

Week 4



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 26th September 2025

Reading is one of the most important skills our children develop, and enjoying stories together at home and in school helps spark imagination, build confidence, and strengthen language skills. Next week we are excited to launch our first Parent Open Afternoon. EYFS and KS1 parents are invited to join us on Friday 3rd October at 2:45pm for a special reading session in class, with KS2 parents having their turn the following week (Monday 6th Oct). Nursery and Reception parents should come to the outside classroom doors, while Year 1 and 2 parents can enter via the office reception, sign in, and then head to classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 29th September	Mon 29 th – Wed 1 st October	Book Fair
	Monday 29 th	Year 5 & 6 Lunchtime Football Session
	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	First week of after school clubs
	Tues 4 th – Fri 7 th	Remembrance Week (Flo of the Somme)
	Thursday 6 th	Year 5 Playground Leader Training (1-3pm – By invitation only)
	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 Kids Cup 9:30-12:30 (By invitation only)
	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
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 2 Helsinki Nantwich Museum Visit
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 5 Tatton Park Visit
Week commencing 24th November	Monday 24 th	Year 3&4 and 5&6 Sportshall Athletics - 2.30-5.30pm at Shavington Academy (By invitation only)
	Friday 28 th	Christmas Decoration Day
	Friday 28 th	Cheshire Fire Service - Key Stage 2 Road Safety presentation to Year 5 10-11am
	Friday 28 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm

Week Commencing 29th September will be WEEK 2 for lunches

Please see further down for details of our special Census Day menu on Thursday 2nd October.

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	Census Day	Pork Sausage and Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN DISH	BBQ bean & cheese wrap with 50/50 rice	Quorn™ lasagne with herby dough balls	Creamy Quorn™ pie with new potatoes	Census Day	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower Salad bar	Census Day	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Lemon shortbread	Chilled mango & coconut rice pudding	Banana bread	Census Day	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	Census Day	Jacket potato

MENU

KEY: \$ - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY, Meat-free MONDAY, C - 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: Developing Healthy Sleep Patterns

After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2

We are pleased to be offering various after school and lunch clubs for the Autumn term. Our aim is that these clubs will enrich your child's learning and provide them with different experiences.

If your child wishes to attend any of the clubs below, please go to your child's Arbor account and choose the appropriate club for your child's year group. After signing up, children will be expected to attend *all* sessions (for safeguarding reasons we need to keep a register). All clubs run by staff members are free.

All after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 4th November to the week ending 12th December unless otherwise stated below. All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground.

Where places are limited, we will be operating on a 'first come, first served' basis. All clubs run by school staff will go live on Arbor from 4PM on SATURDAY 27th September. We kindly ask that you initially book only one free after-school club for your child to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to take part in the clubs. If there are still places available on Sunday 2nd November, additional clubs may then be booked.

Please note that due to staff absences we may need to cancel clubs at short notice. We will, of course, do our utmost to avoid this and to help where we can.

Please consider that the notice period for cancelling places at Swan Stars is four weeks and that we are sending this letter out early to help you to make the necessary arrangements.

Whilst we understand that some parents have expressed an interest in after school clubs run by external organisations, unfortunately, there is insufficient available hall space on the school site to accommodate this.

Year Group	Club	Day of the Week	Club Leader	Maximum Numbers	Comments
1 & 2	Drawing	Monday	Miss Harvey	20	
1 & 2	Film Club	Monday	Miss Jones	20	
1 & 2	Nature Detectives	Thursday	Mrs Gratton & Miss Boschi	15	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Choir	Thursday	Miss Longhorn & Mrs Elsley	N/A	
3	Quiz Club	Thursday	Mrs Rimmer	20	
3 & 4	Book Club	Tuesday	Mrs Lawrie	15	
3 & 4	Film Club	Monday	Miss Davenport	20	
3 & 4	Puzzle Club	Monday	Miss Hillard	20	
3, 4, 5 & 6	<u>Sportshall Athletics</u>	Thursday	Mr Raiswell & Mr Farrall	By Invitation Only	
4 & 5	Bananagrams	Tuesday	Mrs Culshaw	30	
5 & 6	Journalism	Monday	Mrs Storey	16	
5 & 6	Netball	Monday	Mrs Horan, Mrs McDonald & Mrs Finney	20	
5 & 6	Football	Wednesday	Mr Raiswell & Mr Adams	28	
5 & 6	Mental Health Champions	Wednesday Lunchtime	Miss Willington	By Invitation Only	
6	Reading	Tuesday	<u>Mrs Dunbobbins</u> & Mrs Smith	60	There will be no club on 11 th Nov

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on the following dates:

EYFS/KS1 – Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th October

KS2 – Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd October

Appointments will go live under *Guardian Consultations* on Arbor at 6PM on *Wednesday 1st October*. Ten minute slots will be available between 15:40 and 18:00 on each day. We kindly ask that you tick the relevant boxes to indicate who will be attending. Bookings will close on Tuesday 14th for EYFS/KS1 and Tuesday 21st for KS2.

Year 5 & 6 Lunchtime Football Session

On Monday 29th September, Mr Raiswell will be holding a lunchtime football session for anyone in Year 5 and 6 who would like to be considered for the Kids Cup Team. School PE kit to be worn with trainers (not football boots please). Pupils will go for lunch at 12:00 and the session will start from 12:15.

