

Week 3



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of our third week back at school, I would like to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of all of our children and how privileged I feel to lead such a special school. Our children have settled into the new school year brilliantly and continue to demonstrate the values that make our school such a special place. Every day, I am greeted by smiling faces, thoughtful conversations and children who are keen to share their achievements, ideas and days with me. Their politeness, kindness and consideration continue to shine through and my favourite thing is to be around school with our incredible children.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to yourselves, wider family members and childminders, for the warm, positive interactions I have had with many of you over the past 3 weeks. As you can probably tell, I love to talk and welcome the opportunity to do so at the school gates each morning. Strong partnerships between home and school are so important and I greatly appreciate the support, encouragement and trust you show in our school community.

This week, we were delighted to welcome another local Headteacher into our school as well as the Primary Lead across The Learning Partnership Trust (our Trust). During the visit, time was spent around school and she was extremely complimentary about our children and staff. She was particularly impressed by the children's excellent manners, positive behaviour and the calm, purposeful atmosphere throughout our school. It was wonderful to receive such positive feedback from someone visiting our school and I know the children will make you as proud as they make us.

Over the coming weeks, I am looking to introduce a Headteacher's award. This is something the children and families in my previous school really liked. I will choose two children across school each week to receive the award. These will be children who might be demonstrating our school rules of being ready, respectful and safe or it could be for their manners, kindness or their work.

As I am sure many of you can appreciate, the start of the school year is an exceptionally busy time. This is especially true due to me being new to role and learning all about our school, safeguarding, teaching and learning, children, families, staff, the wider community, and attendance amongst many other elements and I want to learn about it thoroughly in order to do the best job of leading I possibly can. It also means that I am currently having to attend many meetings whilst still trying to see our children as much as possible. If you have requested to speak with me either via telephone call, meeting or an email, please be aware that there may be a delay in me responding to you. Effective communication is key to running a school effectively and it is very important to me as a leader.

To ensure that any queries or concerns are addressed as quickly, effectively or supportively as possible, in most cases, I would encourage you to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Your child's class teacher is often best placed to provide prompt support and guidance. Thank you for your understanding, continued support and kindness.

Please also see the information further down the newsletter for information regarding healthy snacks.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend with your families and I am very much looking forward to another successful week ahead.

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 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)
	Thursday 24 th	Malbank Open Evening (5-8pm)
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	Census Day (Look out for the special Census Day menu next week!)
Week commencing 5 th October	Thursday 1 st	Shavington Academy Open Evening
	Wednesday 7 th	Year 5 Swimming lessons
Week commencing 12 th October	Thursday 8 th	FLUENZ
	Wednesday 14 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Week commencing 19 th October	Wed 14 th & Thurs 15 th	EYFS & KS1 Parents Evenings
	Tuesday 20 th	EYFS Spooky Disco
Week commencing 26 th October	Wednesday 21 st	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
	Wednesday 21 st	Cygnets Stay & Play Session (2:30-3:15pm)
	Wed 21 st & Thurs 22 nd	KS2 Parents Evenings
	Thursday 22 nd	Academy Photography – Individual & Class Photographs
Week commencing 26 th October	Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	Half Term

Week Commencing 21st September will be WEEK 1 of our menu for lunches

WEEK 1	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Cheese and Onion pie	BBQ chicken served with rice	Pork sausages served with creamy mashed potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread	Fish fingers and chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Tomato and vegetable pasta bake	Vegetable Chow Mein	Quorn sausages served with creamy mashed potatoes	Quorn Lasagne with garlic bread	Cheese and tomato pin wheels
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 A DAY	Carrots & peas and salad bar	Mini corn on the cob and salad bar	Broccoli & gravy and salad bar	Green beans and salad bar	Baked beans, peas and salad bar
DESSERTS	Jam and coconut sponge	Strawberry Mousse	Cornflake Tart	Lemon Shortbread	Oaty cookie
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 / SANDWICH	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



Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

KEY 5 A DAY - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY MEAT FREE MONDAY CHEF'S CHOICE P16 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.

Look out for our special Census Day menu for Thursday 1st October in next week's newsletter!

