebusters with Cheshire Fire & Rescue
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Thomas More Catholic High School Teacher Visit (Year 6)
	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>	<b>Bank Holiday – School is closed today</b>
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day
	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
	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Macclesfield Bikeathon – ‘Just Drop In’ Family Cycle Ride (See below for details)
<b>Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 1 Legoland Discovery Centre</b>
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Parent Assembly
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	September 2025 New Reception Park Visit (15:30-16:00)
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	National Number Day
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for Friends’ 30 <sup>th</sup> Celebrations
<b>Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Festival of Fiction Week</b>
	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Multiplication Check
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception Parent Assembly (2:30-3pm)
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Runway Visitor Park Trip
<b>Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screener</b>
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Transport Day
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Transition
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Drop in with the Educational Psychology Team - Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (1-2:30pm)
	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wistaston Community Fair

Week Commencing 22nd April will be WEEK 1 for lunches

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED		5 A DAY			
WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TREAT FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	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
MAIN DISH 2	"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
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 Roast beef pitta	Jacket potato with curry or beans Or Ham bap	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Turkey & salad wrap
DESSERTS	Chocolate brownie	Marble sponge with custard	Strawberry mousse	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate muffin
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



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1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY



HEALTHY OPTION

## What's New!

### Easter

School will close at the end of the normal school day today for the Easter break. The school reopens as usual on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**. Monday 21st April is a Bank Holiday.

### Easter Bingo Night

A huge thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and attended our Easter Bingo Night! Your support and enthusiasm made the event a wonderful success. We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £1,071.40 for the Friends of Wistaston Church Lane Academy (registered charity number 1046749). Your contribution will help fund valuable projects and initiatives at our school. Thank you once again for being part of such a fantastic evening, and we look forward to seeing you at future events!

### After School Clubs w/c 22nd April


No teacher led after school clubs will be running during the first week back after Easter (w/c 22nd April) APART FROM Y6 MATHS BOOSTER. SCG clubs and Swan Stars will run as normal.

### Academy Photography – Tuesday 22nd April

On Tuesday 22nd April (1st day back after Easter), Academy Photography will be on site to take class photographs (all years), Year 6 leavers group photo and Year 6 leavers individual photos. All pupils should attend school in **Full school uniform**. As Year 5 and Reception have PE on Tuesday, this will be done in full school uniform so no PE kit will be required.

Please note that for children to be included in group photographs, parents must have consented to the following on Arbor:

- Assemblies, Concerts, Sports Day, School and Class Photograph's and Ad-hoc Events  
- September 2024 onwards



School photos will be conducted on  
**Tuesday 22nd of April - 2025**

At this session we will be photographing:  
Everyone & Year 6

Class Groups  
Leavers Groups  
Leavers Individuals

Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.  
Parents will receive free proofs of every image and  
the option to make a purchase.

### [Annual Online Parents RSE Meeting](#)

The school will be holding an online meeting on Wednesday 23rd April at 6pm to share with parents the Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum which has been adopted by the school. There will be the opportunity to see some of the resources we will use with the children and we will give parents a full overview of what will be taught in each year group. The link for this meeting will be sent out when we return to school for the Summer term.

### [Swan Stars Price Increases](#)

At Wistaston Church Lane Academy we have been able to maintain our prices for a number of years and have chosen not to increase Before & After School Club prices. Unfortunately, we are now unable to continue to absorb all of the costs due to significant rises in the costs associated with running this provision. This puts a strain on the use of our school budget which is there to support our children's learning. We have tried to keep the increase in prices to a minimum. Therefore, from 6th May 2025 the price increases are as follows:

Provision	Old Price	New Price from May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Breakfast Club	£5.15	£6.00
After School Club until 5pm	£8.20	£10.00
After School Club until 6pm	£10.25	£12.00

We understand that this is a difficult time and we are conscious of the impact the increase in costs has for everyone but hope you recognise the need for this. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

### 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. 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.

### Infection Control

There has been a reported case of impetigo in KS2. Please see the link below for details of symptoms to watch out for and appropriate treatment:

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



## 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
Diarhoea 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/minfec>.

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## 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.**

### [Policeaster Bunny Safety Trail](#)

The Policeaster Bunny Safety Trail is back again this year, but this time the theme is –BIKE SAFETY. The Bikeability Team from Everybody, Cheshire Fire and of course the Policeaster Bunny will all be there!



(\*First come, first served until stocks have gone).



