Week 39



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 18th July 2025

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we want to take a moment to celebrate all our pupils for their hard work, growth, and achievements. A special farewell goes to our Year 6 leavers—Melbourne and Sydney classes—who are ready to take their next big step. We are so proud of everything they've accomplished and as they move on, we leave them with these words:

Be Ready to shine, to explore, to grow

Be respectful in all the places you go

Be safe as you journey, both near and far

You're stars in the making, just know who you are.

I also want to say huge congratulations to Diya and Harvey, our *Church Lane's Got Talent* winners! Their performances were outstanding. Well done to all the children who took part—we were truly blown away by your confidence, skills and creativity.

This summer I hope you have time to pop into the TLP Art Exhibition at Crewe Creates, which is well worth a visit. It's a fantastic opportunity for children across the **TLP Trust** to showcase their artistic talents and celebrates creativity both across our school and the local community.

I wish all our families a restful and joyful summer break. Thank you for all you do to support the school and I look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 2nd September.

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 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
	Wednesday 30 th	Nantwich Show at Reaseheath College
Week commencing 4th August	Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th	Summer Holiday
	Wed 6 th & Thur 7 th	Nantwich Museum Summer Holiday Workshops
Week commencing 11th August	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	Summer Holiday
	Wed 13 th & Thur 14 th	Nantwich Museum Summer Holiday Workshops
	Thursday 14 th	Cheshire East Summer Activity Day 11am-3pm (Book online)
	Saturday 16 th	Wistaston Flower & Produce Show
Week commencing 18th August	Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	Summer Holiday
	Wed 20 th & Thur 21 st	Nantwich Museum Summer Holiday Workshops
Week commencing 25th August	Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th	Summer Holiday
	Wed 27 th & Thur 28 th	Nantwich Museum Summer Holiday Workshops
	Saturday 30 th	Crewe Fire Station Open Day (10am-4pm with a dedicated SEN hour 10-11am)
Week commencing 1st September	Monday 1 st	INSET Day
September	Tuesday 2 nd	School reopens for the Autumn Term
Week commencing 8 th September	Tuesday 8 th	Friends of WCLA AGM (6pm)
Week commencing 15 th September	Friday 19 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 22 nd September	Thursday 25 th	Sandbach High Open Evening for Years 4, 5 & 6 Parents & Carers
	Friday 26 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 29 th September	Friday 3 rd	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 6th October	Friday 10 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm

Week Commencing 2nd September will be WEEK 1 for lunches



What's New!

Year 6 Netball Team vs Teaching Staff – A Lunchtime Showdown!

An exciting and high-energy netball match took place on Monday lunchtime as the Year 6 Netball Team faced off against the Teaching Staff in the first ever match of its kind. The game was played in four fast-paced 8-minute quarters, with 5 players on each side giving it their all. Spectators were treated to an action-packed game full of sharp passing, quick pivots, and impressive teamwork. Despite a strong showing from the Year 6 players, the Teaching Staff claimed victory with a final score of 11–8. A huge well done to the Year 6 team for their determination and sportsmanship, and a big thank you to all the spectators for their cheers and support. Special recognition goes to Claire and Jo, our dedicated netball coaches, who have generously given up their time every Monday to coach the Year 5 and 6 team. We can't wait to see what next season brings!

Sports at School – A Year to Remember!

It's been a fantastic year of sport at school, packed with energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of competition! Across the year, we took part in an impressive 13 sporting events as well as the ever-popular girls' football club, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 football clubs, and the Year 5/6 netball team. We proudly competed in Town Sports and even made history by competing in the first ever school pickleball tournament in the UK! A huge thank you to Rich, Jo and Claire for their time and effort with the teams.

The year was topped off with an unforgettable Sports Day, where the whole school came together to celebrate teamwork, perseverance, and the joy of being active. It's been a funfilled, action-packed year — and we can't wait to see what exciting opportunities and events next year will bring. Stay tuned!

INSET Days

School will close to pupils after the normal school day on Friday 18th July. Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd are INSET days. School will reopen for the new academic year on Tuesday 2nd September. Monday 1st September is an INSET day. We hope everyone has a lovely summer.

After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs during the first half term when we return in September to give everyone time to settle back into school. Swan Stars will run as normal.

Lunch Payments & KS2 Snack

As we come to the end of the academic year, please ensure that all payment accounts are up-to-date.

