

Week 32



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 23rd May 2025

I would like to bring to your attention the public consultation, on behalf of Harworth Group Plc, regarding the proposed development for Crewe West which launched this week. The development, located to the east of Middlewich Road, proposes to deliver up to **660 new homes**, alongside improved green spaces and new community facilities designed to benefit both current and future residents.

Further information about the proposals is available on the project website: www.crewe-west.co.uk. A **live public webinar** will also be held on **Wednesday 28th May at 6:00pm**, where the project team will present the plans and answer any questions. You can sign up for the webinar via the consultation website. We encourage all parents and carers to share their views before the consultation closes on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Have a happy and restful half term and see you all back in school on Monday 2nd June.

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 26th May	Mon 26th – Fri 30th	Half Term
	Wednesday 28 th	Crewe West Live Public Webinar (6pm)
Week commencing 2nd June	Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th	Festival of Fiction Week
	Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th	Year 4 Multiplication Check
	Monday 2 nd	Sandbach High visiting Year 6
	Monday 2 nd	Brine Leas visiting Year 6
	Tuesday 3 rd	Reception Parent Assembly (2:30-3pm)
	Tuesday 3 rd	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Tuesday 3 rd	Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes Information Evening (3:30pm)
	Thursday 5 th	Reception Runway Visitor Park Trip
	Thursday 5 th	Year 5 & 6 Timperley Shield (By invitation only; 12:30-3pm) – Postponed from 20 th March
	Thursday 5 th	St Thomas More Catholic High School Year 6 Transition Evening (5:30-6:30pm)
	Friday 6 th	SEND Drop In at Monks Coppenhall (1-2:30pm)
Week commencing 9th June	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
	Monday 9 th	Reception Transport Day
	Monday 9 th	Malbank visiting Year 6
	Tuesday 10 th	Year 1 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 & 4 Mixed Football at Crewe Alexandra in the Community (12:30-4pm) – By invitation to Lunchtime Football Club Members & first come, first served allocation.
	Thursday 12 th	EYFS Transition
	Thursday 12 th	September 2025 New Starters - Story in the Park
	Friday 13 th	Drop in with the Educational Psychology Team - Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (1-2:30pm)
	Saturday 14 th	Wistaston Community Fair and fancy dress parade
Week commencing 16th June	Monday 16 th	Year 4 Maya Workshop
	Monday 16 th	Town Sports Field Events (Invitation Only) 5-7:30pm (Reserve date is Monday 30 th June)
	Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Wednesday 18 th	Town Sports Track Events (Invitation only) 5-8pm (Reserve date is Wednesday 2 nd July)
Week commencing 23rd June	Tuesday 24 th	Year 3 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Tuesday 24 th	Year 6 Intake Evening at Brine Leas
	Tuesday 24 th	KS2 Inter-School Cross Country at Crewe Vagrants Sports Club (3:30-5pm) – Places allocated on a first come, first served basis.
	Tues 24 th – Weds 25 th	Year 6 Shavington Transition Days
	Tues 24 th – Thurs 26 th	Year 6 Sandbach Boys Transition Days
	Tues 24 th -Thurs 26 th	Year 6 Malbank Transition Days
	Wednesday 25 th	Moving Up Morning
	Wednesday 25 th	September 2025 Cygnet New Starters Visit (10:40-11:40am)
	Wednesday 25 th	Year 4 Musical Performances – Mexico City (1:45-2:15pm) & Rio (2:30-3pm)
	Weds 25 th – Thurs 26 th	Year 6 Intake Days at Brine Leas
	Thurs 26 th – Fri 27 th	St Thomas More Catholic High School Year 6 Intake Days
Week commencing 30th June	Monday 30 th	Visitor from St Mary's Church visiting Cygnets
	Tuesday 1 st	Year 4 Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Tuesday 1 st	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Tuesday 1 st	Year 6 Reaseheath College Experience Day
	Wednesday 2 nd	Year 3 Portals to the Past Egyptian Workshop
	Wednesday 2 nd	Year 5 & 6 Pickleball Competition at Shavington Academy (3:30-5:30pm) – Selection by Random Draw
	Wednesday 2 nd	September 2025 New Starter Meeting (6:30pm)
	Thursday 3 rd	Sports Day (KS1 AM/KS2 PM) & Family Picnic over lunchtime
	Friday 4 th	EYFS Seaside Day (Seaside activities during the normal school day)
Week commencing 7th July	Monday 7 th	Year 5 Chester Zoo
	Monday 7 th	September 2025 New Starters Visit (2pm)
	Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Production (2pm)
	Thursday 10 th	Year 5 Primary College
	Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Production (6pm)
	Friday 11 th	INSET Day – School will be closed to pupils.
Week commencing 14th July	Thursday 17 th	Cygnets Parent Assembly (2:30pm)
	Thursday 17 th	Year 6 Leaversfest (5:30pm – time TBC)
	Friday 18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9:30am)
Week commencing 21st July	Monday 21 st	INSET Day
	Tuesday 22 nd	INSET Day
	Wednesday 23 rd	Start of Summer Holiday
Week commencing 28th July	Mon 28 th – Fri 1 st Aug	Summer Holiday
Week commencing 4th August	Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th	Summer Holiday

Week Commencing 2nd June will be WEEK 1 (NEW MENU) for lunches

Please see below our new menu which will start on our return after half term on Monday 2nd June. The new menu will be a 3 week rolling menu instead of the current 2 week menu.