### Nantwich Museum Holiday Workshops

Please see below details of holiday workshops for families at Nantwich Museum on the 16th and 17th April:



### All About Family Magazine

Please see below a link to the Spring edition of a new magazine for families:

<https://allabout-family.co.uk/nw-magazine/>

### Year 6 CGP Revision Books – 20% Discount!

CGP are excited to offer 20% off a wide range of CGP revision books using the code **EASTER20** to help Year 6 pupils prepare for their SATs. These high-quality resources cover key subjects, providing excellent support for revision.



Scan the QR code below or visit [www.cgpbooks.co.uk](http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk) to access the discounted books and place your order.



### St Paul's Foodbank

St Paul's Foodbank supports people who are facing a time of crisis for many varied reasons. From January to March 632 people received a crisis food parcel, representing 316 households.

With Easter nearly upon us, Sunday 20th April, St Paul's Foodbank is looking to collect some food items for the foodbank. If you would like to help, please see their Easter Shopping List below to give you some ideas of their current needs and for details of where to take donations (**On this occasion, donations should not be brought into school**). Every item donated makes a difference.



## Easter 2025 Shopping List



**Current shortages:**

- Tinned meat (ham / corned beef)
- Tinned meals (e.g. stew, chilli)
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned rice pudding
- Long grain rice
- Jam
- Microwaveable puddings
- Small jars of coffee
- UHT semi-skimmed milk
- Tinned tomatoes

*Your donations are very much needed, please help if you can!*

For more information about St Paul's Foodbank and where to bring your donations please go to <https://www.stpaulscentre.org.uk/food>



St Paul's Centre | Hightown | Crewe | CW1 3BY | Registered Charitable Number 1001566

## Sports Coaching Group Easter Holiday Clubs

Please see below for details of clubs that will be run by SCG over Easter. These have to be booked directly with SCG at [www.sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](http://www.sportscoachinggroup.co.uk).

**SPORTS COACHING GROUP** Wistaston Church Lane Academy

# THE GREAT EASTER EGGS-PEDITION HOLIDAY CLUBS

▶ **WHEN?** April 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17

▶ **WHERE?** Wistaston Church Lane Academy

▶ **TIME:** 8.45am-3.15pm  
(Early drop-offs and late pick-offs available)

Childcare Vouchers and Tax-free Childcare accepted

**NERF THEME DAY**  
APRIL 9th

**EASTER PARTY DAY**  
APRIL 17th

**EASTER ISLAND**

Ofsted Registered [sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](http://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk)

## Sports Coaching Group After School Clubs – Summer 1

Please see below details of after school clubs that will be run by SCG next half term. Please note that these do not show on Arbor and have to be booked directly through SCG at:

[Wistaston Church Lane Primary School - Summer Term 1 \(Tue 22nd Apr 2025 - Thu 22nd May 2025\) | Sports Coaching Group | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**SPORTS COACHING GROUP**  
ENJOY  
IMPROVE  
ACHIEVE



Cricket	Tennis	Football
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Yr 3-6	Yr 3-6	Reception - Yr 2
22.04.25 - 20.05.25	23.04.25 - 21.05.25	24.04.25 - 22.05.25
3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15
£25 (5 weeks)	£25 (5 weeks)	£25 (5 weeks)

[info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](mailto:info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk)
 01270 449770

[sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](http://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk)

## KS1 Hub

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

Classic Lego

Train set

Toy garage & cars

Farm/Zoo/Dinosaurs

Construction toys

## Lunch Payments & KS2 Snack

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6, 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 Summer 1 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.

## 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.

## Cheshire Constabulary Vanguard Games – Free to Attend Events for School Holidays

In partnership with Crewe Alexandra in the Community and Safer Cheshire East Partnerships - the FREE to attend all day sports events are back. Vanguard Games were previously known as Country Cross Games or Salt Wars.

Please see below for more details or follow the link below to register -

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DfM\\_ECXSe\\_l0inKs9GNkINBAnSseLdQxEWBdFFKWwOA/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DfM_ECXSe_l0inKs9GNkINBAnSseLdQxEWBdFFKWwOA/viewform?edit_requested=true)



## 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

**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

**KS2 Snack Spring 2 – Payment now OVERDUE**

**Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 3rd payment now OVERDUE**

**Year 1 Legoland Discovery Centre & Nantwich Museum Workshop – Payment now OVERDUE**

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

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

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

**Year 5 Primary College – Payment due by 16/05/25**

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

**Year 3 Portals to the Past Egyptian Workshop – Payment due by 02/06/25**

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