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 £5.10 per child for each half term. KS2 Snack for next half term will show as KS2 Snack Autumn 1 2025. Please note that this will not go live on Arbor until September due to the new academic year.

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.

WCLA – Did You Know? – Summer Challenge

This summer, we've got a fun challenge for you! Can you discover some amazing facts about our school's history? Your mission is to find out as many interesting facts as you can and choose one to present in a creative way. The top facts will be displayed in the Brisbane classroom window to celebrate our school's brilliant past! Think carefully about how to make your fact stand out—what font will you use? What size and colour will your text be? Will you include a picture? Make it bold, bright, and easy to read!

Bring your fact back to school in September—we can't wait to see your ideas and learn even more about our school's history. Maybe someone in your family or a family friend came to Church Lane too and can tell you how the school has changed—or what has stayed the same. Let's find out together!

A big thank you to Henry in Year 5 for coming up with this fantastic idea!

Swan Stars Bookings for Academic Year 2025-2026

Bookings for contracted sessions can now 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.

Her Hub School Uniform Exchange

Her Hub offer a wide selection of school uniforms, including both branded and generic items, as well as stationery and period poverty kits. This scheme is an excellent way for families to access the school essentials they need at little or no cost, all while reducing waste and promoting sustainability. Her Hub are working hard to get as much uniform out to families as possible over Summer. The Crewe Share Hub will be open on Saturdays 10-2. To make an order for uniform, please email hub@her-place.co.uk, telephone 01606 557666 or WhatsApp on 07496160930 and include; type of item, size(s) required, gender, school name and number of items you need.

Her Hub also have a number of pop-up events planned throughout the Summer, please check their social media for details. If your child has outgrown their uniform, feel free to donate it to them, and it can help another family in need. Unfortunately they are unable to accept donations after 9th August. This gives them time to organise what they have and to fulfil orders.

Crewe Community Share Hub Opening Hours

The Crewe Share Hub is open for more hours over the school holidays. Please feel free to make an order for collection or to drop in to see if they have what you need.

Monday 10am-2pm

Wednesday 10am-2pm

Thursday 10am-2pm

Saturday 10-2pm



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-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.

The Learning Partnership Art Exhibition

As part of The Learning Partnership's first art exhibition, there are over 300 pieces of artwork from pupils that attend schools across the Trust, including Wistaston Church Lane Academy, on display in the Crewe Makes ArtSpace. The art exhibition is designed to celebrate the work of pupils aged from 3 to 18. Visitors are encouraged to cast their vote for a stand-out piece from the exhibition and the 'people's favourite' will be awarded to the pupil with the most public votes.



All About Family Digital Magazine

Please see below a link to the latest All About Family magazine:

National Magazine – All About Family Magazine

NHS Dental Appointments

Cheshire Dental Centre in Bedford Street, Crewe. currently have NHS appointments available for children under 17 years old. If you need an appointment for your child, they can be contacted on 01270 256426.

Message from Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service Water Safety Team

With warmer weather on the way, it's important to remind children of the dangers of swimming or playing in and around water. Statistics show that drownings are three times more likely on hot days, as more people look to cool off.

Whether you're staying at home or going on holiday this summer, make sure you are being safe in and around the water.

What to do if you see someone in trouble

Shout – "Are you in trouble? Can you swim towards me, or stand up?"

Reach – find a long object that you can let go of, to try and reach the person. Lie down or crouch so you aren't pulled in too.

Throw – throw something to help keep them afloat - throwlines (floating lines), footballs, and life rings are great options.

Don't go – Never go into the water yourself; keep eyes on them and call 999 immediately.

If you're in trouble, Float to Live - lie on your back, keeping your mouth above the surface, and try to gently move to safety. Stay calm.

For more information and life-saving tips, visit: https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/

Have a very happy, and safe, summer!

Summer Safety

Please see the links below for tips on safety over the summer holidays.

https://about.hse.ie/news/hse-summer-safety-tips-for-parents/

https://capt.org.uk/focus-on-summer-safety/

If you are going on holiday or to visit family or friends in another country, please check the travel health advice at <u>TravelHealthPro</u> for the country you are visiting to find out if you and your family need any vaccinations or medicines before you go.

Cheshire East Active Travel Consultation

Cheshire East Council is asking residents across the borough for their views on how it can encourage more active and healthier travel choices.

