

Week 2



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 12th September 2025

Help Shape Our Weekly Newsletter

Before the holidays, we sent home a parent questionnaire and have really enjoyed reading through your responses – thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts. One of the things you mentioned was communication, and as our weekly newsletter is one of the main ways we keep in touch, we'd love to hear how we could make it even more useful for you. Please use the link below to share your ideas,

<https://forms.office.com/e/5Hi0vAiX3e>

We look forward to hearing your ideas and making our newsletter even better for you.

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>





Week commencing 15th September	Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 London Residential Parents Meeting (3:30pm)
	Friday 19 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 22nd September	Wednesday 24 th	500 Words Live Lesson
	Wednesday 24 th	The Oaks Academy Open Evening (5-7pm – see below)
	Thursday 25 th	Sandbach High Open Evening for Years 4, 5 & 6 Parents & Carers (5-8pm)
	Thurs 25 th – Fri 26 th	Book Fair
	Thursday 25 th	Malbank School & Sixth Form College Open Evening (5-8pm)
	Friday 26 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 29th September	Mon 29 th – Wed 1 st October	Book Fair
	Wed 1 st - Fri 3 rd	Black History Month
	Thursday 2 nd	Census Day
	Friday 3 rd	EYFS/KS1 Open Afternoon (2:45pm)
	Friday 3 rd	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 6th October	Monday 6 th	KS2 Open Morning (9am)
	Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th	Black History Month
	Friday 10 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 13th October	Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Black History Month
	Tuesday 14 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect
	Wed 15 th – Thurs 16 th	EYFS/KS1 Parents Evenings
	Wed 15 th -Fri 17 th	Year 6 London Residential
	Friday 17 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 20th October	Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Harvest Week
	Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Black History Month
	Wed 22 nd – Thur 23 rd	KS2 Parents Evenings
	Friday 24 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 27th October	Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Half Term
	Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Black History Month
	Friday 31 st	Secondary School Applications for 2026 Close
Week commencing 3rd November	Monday 3 rd	INSET Day
	Tues 4 th – Fri 7 th	Remembrance Week (Flo of the Somme)
	Friday 7 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 10th November	Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Tuesday 11 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect
	Wednesday 12 th	Positive Noticing Day
	Friday 14 th	Year 3 Seaside Manchester
	Friday 14 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm

Week Commencing 15th September will be WEEK 3 for lunches


WEEK 3	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dish	 Creamy tomato pasta	Chicken fillet burger with baked wedges	Roast chicken pie served with new potatoes	 Chicken & tomato pasta bake	Pizza served with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN DISH	Cheese quiche with Spanish potatoes	Veggie sausage hotdog with baked wedges	 BBQ Quorn™ & bean stew with new potatoes	Lemon & summer vegetable risotto	 Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Broccoli & green beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Raspberry buns	 Coconut & cherry flapjack	 Ginger biscuit & fruit	Chocolate sponge & custard	 Fruit meringue
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	Ham Sandwich	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato



Eating all your fruit & veg will help you grow BIG and STRONG (like me!)

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

Allergens and Intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on the daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's 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
This week: Managing Screen Time Tips

Road Safety

For the safety of all, please ensure that all children are supervised closely when dropping off and collecting from school. Please ensure that they stay on the pavement or designated walkways and avoid walking/running on the road.

Please find below links to road safety resources that can be used with your child to help them stay safe:

<https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/>

<https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

Y6 Parent Information meeting for London Residential

There will be an information meeting at 3.30pm on 16th September for the parents of children attending the London residential. This will be held in Miss Smith's classroom. The presentation will be added to the Y6 class page on the school website for anyone who is unable to attend.

Year 5 Swimming Lesson

The deadline for signing up for Year 5 swimming lessons on Arbor is Monday 15th September. Lessons will take place at Nantwich Swimming Baths on a Friday afternoon from 19th September until 12th December (inclusive).

Swimming is part of the Physical Education National Curriculum and an important life skill for the children to learn. This is one of the two PE lessons that children must be taught every week.

It doesn't matter if a child is a complete beginner or already attends lessons out of school; all the children will be taught to the best of their ability. Children will also be taught important lifesaving skills.

