

# Week 28



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 24th April 2026

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with you this week: our school has now been officially recognised as a UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware School. This important milestone reflects our continued commitment to placing children's rights at the heart of everything we do. As a Rights Aware school, we actively teach pupils about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ensuring they understand their rights and the importance of respecting the rights of others. Achieving Silver status means that these values are becoming embedded across our school community—in our classrooms, our policies, and our relationships. We are proud of the thoughtful, respectful, and socially aware young people our pupils are becoming, and we look forward to building on this success as we continue our journey towards Gold.

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 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Love Music Trust Vocal Day (See below for details) Free Cheshire FA Girls Football Taster Session (see below for details)
<b>Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
<b>Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Nantwich Museum Toy Workshop (In school)
<b>Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thura 14 <sup>th</sup> Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs NO after school or lunchtime clubs will run this week (Apart from Crochet with Mrs Clifford – By invitation only).
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect 3-3:30pm
<b>Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Legoland Manchester Trip
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Census Day
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments (30 mins bookable in advance) at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (9:30-4:15)
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Brine Leas Year 7 Transition Leader Mr Mottram to Visit Year 6 Pupils (11am)
<b>Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
<b>Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School reopens as normal
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Girls World Cup Football Festival (Lunchtime event – Random draw)
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Multiplication Check
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Parents Assembly (2:30pm)
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes Parent Meeting (3:30pm)
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
<b>Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Reception Transport Afternoon (TBC) KS1 World Cup Football Festival (Lunchtime event – Random draw)
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Parents Assembly (2:30pm)
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect 3-3:30pm
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Transition 3:30pm – Story in the Park (Weather permitting)
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	TLP AmaSing Event at Crewe Lyceum
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Crewe Lyceum for Class that Raised Most Money in Smarties Challenge
<b>Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	National School Sport Week Town Sports Field Events (TBC)
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 Church Lane World Cup Football League (Lunchtime event – Random Draw)
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Parents assembly (2:30pm)
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Town Sports Track Events (TBC)
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Learning Partnership Debating Challenge at UTC Crewe (By invitation only)
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Dino Day
	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wistaston Community Fete
<b>Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 Church Lane World Cup Football League (Lunchtime event – Random Draw)
	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to 7 Transition Days – Malbank
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 to 7 Transition Day - The Oaks Academy
	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to 7 Transition Days – Brine Leas
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Morning
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	New EYFS Stay & Play Sessions
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform on Site (10-12)
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
<b>Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 Church Lane World Cup Football League (Lunchtime event – Random Draw)
	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Reaseheath Experience Day (TBC)
	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day (Reserve date in case of inclement weather on 26 <sup>th</sup> June)
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reports to Parents
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day

## Week Commencing 27th April will be WEEK 2 for lunches

WEEK 2	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Traditional cottage pie	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Mexican chilli with 50/50 rice	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Chickpea & vegetable curry with 50/50 rice	Creamy butternut squash pasta	Vegetable cobbler with mash potato	Vegetarian meatballs with pasta	Cheese & bean bake with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & parsnips Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Bananas & custard	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Fruit sponge & custard	Chocolate brownie
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO OR SANDWICH	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Ham Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling

Try something NEW today... Variety is key to a healthy diet.

**MENU**

KEY: 5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY, MEAT FREE - MEAT-FREE MONDAY, CHEF'S CHOICE, PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

\*Allergens and Intolerances\* All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

## What's New!

### Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

**Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight**

This week: Virtual Friends guide

### UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award

We are proud to share the fantastic news that our school has been awarded the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.

This award recognises our commitment to ensuring children's rights are at the heart of everything we do. During the assessment, the OuRRSay Squad spoke confidently to the UNICEF accreditor about their learning and experiences and represented the school brilliantly — we couldn't be prouder of them!

A huge thank you to our staff, pupils, and wider school community for their continued support and commitment in helping us achieve this milestone.

We are excited to continue this journey and are already working towards the Gold Award.



## Year of Reading - Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Sydney who are the first class to reach the target in this year's reading challenge! Since the start of the challenge, they have managed to read 2037 times. Amazing!

Lots of classes are well on the way to the target so KEEP READING!

Mrs Culshaw will be visiting Sydney to talk to them about their special surprise for reaching their target.



## Infection Control

There has been a reported case of Headlice in KS2 and several cases of sickness within school. Please see the links below for information about symptoms to look out for and treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/symptoms/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

For NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit [Patient.info](https://www.patient.info).



