

# Week 29



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 2nd May 2025

This week, Cheshire East Young Carers visited our school to talk to the children about what it means to be a young carer. A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who helps to care for a family member who may have an illness, disability, mental health condition, or struggles with substance misuse. The team talked to the children about the fantastic work young carers do and explained the support available through the Cheshire Young Carers charity, which helps young carers and their families by offering advice, activities, and practical support.

Did you know that as part of her pastoral role, Mrs Clifford is our Young Carers Champion? If you have a young carer in your family, please get in touch with her to find out more about how we, alongside Cheshire Young Carers, can offer support and help us celebrate the Young Carers within our school.

[Cheshire Young Carers | Chester | Supporting children who care for others](#)



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 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>	Academy Photography Class Photo Retakes (Cygnets – Year 5)– Full uniform please
	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)
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Drop In at Monks Coppenhall (1-2:30pm)
<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 (2:30pm)
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks (AM)
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Hearing & Vision Recalls (AM)
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</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
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Timperley Shield (By invitation only; 12:30-3pm) – Postponed from 20 <sup>th</sup> March
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas More Catholic High School Year 6 Transition Evening (5:30-6:30pm)
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Drop In at Monks Coppenhall (1-2:30pm)
<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
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	September 2025 New Starters - Story in the Park
	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
<b>Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Maya Workshop</b>
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Town Sports Field Events (Invitation Only) 5-7:30pm
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Town Sports Track Events (Invitation only) 5-8pm
<b>Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 3 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)</b>
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Intake Evening at Brine Leas
	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Malbank Transition Days
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Morning
	Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Intake Days at Brine Leas
	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas More Catholic High School Year 6 Intake Days
<b>Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Visitor from St Mary’s Church visiting Cygnets</b>
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Portals to the Past Egyptian Workshop
	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	September 2025 New Starter Meeting (6:30pm)
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day & Family Picnic
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Seaside Day (Seaside activities during the normal school day)

Week Commencing 6th May 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!

### May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

Please be aware that Monday 5th May is a bank holiday and school will be closed. School reopens as normal on Tuesday 6th May. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend.

### Academy Photography – Class Photograph Retakes (Tuesday 6th May)

Due to a technical issue, Academy Photography will be retaking the class photographs for Cygnets, Reception and Years 1-5 on **Tuesday 6th May**. Children in those years should attend school in **full school uniform**. Photographs for Year 6 do not need to be taken. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Playground Equipment Use Before and After School

We kindly remind parents and carers that children should not be using or climbing on the outside play equipment before or after school hours. For safety reasons, this equipment is only to be used during supervised school times. Please be aware that the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur outside of these hours. We also ask parents to vacate the school grounds promptly at the end of the day to allow Swan Stars and after school club access to the field and playgrounds.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep all children safe.

## Onsite Safety – Pets

We would like to remind everyone that for the safety of all, pets are not permitted on the school grounds even if carried. Only registered assistance dogs are permitted onsite. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## Inter-School Football Friendly v Shavington Primary

A huge shout-out to the 16 incredible Year 5/6 children from Church Lane who took part in Monday's inter-school football round robin tournament against Shavington! ⚽

Two teams from Church Lane and two teams from Shavington Primary faced off in what was a fun-filled and competitive afternoon in the sun. The players showcased amazing teamwork, sportsmanship, and plenty of goals, making it a memorable event for everyone involved.

Well done to all the participants for their effort, energy, and enthusiasm! You made us all proud!

## Absence from After School Clubs

If your child is not going to be attending an after school club for any reason, please inform the school office before the end of the day. If your child no longer requires their place, please let us know so that it can be released to other pupils. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## Action for Happiness – Meaningful May

Please see below the next installation of the Action for Happiness Calendar:



## The Netflix Show 'Adolescence'

The Netflix show Adolescence has ignited many conversations around the digital pressures young people face every day. Below is a link to a really useful parent resource which is

packed with practical advice, conversation starters and useful insights to help navigate the various challenges the use of technology brings to our children.

## [Netflix Adolescence Information for Parents](#)

### Testicular Torsion – Parent Information

We have been asked by the Northwest Paediatric Surgical Nurse Specialist if we can share the below information on testicular torsion with parents. As this condition is time critical, having raised awareness is vital to ensure treatment within the timeframe to prevent Orchiectomy.



### Information on Testicular Torsion for Parents and Carers

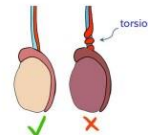
While most boys will not experience testicular torsion (there are around 1 in 4000 cases in boys/young men under 25 per year in the UK), damage caused by testicular torsion is the most common reason for a boy of school age to need to have a testis (testicle) removed. It is therefore important for parents, children and teachers to know about testicular torsion, how to recognize it and what to do about it.

#### ***What is testicular torsion and why does it happen?***

A testis hangs off a cord containing blood vessels which supply the testis with oxygen and nutrients, and carry testosterone, made in the testis, out to the body. The cord also contains the sperm duct, which transports sperm from the testis to the penis.