The council's vision is for a borough where walking, cycling and wheeling (non-motorised) are the preferred choices for short journeys. This can be achieved through a connected, safe and accessible network of routes that supports a healthier Cheshire East.

The council has also prepared Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) for Alsager, Handforth, Knutsford, Middlewich, Nantwich, Poynton and Sandbach. Residents

and user groups are invited to say how these could be improved. Established plans already exist for Congleton, Crewe, Macclesfield and Wilmslow.

Councillor Mark Goldsmith, chair of Cheshire East Council's highways and transport committee, said: "It is very important that this council creates a transport network that offers residents a real choice to make safe, active journeys. It will help improve their own health plus the environmental health of the towns where they live.

"These plans will also help provide residents with better access to their jobs, educational places and leisure destinations. They are part of our commitment to make the borough healthier, happier and greener."

The consultation provides a link to a brochure with options for priority walking/wheeling facilities and priority cycling routes for each of the seven towns.

Considerations for each of the plans include new and upgraded crossings, widened paths, removal of cycling barriers (e.g. gates and stiles) and the maintenance of the existing active travel network.

The council is asking for public feedback on their preferred routes and whether any adjustments could be considered. Input from a wide range of interest groups is needed including schools, colleges and their students; businesses and commuters; town and parish councils; the health sector; people with disabilities and any active travel user groups. We now invite you to feed into this consultation.

After the consultation closes on 31 August, the council's transport team will look for opportunities to create a more connected network that can be a focus for investment in years to come.

The consultation can be accessed at: Cheshire East's Active Travel Consultation



Year 6 pupils - Information on Bus Travel via Arriva's Direct Debit Scheme

Now that the time is now fast approaching for all year 6 pupils to move up to secondary school, Arriva UK Bus understands that for some pupils this will mean taking a bus to school for the first time. Arriva would like to take this opportunity to inform parents and carers of year 6 pupils about the options that are available to support them getting their child to their new school safely.

Arriva's Child Saver tickets will not only provide their child with reduced priced bus travel costs to-and-from school, but they can also use their saver ticket for traveling during evenings, weekends and throughout all school term holidays. Furthermore, you can spread the cost of the annual saver ticket over affordable monthly payments using their direct debit system. It's simple to apply, and there's no setup fee or minimum contract required, which means you can cancel the direct debit and stop their ticket at any time should circumstances change, which makes it the ideal way to get reduced price with no commitments.

Please see the flyer below for more details:





Save money on student bus travel

If you're a student getting the bus to school, college or university make big savings on your travel and spread the cost of the ticket over affordable monthly payments when you pay by direct debit.



Reduced price bus travel for the academic year



Unlimited bus travel in your chosen Arriva Zone, 7 days a week



Convenient monthly direct debit



No minimum contract - cancel anytime



Scan QR code or visit our website to get started.

arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets



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

Crewe Town FC U12 Trekkers

Crewe Town FC currently have spaces available for children in Year 6 to join their new U12 Trekkers team for the 25/26 Season. Please see below for more details:



Jigsaw Summer Programmes

The SEND Youth Forum (now known as Jigsaw) allows young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND) or any additional needs, to come together to influence change in wider SEND services. Please see below for details of their summer programme for eligible children:

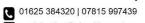


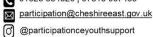
Jigsaw is the SEND Youth Forum for Cheshire East.

If you are aged 11-25 and have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, please come along to take part in fun activities, meet new people and discuss issues that are important to you.

Date/Time:	Venue:	Theme/Activity:
22/07/2025 6:00-8:00pm (online 6-7pm)	Macclesfield Hub	Preparing For Adulthood Cooking on a Budget and Travel Planning
29/07/025 6:00-8:00pm (online 6-7pm)	Macclesfield Hub	Preparing For Adulthood Travel Training and meal shopping
05/08/2025 6:00-8:00pm	Macclesfield Hub	Preparing For Adulthood Cooking meal on a budget
14/08/2025 11:00am-3:00pm	Oakenclough Family Hub	Children's Trust Activity Day (Circus Skills, Sports, Arts & Crafts, connect with local services and support)
19/08/2025	Macclesfield Hub	Games Night
6:00-8:00pm		

Cheshire East Participation Team









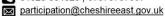
My Voice (Children in Care Council) Summer Programme

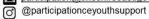
My VOICE is a group for Children and Young People aged 11 to 18, who are Cared for or have Care Experience. Please see below for details of their summer programme for eligible children:



Cheshire East Participation Team

01625 384320 | 07976767997









Crewe Heritage Centre – Free Summer Entry

Crewe Heritage Centre are offering free admission on Wednesdays during the summer holiday. Please see below for more details:



Nantwich Museum Summer Workshops

Please see below details of Nantwich Museum's Summer Workshops:



STEM Skills Days

Please see below details of some STEM days in Northwich and Sandbach over the summer holidays:



A different theme every day...