**Cheshire FA**  
**WILDCATS**  
**CHESHIRE FA**  
**FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL TASTER**  
**SESSION (AGES 5-9)**  
**WILDCATS FESTIVAL**

**DATE:**  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Time:**  
 9.00am - 10.00am: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2  
 10.00am - 11.00am: Year 3 & Year 4

**LOCATION:**  
 Crewe FC Hub, King George Community Hub  
 (3G pitch) West Street, Crewe, CW2 8SJ

**New to football?**  
 This is the perfect place to start.  
 Try football, have fun, and find  
 your team, with opportunities  
 to connect to a local club.  
 Completely FREE session!

Participants will need football boots.  
 A limited number of pairs will be available to borrow if required.  
 If you have any questions or queries, please email: [Laura.holmes@cheshirefa.com](mailto:Laura.holmes@cheshirefa.com)

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONTO THE FESTIVAL](#)

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## Academy Photography - Class Photographs & Year 6 Leaver Photographs

Proofs should be available in the near future and will be provided with details of how to order.

## Friends of WCLA Smarties Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Smarties Challenge. A total of **£1327.42** has been raised with the following classes raising the most money:

**Tokyo - £172.81**

**Berlin - £148.67**

**Athens - £137.96**

As Tokyo raised the most money, pupils from Tokyo will be invited to go to Crewe Lyceum Theatre during the normal school day on June 11th to watch *AmaSing Once Upon a Musical*.

## Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Checks – Wednesday 20th May

The School Health Screening Team are scheduled to complete height & weight checks for Reception and Year 6 pupils in school on Wednesday 20th May.

If parents are happy for their child to be measured, they do not need to do anything.

**If you do not want your child's height and weight to be measured, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight, please let the School Health**

**Screening Team know directly by emailing them at [wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net](mailto:wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net) (preferred) or alternatively by phone if you are unable to email at 0300 123 4058. Please do this ASAP.**

Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

#### After-School Clubs – Summer Term

**All after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 20th April to the week ending 10th July unless otherwise stated. Please be aware that there will be NO clubs w/c 11th May due to Year 6 SATs).** All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground.

Pupils are expected to attend all sessions once enrolled for a club. **If your child will not be attending a session, please inform school in advance of the session.**

#### Year 6 into 7 Transition Dates

The transition days for Year 6 pupils moving up to **Brine Leas** in September are as follow:

Wednesday 24th June & Thursday 25th June

Mr Mottram will also be visiting pupils at WCLA on 21st May.

The transition days for Year 6 pupils moving up to **Malbank** in September are as follow:

Tuesday 23rd June, Wednesday 24th June & Thursday 25th June

The transition days for Year 6 pupils moving up to **The Oaks Academy** in September are as follow:

Tuesday 23rd June

#### KS1 Lunchtime Hub

We would be grateful for any donations of the following items for the KS1 Lunchtime Hub:

- Small world toys (e.g. farm, zoo, dinosaurs, trains, cars)
- Construction toys (e.g. Lego, Playmobil).

#### Swan Stars Payments & Bookings

We kindly ask that all Swan Stars payments are paid in advance of sessions being taken. Ad hoc sessions are due at the time of booking however far in advance this may be. Contracted sessions will be invoiced each month. Please be aware that late payments may result in additional fees or cancellation of sessions. If you have any queries or issues with payments, please contact the school office at the earliest opportunity.

Please ensure that all bookings are made for the correct club (Cygnetts, Infants or Juniors) to avoid any sessions having to be cancelled.

## Year 2 Football Festival

Please be aware that the event scheduled for 5th March is being rescheduled. As soon as we have a new date, the team will be notified.

## Visyon Parent/Carer Webinars & Peer Support Group

Visyon now offer free online parent / carer webinars covering a range of topics. Please see the website for further information and to book.