What's New!

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

This week: Group Chats

Social Media

We kindly remind all parents to be mindful how they use social media platforms and group chats and to ensure that any posts are respectful and not used to air complaints, voice

grievances, or discuss incidents involving the school, staff, parents, or students. Publicly airing concerns online rarely leads to a resolution and can inadvertently escalate misunderstandings.

We take all parent feedback and concerns seriously. If you have a query or concern please bypass social media and address it with us directly:

- * Contact your child's teacher via emailing or phoning the office.
- * Schedule a formal meeting through the main school office if a matter requires further discussion.

[A Look at Learning This Week](#)

This week, our Reception children have had great fun making their very own gingerbread men! The children enjoyed retelling the story of *The Gingerbread Man* and developing their creativity, teamwork and fine motor skills through this hands-on activity. We were incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and the wonderful gingerbread men they created!



[Monitoring](#)

As part of our ongoing commitment to high standards, senior leaders have been spending time in classrooms this week, speaking with children and looking through some writing books. We have been delighted by the effort, ambition and pride children are showing in

their work and we are excited to see their learning progress throughout this year and beyond.

Parent Guidelines

Our Parent Guidelines have recently been reviewed. The updated document is now available on the school website at <https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies> and we kindly ask that all parents/carers take a few moments to read through the document. Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 6 London Residential

In preparation for the upcoming London Residential we kindly ask that school is notified if any pupils attending the trip will require any medication while they are away . To do this, we ask that the appropriate form (available from the School Office), prescribed or non-prescribed, is completed in full and returned to school by **Wednesday 23rd September** latest. **Please ensure that a separate form is completed for each medication.**

All medication should then be brought into school on **Wednesday 30th September** and handed to staff. All medication should be clearly named and in its original packaging (including the prescription where prescribed). We ask that medication is provided in a small named lidded box (e.g. Tupperware).

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.

FLUENZ

Parents should receive communication directly from the team who are scheduled to come into school to administer the FLUENZ on Thursday 8th October. Please complete the consent via the link in the communication which is as below:

<https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/KxVgNKTqui/flu/start>.



Primary and Secondary School Admission Applications Open

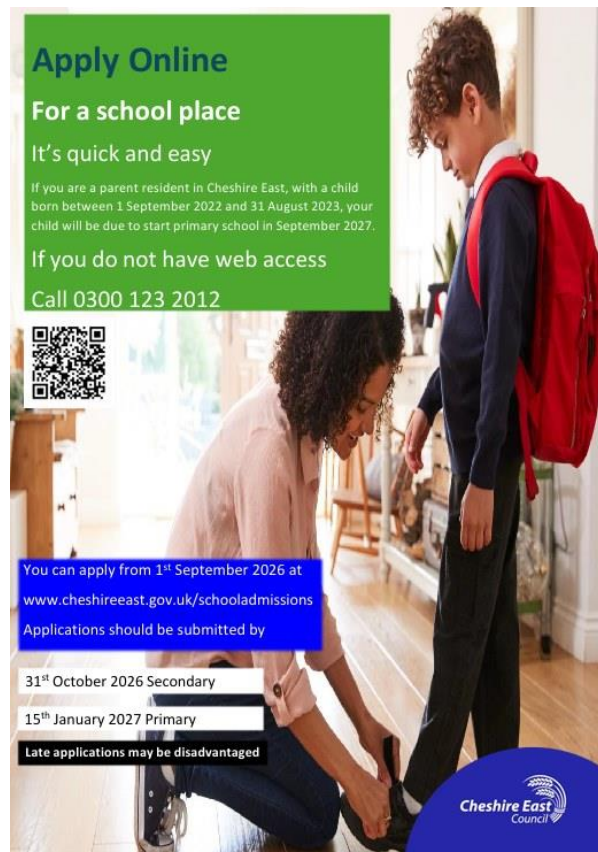
Applications are now open for children starting primary school and transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences. Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by:

- 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



Malbank Open Evening

Please see below for details of an upcoming open evening at Malbank:



Malbank School and Sixth Form College

OPEN EVENING

Thursday, September 24th, 2026 5pm - 8pm

We are thrilled to welcome prospective Year 7 students and their parents to our exciting Malbank Open Evening on Thursday, September 24th, 2026 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.



