

Week 2



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our second week together, I continue to feel incredibly proud to be part of such a warm, welcoming and supportive school community. Thank you for the warm welcome you have shown me since joining the school. Over the past fortnight, I have enjoyed spending time in classrooms, on the playground and around the school, and what has been very evident is how happy, settled and engaged our children are.

One of the highlights of my first two weeks has been meeting parents, carers, grandparents and childminders at the school gates each morning. Thank you to everyone who has stopped to say hello, introduce themselves or simply share a smile and a few words. Your warmth and kindness have made me feel incredibly welcome, and it has been a pleasure beginning to put faces to names. These small daily interactions remind me of what a special community we are part of, and I am excited to continue building strong relationships with our families throughout the year. Building strong relationships with parents and carers is incredibly important to me and I look forward to getting to know more of you in the weeks ahead. Please do stop and say hello if you see me on the gate – you might have already guessed that I love to talk!

Pupils have approached the new academic year with enthusiasm, confidence, determination and resilience - showing excellent manners, respect and kindness towards one another and the adults around them. Whether holding doors open, welcoming new classmates, supporting a friend or demonstrating positive learning behaviours in lessons, their conduct is a credit to both their families and our school. They have played an important role in ensuring that our school remains a welcoming place where everyone feels valued and included.

The positive response to last week's focus on wellbeing and the suggested strategies was greatly appreciated. It reinforced something I strongly believe: children thrive when they feel safe, valued, understood and connected. Academic success and emotional wellbeing go hand in hand and our commitment remains to ensure that every child feels a genuine sense of belonging within our school community.

We recognise that every child is unique and brings their own strengths, experiences and needs. Our aim is to provide the support, encouragement and opportunities that enable all children to flourish; including those with additional needs. We want every pupil to feel confident, cared for and inspired to achieve their very best. We have high aspirations for every child and believe their potential is limitless when they are given the right support, encouragement and opportunities to succeed.

Alongside this, we will continue to nurture a culture of kindness, respect, ambition and high expectations. Over the past two weeks, I have been struck by how our three Golden Rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe, are lived out by children every day and embedded throughout school life. Children learn best when they feel secure, relationships are strong and everyone is treated with compassion and understanding. I have been delighted by the positive learning attitudes and behaviour I have seen throughout the school during these first weeks of term.

As we continue to establish positive routines for the year ahead, I would be grateful for your support in reinforcing an important expectation with your children: listening carefully and following adults' instructions the first time, every time. This simple expectation helps lessons run smoothly, maximises learning time and contributes to a calm, safe and purposeful environment for everyone. When children respond promptly to instructions, it supports both their own success and the learning of others. Thank you for your continued partnership in upholding our high expectations and helping all children make the very best use of every school day.

A child's education is most successful when families and school work together as one community. We are committed to listening carefully, communicating openly and working collaboratively with families so that every decision we make is guided by what is best for our children. By working in partnership, we can help every child develop the confidence, character and aspirations they need to flourish both in school and beyond. Please do speak with class teachers or teaching assistants if you wish to share information or discuss your child's academic, social or emotional needs. From my experience, minor issues can often be resolved easily and quickly when class teachers are informed promptly.

Thank you for sending your children to school each day so well prepared, smart and ready to learn. Together, as a school community, we can ensure that every child enjoys a happy, successful and fulfilling year, develops ambitious aspirations for the future and understands that their opportunities are truly limitless.

Warm regards,

Mrs Lees

Headteacher

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 14 th September	Wednesday 16 th	Year 5 Swimming lessons
Week commencing 21 st September	Wednesday 23 rd	The Oaks Academy Open Evening (5pm)
	Wednesday 23 rd	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Thurs 24 th -Fri 25 th	Scholastic Book Fair (3:20-4:10pm each day)
Week commencing 28 th September	Mon 28 th – Tue 29 th	Scholastic Book Fair (3:20-4:10pm each day)
	Wednesday 30 th	Year 5 Swimming lessons
	Wed 30 th – Fri 2 nd	Year 6 London Residential
	Thursday 1 st	Shavington Academy Open Evening
Week commencing 5 th October	Wednesday 7 th	Year 5 Swimming lessons
	Thursday 8 th	FLUENZ (tbc)
Week commencing 12 th October	Wednesday 14 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Week Commencing 14th September will be WEEK 3 of our menu for lunches

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Tikka Massala with 50/50 rice	All day breakfast	Beef Lasagne & garlic bread	Sausage roll and chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetable pasta bake	BBQ Quorn with 50/50 rice	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Quorn Chilli and 50/50 rice	Cheese and bean panini
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 OF YOUR 5 A DAY	Peas and sweetcorn & salad bar	Peas and sweetcorn & salad bar	Baked beans	Peas & salad bar	Baked beans, sweetcorn & salad bar
DESSERTS	Oaty cookie	Meringues with yoghurt and fruit	Lemon cake	Apple Flapjack	Marble Sponge
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	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Ham Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling



KEY 5 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 site 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

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight
This week: Online Content

Road Safety

To ensure the safety of all, we ask that children are supervised closely at drop off and collection times and are encouraged to use the designated road crossing. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Year 6 Evacuee Day

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fun and engaging day as evacuees on Monday. We appreciate the positive feedback from parents and pupils about the day and how it brought World War 2 history to life.