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

MENU Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

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

*Allergens and intolerances: All of our food is carefully 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 allergen prior to your child's allergen prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for many purpose products so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of them.

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Chicken tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Roast chicken with new potatoes & gravy	Italian pasta bolognese	Pork Sausage and Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN DISH	BBQ bean & cheese wrap with 50/50 rice	Quorn™ lasagne with berry dough balls	Creamy Quorn™ pie with new potatoes	Vegetable Chow Mein	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower Salad bar	Sweetcorn & carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Lemon shortbread	Chilled mango & coconut rice pudding	Banana bread	Fresh fruit & ice cream	Fruit in jelly
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	Turkey Sandwich	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato

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

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WEEK 3	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™ 6 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

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

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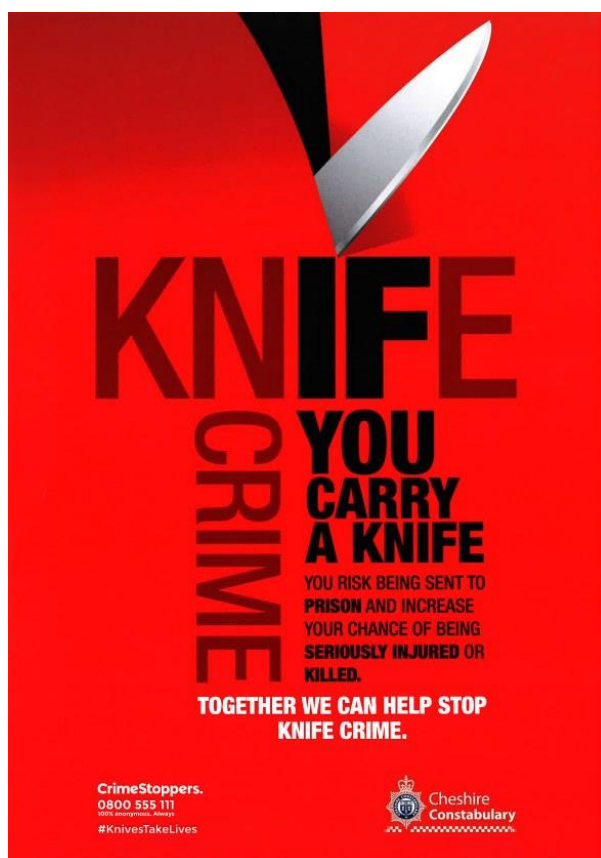
What's New!

Half Term

School will close after the normal school day today (Friday 23rd May) and will reopen as normal on Monday 2nd June.

[PCSO Visit to Year 6](#)

On Thursday 22nd May, our PCSOs visited Year 6 to talk about knife crime.



[Crewe Alexandra Football Club Junior Season Tickets](#)

All children in reception through to Year 6 should have received a Free Crewe Alexandra Junior Season Ticket for 2025/26. This is part of the club's effort to inspire the next generation of supporters. To claim it, just scan the QR code on the card and you'll be directed to the official website where you can redeem the offer for a free child's ticket when accompanied by a paying adult.

[After School Clubs](#)

After school clubs will run as normal week commencing 2nd June. Please note however, that Year 6 Maths Booster has now finished and new bookings will be required for SCG clubs (see below).

[Sports Coaching Group After School Clubs – Summer 2](#)

Please find below details of after school clubs that will be run by Sports Coaching Group next half term and the new SCG booking system. Please note that these clubs will not show on Arbor as they have to be booked directly with SCG at:

[After School Club Booking – Sports Coaching Group](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SPORTS COACHING GROUP
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Archery	Athletics	Archery
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Yr 3-6	Reception - Yr 2	Reception - Yr 2
03.06.25 - 08.07.25	04.06.25 - 09.07.25	05.06.25 - 10.07.25
3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15
£36 (6 weeks)	£36 (6 weeks)	£36 (6 weeks)

✉ info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

☎ 01270 449770

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BOOKING UPDATE

SPORTS COACHING GROUP
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We are moving to a new booking system! All bookings will now be made directly through our website, and we will no longer be using ClassForKids.

Please visit www.sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/bookings to make bookings going forward.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our team at info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Nursery & Reception New Starter Packs (September 2025)

New starter packs have now gone out for all pupils due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2025. They have been issued either via pupils/siblings already in school or via

Royal Mail. Please return all completed forms by Friday 6th June (Nursery)/Wednesday 11th June (Reception) and show your child's original birth certificate to the school office.

