

Week 3



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 19th September 2025

I'm delighted to share two exciting English events coming up at our school that will inspire our young writers and readers: Firstly, we are participating in the BBC 500 Words competition, the UK's most beloved children's story-writing challenge for pupils aged 5-11. This year's competition is split into two age groups (5-7 and 8-11), and children are invited to imagine, create, and submit an original story of up to 500 words — no pressure on perfect spelling or grammar, simply a love of storytelling. We will be watching the live lesson on Wednesday and supporting children in school with ideas and encouragement, good luck to all our writers!

Secondly, we are excited to hold our Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 25th September to Wednesday 1st October, between 3.20pm and 4.10pm, in the infant building (access via the reception office). Please see all the details you need in the section below.

We are very much looking forward to seeing your children's stories and sharing the joy of reading together.

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 22nd September	Wednesday 24th	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
	Thursday 2 nd	Shavington Academy Open Evening (5-7pm)
	Friday 3 rd	EYFS/KS1 Open Afternoon (2:45pm)
	Friday 3 rd	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
	Friday 3 rd	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
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
	Thursday 23 rd	Academy Photography – Individual & Sibling Photos
	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
	Friday 7 th	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground at End of School Day
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
	Thursday 13 th	Year 5&6 Dodgeball - 3.30-5.30pm at Shavington Academy (Details TBC)
	Friday 14 th	Year 3 Sealife Manchester
	Friday 14 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 17th November	Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Geography Awareness Week
	Tuesday 18 th	Year 2 Amsterdam Nantwich Museum Visit
	Tuesday 18 th	Year 3&4 and 5&6 Sportshall Athletics - 2.30-5.00pm at Shavington Academy (Details TBC)
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 2 Helsinki Nantwich Museum Visit
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 5 Tatton Park Visit

Week Commencing 22nd September will be WEEK 1 for lunches

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Macaroni cheese	Mediterranean chicken wrap with savoury rice	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Pork meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Fish Fingers and Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN DISH	Potato & cauliflower curry with 50/50 rice	Meat free sausage ragu with wholemeal pasta	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	BBQ Quorn™ with 50/50 rice	Falafel & salad pitta with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Upside down cheesecake	Lemon drizzle cake	Apple & oat cookie	Chocolate muffin	Summer berries with whip
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

Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

KEY 5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY MEAT FREE MEAT-FREE MONDAY CHEF'S CHOICE P - 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
This week: Scams and Fake News

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 25th September to Wednesday 1st October 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 wishlist 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.

Friends of WCLA Tuck Shop

The Friends will now be holding a monthly tuck shop on the first Friday of each month. This will be on the KS2 playground at the end of the day.

Term Dates

For all available term dates, please see <https://wclacademy.co.uk/term-dates>. If there are any changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Solihull Approach Online Learning for Parents

A number of parents have been struggling recently with their children's behaviour at home. The Solihull Approach is a fantastic resource that Cheshire East have subscribed to. Professionals often ask Mrs Clifford about what training parents have been offered before further support is considered and this resource is brilliant. Please see the link from Mrs Clifford below:

solihullapproachparenting.com

Infection Control

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

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

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/minftec>.

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

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*



INSPIRE
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE

**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*
- *Shavington Academy – Thursday 2nd October 5-7pm*



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.




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:

<div>    </div> <h2>SEND Drop Ins</h2> <p>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 learning, class, behaviour or development... feel free to drop in for a chat??</p> <p>September –</p> <p>Tues 2nd September 10-11.30am Nantwich Quillocks centre (appts only)</p> <p>Tues 9th September 1.30-2.30pm Deanscough Family Hub (Little Stars) (drop in)</p> <p>Fri 12th September 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)</p> <p>Mon 15th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)</p> <p>Wed 17th September 1.30-2.30pm Alton Library (drop in)</p> <p>Thurs 18th September 9.30-11.30am Macclesfield SEND Hub (appts only)</p> <p>October –</p> <p>Fri 3rd October 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)</p> <p>Wed 8th October 1.30-2.30pm Alton Library (drop in)</p> <p>Mon 13th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)</p> <p>Thurs 16th October 9.30-11.30am Macclesfield SEND Hub (appts only)</p> <p>Fri 17th October 9.30-11.30am – Disley Library and community centre (drop in)</p> <p>Fri 24th October 9-11am – Knutsford Family Hub (drop in)</p>	<p>November –</p> <p>Tuesday 4th November 9.30-11.30am Nantwich Quillocks centre (appts only)</p> <p>Tuesday 11th November 1.30-2.30pm Deanscough Little Stars (drop in)</p> <p>Monday 18th November 9-11am – Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)</p> <p>Wed 20th November 1.30-2.30pm Alton Library (drop in)</p> <p>Thurs 20th November 9.30-11.30am Macclesfield SEND Hub (appts only)</p> <p>Fri 28th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)</p> <p>December –</p> <p>Tues 2nd December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich Quillocks centre (appts only)</p> <p>Friday 5th December – 9-11am – Knutsford Family Hub (drop in)</p> <p>Monday 8th December 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)</p> <p>Wed 17th December 1.30-2.30pm Alton Library (drop in)</p> <p>Thurs 18th December 9.30-11.30am Macclesfield SEND Hub (appts only)</p> <p>Venues and contact numbers for appts where needed</p> <p>Alton Library, Alton ST7 2QH</p> <p>Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield ST11 7TB Tel: 01625 374484</p> <p>Congleton Family Hub, Congleton CV11 3AH Tel: 01260 371061</p> <p>Knutsford Family Hub, Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 6DB</p> <p>Macclesfield SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CV1 4J Tel: 01270 371240</p> <p>Nantwich Quillocks Centre, Nantwich CV15 5SH Tel: 01270 371240</p> <p>Deanscough Family Hub, Wilmslow SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374380</p> <p>For future dates please see – SEND Educational Health and Disability (SEND) drop in sessions in Cheshire East, Wirral, Community Health and Care North Cheshire Trust</p>
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Aspire FC Community Football Sessions

Please see below for details of sessions at Malbank High School (3G Astro), Nantwich, starting Saturday 20th September 2025! These sessions are designed for young players of all abilities, providing a supportive environment to grow, play, and thrive.



ASPIRE WELCOMES YOU

ASPIRE FC COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

What's Included:

- Fun-packed training sessions
- Skill challenges & mini games
- Small group coaching
- Goalkeeper-specific training
- Open to boys & girls of all abilities
- Education around refuelling, recovery & healthy habits

ASPIRE FC @ MALBANK
Malbank High School, Nantwich

EVERY SATURDAY
10:00am-12:00pm

REGISTER NOW!

Age Groups & Timings:

- Ages 5-8 & 7-8 → 10:00-11:00am
- Ages 9-10 & 11-12 → 11:00-12:00pm

Message our social media to enquire

Aspire Football Club

£1.50pp

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 WCLA would like to thank everyone who has purchased a lottery ticket since the start of term. We're delighted to share that we now have an amazing 67 tickets entered into the weekly draw! Don't miss your chance to win every week—and to be entered into the exciting super draw to win a £1,000 ALDI Gift Card. Simply visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play> and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy. Every pound raised through our lottery helps enrich the learning environment and enhance the experiences of children at Church Lane.



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Payment now due

Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes FINAL BALANCE – Payment due by 17/10/2025

Year 3 Sealife Manchester – Payment due by 31/10/2025

Year 2 Nantwich Museum – Payment due by 31/10/2025

Year 5 Tatton Park – Payment due by 03/11/2025