Parent Guidelines

School is currently in the process of reviewing our Parent Guidelines. The updated document will be sent out shortly and we kindly ask that all parents/carers take a few moments to read through the document. Thank you for your cooperation.

Free School Meals

Please see below for information about changes to Free School Meal eligibility:

NEW ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

 **WISTASTON CHURCH LANE ACADEMY**

IMPORTANT UPDATES – A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

NEW! EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWO CATEGORIES

TARGETED ELIGIBILITY

 Your child qualifies if your household receives **UNIVERSAL CREDIT** AND your annual household net earnings are **£7,400 OR LESS**.

 (Also eligible for PUPIL PREMIUM funding for the school).

EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY

 Your child qualifies if your household receives **UNIVERSAL CREDIT** AND your annual household net earnings are **MORE THAN £7,400**.

 (Entitled to **FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLY**).

WHO ELSE IS ELIGIBLE?
Common qualifying benefits include:


Income Support


Income-based JSA


Income-related ESA


Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit


Support under Part VI of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999


Child Tax Credit (if annual taxable income is less than £16,190 and you don't get Working Tax Credit)

WHAT ABOUT RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2?

ALL children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 in state schools get Universal Infant Free School Meals, regardless of household income.

BUT, IF YOU GET QUALIFYING BENEFITS, PLEASE APPLY FOR 'BENEFIT-RELATED' FSM TO ENSURE YOUR SCHOOL GETS EXTRA 'PUPIL PREMIUM' FUNDING.

HOW TO APPLY IN CHESHIRE EAST

1. APPLY ONLINE AT: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/free-school-meals>
2. OR CONTACT CHESHIRE EAST: CARD 103 5212 (please 21)

 Cheshire East Council

Books! Books! Books! The Book Fair is Coming to Town!

We would love to welcome you to our annual Scholastic book fair, where you can browse through hundreds of books and hopefully support the school by purchasing one, or maybe two.

There will be three bookcases with books for all age ranges on offer. Every class will have the opportunity to view the bookcases and write a wishlist of books they would like. Every book you purchase goes towards an amount of money donated by scholastic books, the more you spend the bigger the amount of free books we can purchase for the children. Your support means the world to us, so thank you in advance.

The book fair will be held on **Thursday 24th September to Tuesday 29th September 3.20pm-4.10pm**. Books will be for sale in the infant building with access through the reception office. Please note we are a **cashless school** so please do not be offended if we refuse cash on the day. Card payments can be made at the bookfair using either a card machine or a QR code which can be scanned using smartphones and payments will be made through Sage pay. The QR code can be used to order books at home using your wish list but please ensure your child brings in a list of the books they have ordered for us to distribute, as the books will not be sent out to you via Scholastic books. So, we do ask you to inform the class teachers asap if you do order online to ensure your books are retrieved from the

bookcases before Monday 28th September as any books ordered after this date may need to be ordered and incur postage costs.

[Togetherness in Cheshire East - 'Back to School' Edition of the Cheshire East School Parent Wellbeing Newsletter](#)

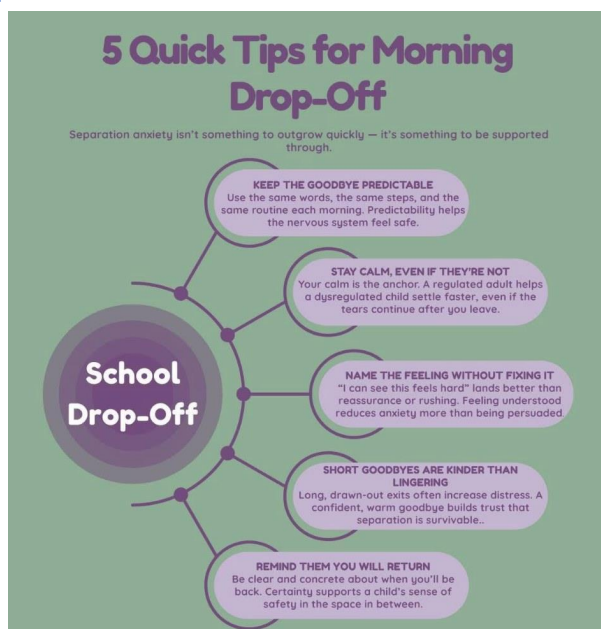
Cheshire East Council fund sponsorship of togetherness.co.uk to make invaluable NHS learning and content free for local parents.