STIKINS Name Labels

To help any lost items find their way back to the correct pupils, we kindly ask that all items (e.g. uniform, coats, water bottles etc) are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please see below some details of STIKINS name labels that can help with this and raise commission for the Friends of WCLA at the same time:



Summer Term Timetable Feedback

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the new Summer Term timetable and whether your child has shared any feedback about the changes at home. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to share your views using the feedback form linked below – your input is greatly valued as we continue to develop our approach. Please submit by end of play today (Friday 23rd May). We will repeat this survey later in the summer term but would welcome your initial thoughts. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WPqWT78fzu>

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 next half term shows as *KS2 Snack Summer 2 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. Meal payments should be made in advance.

Attendance & Fines For Unauthorised Absence

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Office to improve our attendance and prevent children's attendance from falling below 95%. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. We are contacting parents by letter if we are worried

that a child's attendance is becoming close to 90%. Please be assured that this is just a process and that we are here to support families as much as we can to improve attendance.

If you wish to find out more, you may refer to the following:

- Pupil Attendance and Registration Policy: <https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies>
- Cheshire East School Attendance: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx
- Department for Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

If your child is going to be absent due to a medical appointment, please inform the school office and show confirmation of the appointment (This can be by letter, text, appointment card or email).

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please inform the school office and give as much detail as possible regarding their symptoms/diagnosis for their attendance records.

If your child is going to be absent for any other reason (e.g. holiday, wedding, non-medical appointment), please complete a Leave of Absence Request Form at your earliest possible opportunity and attach any relevant supporting information that you wish to be taken into consideration. You should be aware that if your child is taken out of school and the reasons are not classed as exceptional, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. **Any appeal should be made prior to the end of the period of absence before an FPN is issued.**

The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education. Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices came into force on 19th August 2024. As a result of these changes, absences will be tracked over a rolling 3 year period and penalty notices will be issued for the following:

- Term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days

- 10 sessions of unauthorised leave in a rolling 10 week period

Please note that penalty notices may also be issued before the threshold is met where it appears parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays of less than 5 days.

Penalty notices will continue to be issued per parent per child as follows:

- First Offence – For term time leave or irregular school attendance; Charged at £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Offence – Where a second notice is issued within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either term time leave or irregular attendance, this will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days.
- Third Offence – If a third offence occurs within 3 years of the first penalty notice, a penalty notice will not be issued but the case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school', the Magistrate can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

Please be aware that these changes are national changes and all penalty notices will be issued by Cheshire East Council. The school does not benefit financially in any way from any fines issued.

[Her-Place News](#)

Please see the link below for details of upcoming events and services at the Community Share Hub:

<https://her-place.co.uk/our-services/motherwell-community-hub-and-laundrette/>

[Wistaston Community Fair – Saturday 14th June](#)

Don't forget, we are excited to again invite all families to this year's Wistaston Community Fair on **Saturday 14th June**. As part of the celebrations, we have been asked to take part in the annual Fancy Dress Parade.

If your child would like to take part, please confirm your consent under *Clubs* on Arbor to register their place. On the day, we will meet at approximately 1pm (TBC) in the school car park before joining the parade to walk to the main fair showground. Of course, once the parade is finished you will be able to stay and enjoy all the fun of the fair. We hope to see you there!

Please see below for further details:



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 Holiday Clubs

Please see below details of the holiday clubs that will be run by SCG over half term. Please note that these do not show on Arbor and have to be booked directly through SCG at:

Holiday Club Booking Link:

<https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/362>



SPORTS COACHING GROUP

Tommy's May-day MYSTERY
Who is his new friend?
Holiday clubs

WHEN? May 27th - 30th

WHAT? Multi-Sports

TIME: 8.45am-3.15pm
(Early drop-offs and late pick-ups available)

Childcare Vouchers and Tax-free Childcare accepted!

NERF THEME DAYS

PARTY DAY
30th MAY

SCAN TO BOOK

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SCG now have WhatsApp Channels in place for all of their services, including after school clubs, childcare, and holiday clubs. These are used regularly by staff to share updates, photos, and short videos, giving parents a great insight into what their children have been getting up to:

WhatsApp Channel Link:

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VazoBhCL2AU6u0twLS1p>

If you experience issues with booking, please contact SCG directly at holidays@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk or by phone at 01270 449770.

School Office Closure

Please remember that the school office will be closed on Tuesdays from 1pm until 3pm for the next few weeks. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on #easyfundraising. Your continued support means the world to us!

Your online shopping at over 8,000 retailers can raise free donations for Wistaston Church Lane Academy! Whether you're buying your weekly food shop, renewing car insurance, or generally shopping online, you can support us. Enter easyfundraising's Lucky Luggage this week and you can help Wistaston Church Lane Academy win £100 and £200 donations, plus a £500 grand prize! Free to do, just sign up, visit the giveaway page and open a suitcase every day until 25th May to give us an entry. Sign up and play here before it ends:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/a4xypuOX/CE038/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

£1 TICKET

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 Summer 1 – Payment now OVERDUE

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

Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes DEPOSIT ONLY – Payment due by 17/07/25