Books! Books! Books! The Book Fair is in 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.

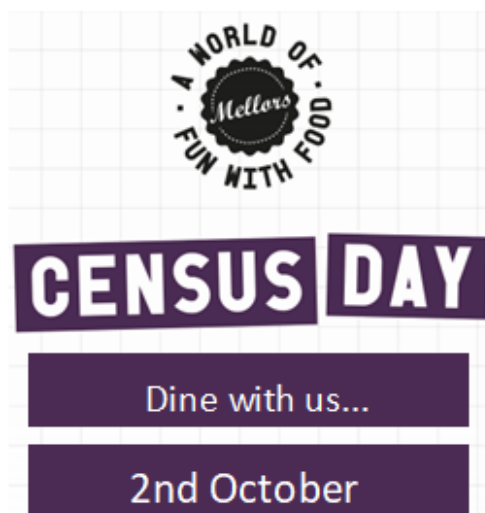
The book fair is being held from **Thursday 25th September to Wednesday 1st October 3.20pm-4.10pm**. Books will be for sale in the infant building with access through the reception office. Please note we are a **cashless school** so please do not be offended if we refuse cash on the day. Card payments 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.

[School Census Day – Infant School Dinners – Thursday 2nd October](#)

We would be very grateful if every infant pupil was able to have a school dinner on the Census Day on Thursday 2nd October.

Money comes into schools in different ways. One way that money comes into its central budget is from infant school dinners. The government pay for children in the infants to have a free meal each day. The money is put into the school budget at the start of September (which we receive monthly). In order to decide how much money to allocate each school, they carry out a census in the Autumn and Spring Terms. They work out how many infant children have a dinner on those two days and allocate funds accordingly.

Please see below our special Census Day menu:



Main

Beef Burger and Fries

Or

Margarita Pizza and Fries

Served with baked beans and salad

Or

Cheese Sandwich

Dessert

Choice of

Chocolate Brownie

Yoghurt

Fresh fruit

[Friends of WCLA Tuck Shop](#)

The Friends will be holding their first tuck shop on Friday 3rd October. This will be on the KS2 playground at the end of the day. Any donations of sealed takeaway cups and lids for hot drinks or Fruit Shoot type drinks would be much appreciated. All money raised will be going on new playground equipment for the children.

[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/minfnc>.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

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

Keep kids home from school for

48
HOURS

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

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

choices Good Partnership Agency



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

25

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

Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



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



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

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:

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



SHAVINGTON ACADEMY
Open Evening
 Thursday 2nd October 2025
 5.00pm-7.00pm

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

Contact us:
 01270 260717
info@shavington.academy
www.shavington.academy
 @Shavington_Ac
 ShavingtonAcademy

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

'Together we enjoy, aspire, create and achieve'

- *The Oaks Academy - School tours on Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th October at 9:15am*



SCHOOL TOURS

THE OAKS ACADEMY INSPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

If you missed our Open Evening or would like to visit The Oaks Academy before applying for 2026 admission into Year 7, please scan the QR code and book today - tour places are limited!

Tuesday 14 th October 9.15am	Wednesday 15 th October 9.15am
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Visit us during the school day See our refurbished facilities

 scan to book!

Ofsted Good Provider

theoaksacademy.co.uk | 01270 661223

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:

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 toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to drop in for a chat??

September –
Tues 2nd September 10-11.30am Nantwich **Children's centre** (appts only)
Tues 9th September 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Family Hub (Little Stars) (drop in)
Fri 12th September 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)
Mon 15th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
Wed 17th September 1.30-2.30pm Alsager **Library** (drop in)
Thurs 18th September 9.30-11.30am Monks **Coppasall** SEND hub (appts only)

October –
Fri 3rd October 9-11am Congleton Family **hub** (drop in)
Wed 8th October 1.30-2.30pm Alsager **Library** (drop in)
Mon 12th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
Thurs 16th October 9.30-11.30 Monks **Coppasall** SEND Hub (appts only)
Fri 17th October 9.30-11.00am – Disley Library and community centre (drop in)
Fri 24th October 9-11am – Knutsford family **hub** (drop in)

November –
Tuesday 4th November 9.30-11.30am Nantwich **children's centre** (appts only)
Tuesday 4th November 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Little Stars (drop in)
Monday 10th November 9-11am – Ash Grove Family hub (appts only)
Wed 12th November 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
Thurs 20th November 9.30-11.30am Monks **Coppasall** SEND hub (appts only)
Fri 28th November 9-11am Congleton Family **Hub** (drop in)

December –
Tues 2nd December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich **children's centre** (appts only)
Friday 5th December – 9-11am – Knutsford Family **hub** (drop in)
Monday 8th December 9-11am Ash Grove Family **Hub** (drop in)
Wed 17th December 1.30-2.30pm Alsager **Library** (drop in)
Thurs 18th December 9.30-11.30am Monks **Coppasall** (appts only)

Venues and contact numbers for appts where needed
Alsager Library: Alsager ST7 2QH
Ash Grove Family Hub, **Macclesfield, SK11 7TD** Tel: 01625 374484
Congleton Family Hub, Congleton CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061
Knutsford Family Hub, Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 8DB
Monks **Coppasall** SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240
Nantwich **Children's** Centre, Nantwich CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –
[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) - drop-in sessions in Cheshire East - Wistal Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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