Togetherness is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships.

Please see below for the latest edition:

[PDF September 2026 parent wellbeing newsletter](#)

[Tips for Morning Drop-Off](#)



[Year 5 Swimming Lessons](#)

Year 5 swimming lessons will take place at Nantwich Swimming Baths on Wednesday afternoons from 14th September until 9th 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. 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)

Consent/payment for lessons should be made via *Trips* on Arbor by **Monday 14th September**. The charge is for transport only as the swimming itself will be funded by school. By consenting to the trip, you are also giving permission for goggles to be worn for the duration of the lesson if you chose to supply them.

If your child is unable to attend their swimming lesson on occasion, then please inform the class teacher as soon as possible. Arrangements will be made for them to spend the afternoon in another year group.

[Primary and Secondary School Admission Applications Open](#)

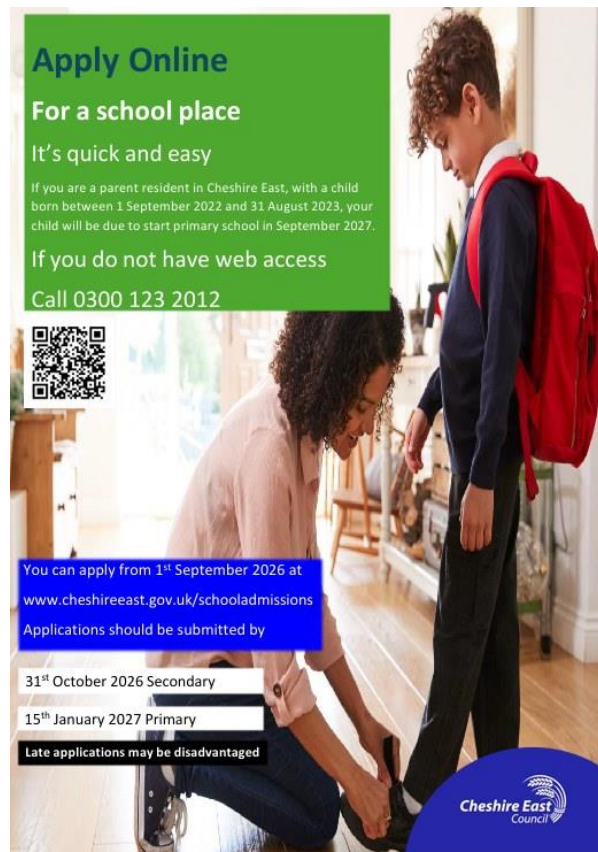
Applications are now open for children starting primary school and transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences. Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by:

- 31 October 2026 for pupils moving up to High School in September 2027.
- 15 January 2027 for pupils starting primary in September 2027.

Parents still need to apply even if pupils have a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school. Some faith schools may also require parents and carers to submit a supplementary information form/confirmation of baptism. Further information about this will be available on the school's website.

Parents should consider how their child will travel to school when making preferences. Parents can find out about school transport at [School transport](#).

To apply online and for further information please go to [Apply for September 2027 school place](#) or call 0300 123 5012.



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 2022 and 31 August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027.
If you do not have web access
Call 0300 123 2012



You can apply from 1st September 2026 at
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2026 Secondary
15th January 2027 Primary
Late applications may be disadvantaged



Oaks Academy Open Evening

Please see below details of an open evening at the Oaks Academy. Bookings can be made at:

<https://bit.ly/TheOaksOpenEve26>



We are The Oaks Academy.
INSPIRE-BELIEVE-ACHIEVE



JOIN US:
Open Evening for 2027 admissions,
Wednesday 23rd September, 5-7pm



JOIN US!



"The school has high aspirations for all pupils.
 The school has a welcoming and supportive environment.
 There is a strong pastoral system that supports pupils' wellbeing.
 Pupils behave well in classrooms and around the school."

Ofsted Inspection, April 2024



Open Evening, Wednesday 23rd September



Book your tickets at
theoaksacademy.co.uk



Shavington Academy Open Evening

Shavington will be holding their open evening on Thursday 1st October. They will also be offering school tours throughout October following the Open Evening, and all families are very welcome to attend. Details of the tour dates will be shared closer to the time.



SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

Open Evening

Thursday 1st October 2026
5.00pm-7.00pm



Come along to our Open Evening!
 Take part in classroom activities and meet our pupils and staff
Headteacher's address at 5.30pm and 6.15pm

Contact us:
 01273 286117
info@shavington.academy
www.shavington.academy
 @Shavington_Ac
 ShavingtonAcademy

Pupils at Shavington Academy enjoy school and settle in quickly. Leaders and staff encourage pupils to revel in their learning and to become socially responsible citizens. Pupils are respectful towards each other, members of staff and visitors to the school.
 Ofsted 2023

'Together we enjoy, aspire, create and achieve'

Infection Control

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).

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/minfoc>.

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Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for

48
HOURS

after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice
Visit nhs.uk/norovirus

choices Good Partnership Agency



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

25

different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans. They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



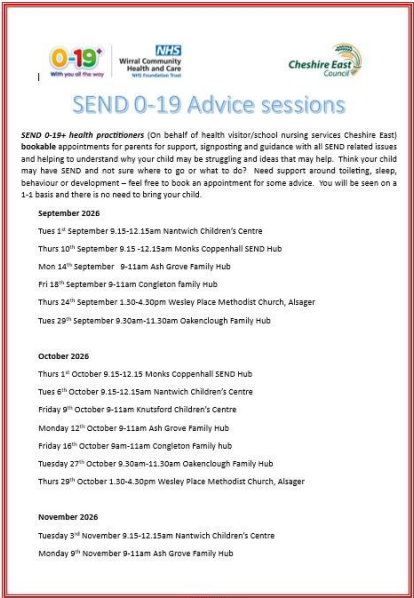
Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

SEND Advice Sessions

Please see below for details of upcoming SEND advice sessions:



SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) bookable appointments for parents 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 an appointment for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

September 2026

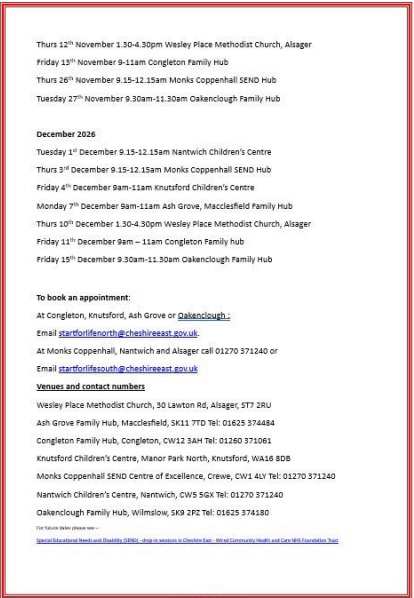
Tues 1st September 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
 Thurs 10th September 9.15-12.15am Monks Copenhall SEND Hub
 Mon 14th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub
 Fri 18th September 9-11am Congleton Family Hub
 Thurs 24th September 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
 Tues 29th September 9.30am-11.30am OakencloUGH Family Hub

October 2026

Thurs 1st October 9.15-12.15 Monks Copenhall SEND Hub
 Tues 6th October 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
 Friday 9th October 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre
 Monday 12th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub
 Friday 16th October 9am-11am Congleton Family Hub
 Tuesday 27th October 9.30am-11.30am OakencloUGH Family Hub
 Thurs 29th October 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

November 2026

Tuesday 3rd November 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
 Monday 9th November 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub



Thurs 12th November 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
 Friday 13th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub
 Thurs 26th November 9.15-12.15am Monks Copenhall SEND Hub
 Tuesday 27th November 9.30am-11.30am OakencloUGH Family Hub

December 2026

Tuesday 1st December 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
 Thurs 3rd December 9.15-12.15am Monks Copenhall SEND Hub
 Friday 4th December 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre
 Monday 7th December 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub
 Thurs 10th December 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
 Friday 11th December 9am – 11am Congleton Family Hub
 Friday 15th December 9.30am-11.30am OakencloUGH Family Hub

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or OakencloUGH:
 Email stanforlifenorth@cheshireeast.gov.uk
 At Monks Copenhall, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or
 Email stanforlifesouth@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 Copenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4UJ Tel: 01270 371240
 Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
 OakencloUGH Family Hub, Willmow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For further details please visit...
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SEND/0-19+HealthPractitioners>

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](#)

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

A huge thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on #easyfundraising.

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!

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

School Lottery

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 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

Splitting the £1.00

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

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
and search for: Wistaston

GambleAware 18+

Crewe Lyceum Production of Nativity

We are pleased to announce that a number of WCLA pupils will be taking part in this year's Crewe Lyceum's production of Nativity. Please see below for more details:



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack – Autumn 1 – Payment OVERDUE

Year 5 Swimming – Payment due by 14/09/26

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance due by 16/10/26