The children need to bring a NAMED bag containing their swimming costume (not a bikini) or swimming trunks and a towel. Children are able to wear goggles if needed. Additional tops are not required but a rash vest may be worn if you so wish. Nose clips are not permitted. Long hair must be tied up and ALL jewellery must be removed. Children are not allowed to bring any electrical items, such as a hairdryer. Children must wear a swimming cap for all lessons (these will be provided by the swimming baths)

Infection Control

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

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

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/minfec>.

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School Applications Timetable

Please see below the timetable for school applications for Reception and Secondary places for September 2026. More information can be found at

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>.

Status	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools
Online application forms available	1 st September 2025	1 st September 2025
Closing date for applications	15 th January 2026	31 st October 2025
Deadline for giving supporting information	16 th February 2026	5 th December 2025
Offers made	16 th April 2026	2 nd March 2026
Deadline for accepting or refusing places	30 th April 2026	16 th March 2026
Waiting lists prepared and vacancies allocated	After 30 th April 2026	After 16 th March 2026
Deadline for accepting or refusing waiting list place	10 days from offer	10 days from offer
Closing date for appeal applications	15 th May 2026	30 th March 2026
Appeal hearings (on time applications)	Heard by 17 th July 2026	Heard by 15 th June 2026
Appeal hearings (late applications)	Within 40 days of appeal closing date where possible or 30 school days of appeal being lodged	Within 40 days of appeal closing date where possible or 30 school days of appeal being lodged



**Apply online
for a school place**
It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2026.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from
1st September 2025 at
**[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Applications should be submitted by

- 31st October 2025 for secondary
- 15th January 2026 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

**Cheshire East
Council**

[Best Start in Life Parent Hub](#)

As introduced in the recent letter from the Prime Minister, the Best Start in Life Hub can be found at <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>. The hub gives information about the support available to families.

[Upcoming Secondary School Open Days/Evenings](#)

Please see below details of upcoming open evenings/days:

- *The Oaks Academy – Wednesday 24th September 5-7pm*



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**THE OAKS
ACADEMY**

Open Evening

Wednesday 24th September, 5-7pm

- Headteacher presentation at 6pm
- Book your tickets today at www.theoaksacademy.co.uk



Ofsted
Good Provider

"The school has high aspirations for all pupils...a welcoming and supportive environment...a strong pastoral system that supports pupil's wellbeing."

Ofsted Inspection, April 2024

Buchan Grove, Crewe, CW2 7NQ | 01270 661223

- *Malbank School & Sixth Form College – Thursday 25th September 5-8pm*



Malbank School and Sixth Form College

OPEN EVENING

Thursday, September 25th, 2025 5pm – 8pm

We are thrilled to welcome prospective Year 7 students and their parents to our exciting Malbank Open Evening on Thursday, September 25th, 2025 between 5pm – 8pm.

You will hear from our Headteacher, meet students, chat with teachers, tour facilities, and learn about our excellent primary to secondary school transition arrangements.

Scan the QR code to book

SESSION 1 5.15 PM SESSION 2 6.00 PM SESSION 3 6.45 PM

Please make sure that applications for joining our school are submitted through the Local Authority by October 31st, 2025.

Ofsted
Good School

"Pupils, and students are happy at this school." **Ofsted 2022**

01270 611 009
admin@malbank.cheshire.sch.uk
Malbank School, Welsh Row, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 5HD

- *Sandbach High School & Sixth Form College (Years 4, 5 & 6 Parents & Carers) – Thursday 25th September 5-8pm*

[Lunch Payments & KS2 Snack](#)

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6, and would like them to have snack each half term, you will need to confirm consent and make payment via the *Trips* section on Arbor. Snack is charged at £5.50 per child for each half term. KS2 Snack for this half term shows as *KS2 Snack Autumn 1 2025*.

Lunches are charged at £2.58 per day for both Cygnets and KS2 children, payable in advance under *Meals* on Arbor. Reception, year 1 & 2 meals are free of charge as these are fully funded.