BOOK AT www.malbank.com

SESSION 1
17:15 PM

SESSION 2
18:30 PM

Please make sure that applications for joining our school are submitted through the Local Authority by October 31st, 2026.






"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

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.



Healthy Snacks Reminder

As part of our commitment to supporting healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind families that children who bring their own snack for morning break should only bring healthy snack options which could include: fresh fruit, vegetables or other nutritious choices.

Please avoid sending crisps, chocolate, sweets, sugary snacks, fizzy drinks or other less healthy snacks, as these are not suitable for school snack times. Providing a healthy snack helps children maintain their energy levels, concentration and readiness for learning throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping us encourage positive habits and make healthy choices a normal part of school life. By working together, we can ensure that all children are ready to learn and thrive each day.

Please see the link to the NHS below for healthy snack ideas at home.

[Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

Infection Control

For NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit [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/minftec>.

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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 food standards 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

Connected Conversation Appointments - Educational Psychology Service



**Cheshire East
Educational
Psychology
Service**

Do you need to share concerns, ask questions, or receive practical advice to support your child?



**Family
hub**
Together for you

You might benefit from a **Connected Conversation Appointment** with a member of the Educational Psychology Service. These sessions give parents and carers an opportunity to speak with a member of the Educational Psychology Service about one of our focus areas:

- Cognition and Learning
- SEMH (Social, Emotion and Mental Health)

Please note that Connected Conversation Appointments are not sessions for Local Authority processes (e.g. EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

Examples of Topics include:

- Literacy, Maths or Executive Function difficulties
- Anxiety or school related issues
- Play, social skills or friendship needs
- Transitions and/or difficulties with change/loss
- Preparing for Adulthood



Our Connected Conversation Appointments for the 2026-27 academic year can be found below:

Autumn Term:

- Online Session - Tuesday 15th September
- Macclesfield Family Centre - Tuesday 13th October 2026
- Crewe Lifestyle Centre Family Hub - Tuesday 1st December 2026

Spring Term:

- Oakenclough Family Hub, Wilmslow - Tuesday 2nd February 2027
- Crewe Lifestyle Centre Family Hub - Tuesday 23rd February 2027
- Macclesfield Family Centre - Tuesday 9th March 2027
- Monks Coppenhall Family Hub, Crewe - Tuesday 23rd March 2027

Summer Term:

- Congleton Family Hub - Tuesday 27th April 2027
- Crewe Lifestyle Centre Family Hub - Tuesday 25th May 2027
- Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield - Tuesday 15th June 2027
- Nantwich Family Hub Network Site - Tuesday 13th July 2027
- Online Session - Tuesday 10th August 2027

To enquire about booking a Connected Conversation Appointment, please contact your local Family Hub or Family Centre. Find out more about Family Hubs by scanning the QR code



SEND Advise 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 Coppenhall 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 Coppenhall 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 Coppenhall 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 Coppenhall 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 stanforliffenorth@cheshireeast.gov.uk
At Monks Coppenhall, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or
Email stanforliffesouth@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 Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4UY Tel: 01270 371240
Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
Oakenclough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For more ideas please visit - [SEND Education Needs and Disability \(SEND\) page in services & Cheshire East - 01625 374180](#)

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](#)

Please see upcoming workshops for parent and carers below:

- Parent/carers drop-in session : Wednesday 23 September 2026
- Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance : Wednesday 23 September 2026
- Sleep workshop : Wednesday 2 December 2026

[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/>

Supporters can also now raise instant donations when they buy gift cards through easyfundraising:

How to raise with Donation Gift Cards

1

Buy your gift card
Choose from over 300 brands and select the amount you'd like to spend.

2

Raise a donation
When you buy a gift card, the brand donates to your cause at no extra cost to you.

3

Use your gift card
Spend it online or in-store like any other gift card, or give it to someone else as a gift.

[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

£1 TICKET

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