[Parent webinars | visyon](#)

## SEND Support for Parents

Please see below for further details of upcoming SEND Drop Ins:



**SEND 0-19 Advice sessions**

SEND 0-19 health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & young people for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to book in for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

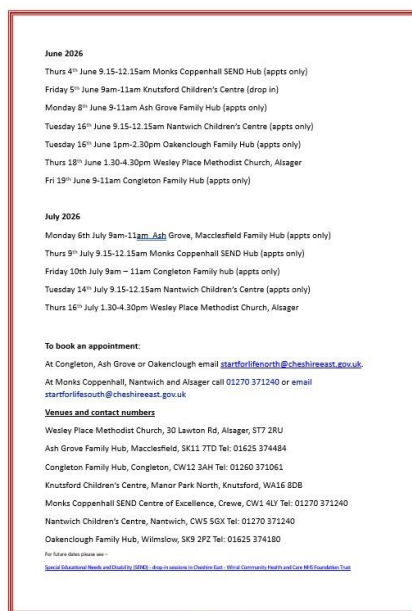
**April 2026**

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenthal SEND Hub (appts only)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April 1-2.30pm Oakencloough Family Hub (appts only)

**May 2026**

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (appts only)
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 9.30-11.00am Daley Library and Community Centre (drop in)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12noon Oakencloough Family Hub (Local offer live drop in)
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenthal SEND Hub (appts only)
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9am-11am Congleton Family hub (appts only)

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**June 2026**

- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenthal SEND Hub (appts only)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1pm-2.30pm Oakencloough Family Hub (appts only)
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (appts only)

**July 2026**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub (appts only)
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenthal SEND Hub (appts only)
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9am – 11am Congleton Family hub (appts only)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

**To book an appointment:**

At Congleton, Ash Grove or Oakencloough email [startforfife@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:startforfife@cheshireeast.gov.uk)  
At Monks Coppenthal, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or email [startforfife@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:startforfife@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

**Venues and contact numbers**

- Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU
- Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484
- Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061
- Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB
- Monks Coppenthal SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4UJ Tel: 01270 371240
- Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
- Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For more details please see - [SEND Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) - How to access in Cheshire East - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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## Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments

Please see below for details of appointments offered by the Educational Psychology Service:



## EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY TEAM



Supporting Parents and Carers

### Connected Conversation Appointments

The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering appointments for parents and carers at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held every half term in both North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice and explore strategies to support your child or young person. Our focus areas are **Cognition and Learning** and **SEMH (Social, Emotion and Mental Health)** needs. They are not sessions for local authority processes (e.g. EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

Examples of Topics include:

- Literacy, Maths or Executive Function difficulties
- Anxiety or school related issues
- Play, social skills or friendship needs
- Transitions and/or difficulties with change/loss
- Preparing for Adulthood

Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - [Family Hubs](#). Dates and locations are as below:

Date	Location	Times
09.10.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
09.10.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
11.12.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
06.02.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am-4.15pm
05.02.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
25.03.26	Oakenclough Family Hub	9.30am - 4.15pm
26.03.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
19.05.26	Ash Gove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	9.30am – 4.15pm
21.05.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
30.06.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
02.07.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm

We will also be asking parents/carers to complete an evaluation form after the drop-in to help us shape the service and improve practice to meet needs in the best way possible.

## Arbor Information & Consents

To ensure school has up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency, please check your child’s Arbor account and inform school immediately by email of any changes or errors. Please also ensure that all consents (e.g. Local Area Visits, photographs, walking home, mobile phones, etc) are up to date and contact the school office if you have any issues. Thank you.

## 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 sign up to easyfundraising and when you shop online with your favourite retailers, they’ll donate to us.

It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - the retailers you shop with will donate, not you!

Plus, sign up today and we could win a £400 donation.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/AEWwwwVJ/CE076/facebook/>

## School Lottery

Check out this month’s ‘Your School Lottery’ Super Draw Prize.



If you're not yet involved in our school lottery, and want the chance to win £25k every week, why not join today?

Head over to [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy. Please find further details below:

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY**

- £1 per week
- Weekly cash prizes
- £25,000 jackpot

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**How it works...**

It's simple - just 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 to our school
- 25p guaranteed prize
- 35p other prizes & running costs

**The maths...**

100 weekly tickets means:  
 A £25 guaranteed weekly prize  
 £2,080 a year for your school

To start supporting, visit:  
[yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
 and search for: Wistaston

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## Payment Due Dates

**KS2 Snack – Summer 1 – Payment OVERDUE**

**Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – 3rd Payment OVERDUE**

**Year 1 Toy Workshop & Legoland Manchester – Payment due by 24/04/26**

**Cygnets & Reception Dino Day – Payment by 21/05/26**

**Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – 4th Payment due by 31/05/26**

**Year 6 (Current Year 5) London Residential – Final Balance due by 03/07/26**

**Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes - Deposit due by 03/07/26**

**Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes - Final Balance due by 16/10/26**