Mon 28th July - Stop Motion Animation goes Large!

Tues 29th July - Hydraulic and Pneumatic Power Engineering

Wed 30th July - Crumble Coding- STEAM Art

Thurs 31st July - Science Lab Skills & Remarkable Reactions

Friday 1st Aug - FPV Drone Flying

Mon 4th Aug - Sphero & RVR+ Robotics Day

Tues 5th Aug - Waterways and boats
Wed 6th Aug - Sphero Robot Sports Day

Thurs 7th Aug - First Aid + injury simulation

Friday 8th Aug - Film making





Useful information

- Developed and delivered by scientists and teachers
- From £36 per day 9 4 pm
- Optional early drop (8am) & late pick up (5pm)
- Discounts for weekly booking
- OFSTED-registered & accepting childcare vouchers.
- All staff experienced, DBS-checked & first aid trained.

Full details & booking www.skillclubs.co.uk or use the QR code







Cheshire East Summer Activity Day

To celebrate International Youth Day and the support you can find in Cheshire East Family Hubs, the Children and Young People's Trust Board and Early Help Services are hosting an activity day for children, young people (0-19 or 25 if SEND or Care Leaver) and their families.

Go along to have fun, try something new and tell professionals what they can do to improve the services and support that you receive.

• Date: 14 August 2025

• Time: 11:00am-3:00pm

Venue: Oakenclough Family Hub, Colshaw Drive, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Activities for all ages include: sports, arts and crafts, circus skills, mocktails and much more.

If you would like to attend, please book your space using the QR code on the poster or by clicking the following link: <u>Children, Young People and Families Activity Day Tickets, Thu 14 Aug 2025 at 11:00 | Eventbrite</u>



Sports Coaching Group Summer Holiday Clubs

SCG are delighted to announce that their holiday clubs are now live on the website! They have an exciting range of multi-sports camps and theme days lined up to keep all children entertained and active during the six-week summer holidays.

This summer, their theme days include:

- Wet 'n' Wild Day
- Nerf Day
- Party Day
- Gladiators Day

In addition to the theme days, they are also running sport-specific camps such as cricket and swim & splash.

Their multi-sports camps offer a wide range of activities, including dodgeball, football, tennis, basketball, rugby, handball, and archery.

Special Offer:

They are offering a FREE day on 25th July to give parents a chance to try out our provision!

Please see the flyer below for more details or visit their booking link: https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/388



LSC Summer Holiday Club

Please see below for details of the Summer Club being run by LSC at Berkeley Academy:



Fox Dance Academy Summer Holiday Club

This summer, Fox Dance Academy are offering three sessions each week:

• Show in a Day Holiday Club

A fun-filled day of dancing, singing, and acting as they create a mini show in just one day! This high-energy holiday club is packed with creativity, teamwork, and confidence-building fun-ending with a performance for friends and family.

• All-New Popstar Academy Summer Club

A week of high-energy fun at their Popstar Academy. Perfect for aspiring performers this club is packed with pop choreography, singing, games, crafts and a show-stopping performance.

• Circus Skills Day - Aerial Hoop & Silks

This thrilling session gives students the chance to try aerial hoop and silks, building confidence, making new friends and learning all things circus in a fabulous, fun day.

Spaces are limited and filling fast. To book a space, please click on the link below

https://tinyurl.com/mpfr5utz



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.

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/CE9 47/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



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Summer 1 – Payment now OVERDUE

Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes DEPOSIT ONLY - Payment now OVERDUE

Year 5 (Current Year 4) Swimming Lessons – Payment due by 15/09/2025 (NB This will only show on Arbor from 02/09/2025)

Year 4 (Current Year 3) Whitemoor Lakes FINAL BALANCE – Payment due by 17/10/2025 (NB This will only show on Arbor from 02/09/2025)