When topping up meal accounts, please be mindful that we are unable to refund any balances remaining at the end of the school year. *All meal payments should be made in advance.*

We kindly ask that parents check lunch accounts weekly and make the office aware of any queries by end of play on Friday at the latest.

[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.

[Pupils Prescribed Inhalers](#)

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler and you have not already done so, please complete new asthma forms for this academic year and ensure that your child has an inhaler (and completed Prescribed Medication Form) in school. Paper copies of the forms are available from the school office.

[Swan Stars Bookings for Academic Year 2025-2026](#)

Bookings for contracted sessions can be requested on KidsClubHQ. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis depending on availability. Payment for contracted sessions is by monthly invoice to be paid before 1st of each month. Current contracts will carry over unless we are informed otherwise.

Bookings for ad-hoc sessions are also available to book subject to availability. Please note that payment for all ad-hoc bookings is due at the time of booking however far in advance. If payment is not made, bookings will unfortunately be cancelled on the system.

Please note that to cancel any bookings 4 weeks notice is required for contracted sessions and 7 days notice is required for ad-hoc bookings. Any sessions cancelled inside the notice period will still be chargeable in full.

Please note that payments made by BACs and Tax Free Childcare can take up to 10 working days (or longer during school holidays) to show on accounts.

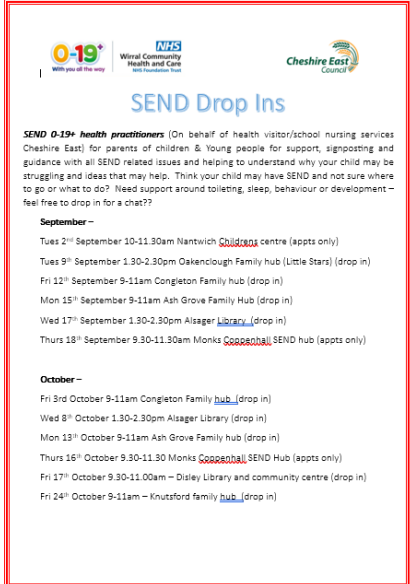
Visyon Parent/Carer Webinars

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 Drop Ins

Please see below details of upcoming SEND Drop Ins:



SEND Drop Ins


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 drop in for a chat??

September –

- Tues 2nd September 10-11.30am Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)
- Tues 9th September 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Family hub (Little Stars) (drop in)
- Fri 12th September 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)
- Mon 15th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
- Wed 17th September 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)
- Thurs 18th September 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

October –

- Fri 3rd October 9-11am Congleton Family [hub](#) (drop in)
- Wed 8th October 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
- Mon 13th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family hub (drop in)
- Thurs 16th October 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND Hub (appts only)
- Fri 17th October 9.30-11.00am – Disley Library and community centre (drop in)
- Fri 24th October 9-11am – Knutsford family [hub](#) (drop in)



November –

- Tuesday 4th November 9.30-11.30am - Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)
- Tuesday 4th November 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Little Stars (drop in)
- Monday 10th November 9-11am – Ash Grove Family hub (appts only)
- Wed 12th November 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
- Thurs 20th November 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)
- Fri 28th November 9-11am Congleton Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

December –

- Tues 2nd December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)
- Friday 5th December – 9-11am – Knutsford Family [hub](#) (drop in)
- Monday 8th December 9-11am Ash Grove Family [Hub](#) (drop in)
- Wed 17th December 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)
- Thurs 18th December 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) (appts only)

Venues and contact numbers for appts where needed

Alsager Library, Alsager ST7 2QH
Ash Grove Family Hub, [Macclesfield SK11 7TD](#) Tel: 01625 574484
Congleton Family Hub, Congleton CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061
Knutsford Family Hub, Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 8DB
Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240
Nantwich [Childrens](#) Centre, Nantwich CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow SK9 2P2 Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –
[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) - drop-in sessions in Cheshire East - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Raring2Go Autumn Magazine

Please find below a link to the Autumn edition of Raring2Go Magazine:

[Raring2go! Crewe](#)

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

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

KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Payment now due

Year 5 Swimming Lessons – Payment due by 15/09/2025

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes FINAL BALANCE – Payment due by 17/10/2025