The testis can twist or tort, causing the blood vessels and sperm duct to wrap around each other. If this happens,

**it is a surgical emergency, because the twist blocks blood flow which can lead to rapid death of the testis** (see diagram).



#### ***What should be done about it?***

Testicular pain or swelling in any boy, teenager or young adult must be regarded as torsion until proven otherwise. Children should be encouraged to tell a parent or teacher as soon as possible if they experience testicular pain or swelling, or lower abdominal (tummy) pain, with or without nausea and/or vomiting.

**If the pain is severe**, it is important to **visit an emergency doctor as soon as possible, preferably in an A&E with surgical services on site** so the testis can be untwisted. If you have a nearby A&E with a paediatric (child) section, even better. Delayed treatment decreases the chance of saving the testis.

**If the pain doesn't seem severe**, it is important to **make a note of the time when it was first noticed**. If the testis is **still sore ONE HOUR after the pain started**, then assume it may be torsion and visit A & E as above.

#### ***Some points to note:***

- If a boy or young man is experiencing testicular pain/swelling *together with* nausea/vomiting then testicular torsion is even more likely.
- In nearly a quarter of boys with torsion, abdominal pain happens before the testicular pain.
- Feeling sick (nausea) or vomiting is present in over 2/3 of patients with testicular torsion.
- Some boys are awakened from sleep by the onset of pain that was not noticed before sleep.
- There is usually no obvious cause for the pain: injury and recent exercise only leads to torsion in about 1 in 7 of those who develop the condition.
- Testicular torsion usually presents with testicular pain that happens suddenly but about 1 in 8 boys will experience a slower onset of pain and 1 in 20 do not describe any testicular pain at all, just abdominal pain.
- In **older** males, testicular torsion *should* always be considered with the above symptoms, although there may be other causes for the pain/nausea, such as infection.



**Please remember .....**

Testicular torsion can be difficult to identify as younger boys are often unable to accurately describe their pain. Testicular torsion may present with vague symptoms, sometimes in a manner similar to gastroenteritis. Therefore, it is sensible to consider testicular torsion as a possible cause in any young male with abdominal pain or vomiting. Seek help and let the doctors decide.

**What if my son has had the pain for several hours and has only just told me about it?  
Have we missed the chance of saving the testis?**



The "golden window" for successful treatment of testicular torsion is set at six-hours because the chances of saving a testis were thought to rapidly decline after six hours of torsion symptoms. However, recent research suggests that, depending on the tightness and number of twists, the testis may be able to survive longer than that.

Therefore, do not decrease the urgency of seeking emergency medical help even if symptoms have persisted for several hours, there may still be an opportunity to save the testis.

**See a doctor and SAVE the BALL!**



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## SEND Drop In Sessions

Please see below details of SEND drop in sessions for parents/carers:

**Compassion | Open | Trust**

**0-19+** With you off the way

**NHS** Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

**SEND 0-19+ health practitioners SEND Drop In**  
(On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East)  
for parents/children & Young people 0-19 years for support/signposting/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?  
[www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send-drop-in-sessions](http://www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send-drop-in-sessions)  
Please note that for some of the Little Stars groups some of our SEND champions from our health visiting team will be in attendance rather than the 0-19 SEND health practitioners

**SEND 0-19+ health practitioners SEND Drop In South Locality**  
for parents/children & Young people 0-19 years for support/signposting/guidance with all SEND related issues  
(On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East)  
<http://www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send-drop-in-sessions>

**Monks Coppenthal SEND hub, Crewe**  
(Little Stars Group)  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May 1-2.30pm  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June 1-2.30pm  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July 1-2.30pm

**Nantwich Methodist Church, Hospital Street**  
(NOT Little Stars Group)  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> May 1-2.30pm  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June 1-2.30pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July 1-2.30pm

**Alsager Library (Little Stars Group)**  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> May 1.30-2.30pm  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June 1.30-2.30pm  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July 1.30-2.30pm

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Nantwich Methodist Church  
Hospital St, Nantwich  
CW5 5BP

Monks Coppenthal  
SEND hub  
Remes Street  
Crewe  
CW1 4LY

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## 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.

### [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



<b>Cricket</b> Tuesday Yr 3-6 22.04.25 - 20.05.25 3:15 - 4:15 £25 (5 weeks)	<b>Tennis</b> Wednesday Yr 3-6 23.04.25 - 21.05.25 3:15 - 4:15 £25 (5 weeks)	<b>Football</b> Thursday Reception - Yr 2 24.04.25 - 22.05.25 3:15 - 4:15 £25 (5 weeks)
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 [info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](mailto:info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk)  
 01270 449770  
 [sportscoachinggroup.co.uk](https://www.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 this 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.

### Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on #easyfundraising. Your continued support means the world to us! We've had 4 donations in the last 30 days, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when they make online purchases! Please keep up the good work, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Plus, join today and we could win a £250 donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/128FF5bb/CE949/facebook/4>

### 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**

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## Payment Due Dates

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

**Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 3rd 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 5 Chester Zoo – Payment due by 12/06/25**

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