

Week 5



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 3rd October 2025

We are proud to share that our school will be taking part in two important awareness days this term, helping our children understand the values of respect, kindness and equality. On Friday 17th October, we will be supporting *Show Racism the Red Card Day*. We ask that all children wear a splash of red with their uniform—this could be a red t-shirt, red socks, or even red trousers—to show that we stand united in saying racism has no place in our school or our society. Through our teaching and everyday actions, we continue to challenge stereotypes and promote inclusivity. Then, on Tuesday 25th November, we will mark *White Ribbon Day*, focusing on healthy relationships and gender equality. On this day, children can wear a white t-shirt or a white ribbon as a symbol of support. These two days provide valuable opportunities for our pupils to reflect on the importance of respect for all and to strengthen our commitment to creating a safe, caring community.

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 6th October	Monday 6th	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
	Tues 14 th & Wed 15 th	The Oaks Academy School Tours at 9:15am (see below for details)
	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	Show Racism the Red Card Day
	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 24th	Year 3&4 and 5&6 Sportshall Athletics - 2.30-5.30pm at Shavington Academy (By invitation only)
	Tuesday 25th	White Ribbon Day
	Friday 28th	Christmas Decoration Day
	Friday 28th	Cheshire Fire Service - Key Stage 2 Road Safety presentation to Year 5 10-11am
	Friday 28th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 1st December	Thursday 4 th	FLUENZ
	Thursday 4 th	Kids Cup Finals Day – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025 – 9.30am -1.00pm (Details tbc depending on qualification)
	Friday 5 th	Year 1 Explorers and Arctic Workshop
	Friday 5 th	Year 6 WWII Workshop
	Friday 5 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
	Friday 5 th	Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the Playground At End of School Day

Week Commencing 6th October will be WEEK 3 for lunches

WEEK 3	MEAT FREE 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™ & 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



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

KEY  - 5 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  - MEAT-FREE MONDAY  - CHEF'S CHOICE  - 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: Supporting children to deal with upsetting content

KS2 Open Morning - Reading

If you are attending the open morning, please enter the classroom with your child from the playground. The class teacher will ask you to sign an attendance register and give you a visitor sticker. The session will end at approximately 9:15am and parents will be able to exit across the KS2 playground and the little gate.

Lost Property

Please could you check that your child has not picked up the wrong coat, jumper or water bottle? If any incorrect items are found, please return these to the school office or your child's teacher at your earliest opportunity so that they can be returned to their owners.

To help minimise the amount of lost property, we kindly ask that all items are clearly marked with your child's name. Please see below for details of some below some details of STIKINS name labels that can help with this and raise commission for the Friends of WCLA at the same time:



Book Fair

The book fair has been an amazing success. We want to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported our book fair this year. As a school we gain commission on the amount of books sold to spend at Scholastic Books. This year you have been so generous and this has gained the school **£1073** worth of free books to enhance the reading and writing experience of all the children. Thank you again for your support.

School Entry Screening for Reception Pupils

Parents of Reception pupils should receive an e-questionnaire from WCHC NHS as a text. Please complete and submit the questionnaire without delay.

If you DO NOT receive this questionnaire, please e-mail the School Health Team at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net providing them with your most up-to-date mobile telephone number.

Once the completed questionnaire has been received, a member of the school nursing team will review the questionnaire and may contact you to support you with any concerns you have highlighted. The information you share will be treated confidentially.

During their first school year, your child will be offered screening for vision and hearing. You will be informed of the results once the School Health Team have carried out the screening and if necessary, your child will be referred for further assessment. If your child's vision or hearing is found to be outside normal limits, this information will be shared with the class teacher to ensure that their education is not compromised. Children with a PVP shunt should not undergo school entry hearing screening with headphones and should be referred directly to the local Audiology service for testing using inserts. Please inform the School Health Team at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net if your child has a PVP shunt in situ.

Please email the School Health Team at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net within the next 2 weeks if you do not wish your child to be included in the vision and hearing screening programme. Please include your child's name, date of birth, and the school they attend. If they do not hear from you, they will see your child in school to undertake their vision and hearing screen. School is currently awaiting details of the dates for this screening.

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 are operating on a 'first come, first served' basis. All clubs run by school staff are now live on Arbor. 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 where clubs are already fully subscribed, you will be unable to complete your booking. Please email the school office if you wish for your child to be added to the waiting list for that club.

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	Sportshall Athletics	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	Mrs Dunbobbins & 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 are now live under Guardian *Consultations* on Arbor. 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.

Spare Clothes

If you have any spare joggers, PE shorts or socks that you no longer need, any donations would be much appreciated.

KS1 Lunchtime Hub

We would be grateful for any donations of the following items for the KS1 Lunchtime Hub:

- Small world toys (e.g. farm, zoo, dinosaurs, trains, cars)
- Construction toys (e.g. Lego, Playmobil).

Infection Control

There has been a suspected case of impetigo in EYFS. Please see

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/> for details of symptoms and treatment.

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

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/minfoc>.

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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



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



They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment



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](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2025 for secondary

15th January 2026 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

**Cheshire East
Council**

[Best Start in Life Parent Hub](#)

As introduced in the recent letter from the Prime Minister, the Best Start in Life Hub can be found at <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>. The hub gives information about the support available to families.

[Upcoming Secondary School Open Days/Evenings](#)

Please see below details of upcoming open evenings/days:

- ***The Oaks Academy - 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 14th October 9.15am	Wednesday 15th October 9.15am
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Visit us during the school day See our refurbished facilities

 scan to book!

 theoaksacademy.co.uk | 01270 661223

- **Ruskin Community High School - Open mornings 9:30-11am on Friday 10th & 17th October**





OPEN MORNINGS
9.30am - 11am on:
Friday 26th September
Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th October

Our events are packed with in-class demonstrations, displays and activities

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.

SEND Support for Parents

Do you think your child may have SEND and are not sure where to go or what to do? On behalf of the health visitor/school nursing services (Cheshire East), the session below is for parents of children & Young people seeking support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues. It is aimed at helping parents understand why their child may be struggling and to offer ideas that may help.

- 17 October 2025, 9:30am-11:30am at Disley Library and Community Centre



SEND Drop In

**Disley Library and Community Centre- Friday 17th
October 2025 9.30am-11.00am**

Who will be here?

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?

SPACE4AUTISM - Space are another amazing charity support children and families who either have a diagnosis of autism or who are waiting for assessment. Please come along to hear what incredible support they offer

CHESHIRE EAST PORTAGE TEAM – Representatives from Cheshire East's Start for Life Portage team will be here explaining their offer and to offer support particularly for our youngest residents 😊 They will be offering a Stay and play for our youngest residents

CHESHIRE EAST INCLUSION AND TRANSITION TEAM – A representative from Cheshire East's support team will be here to discuss your concerns around transition to school and how your child can be supported in education



Please see below for further details of upcoming SEND Drop Ins:





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September –

- Tues 2nd September 10-11.30am Nantwich [childrens 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 [Coppeshall](#) 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 13th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family hub (drop in)
- Thurs 16th October 9.30-11.30 Monks [Coppeshall](#) 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 [childrens 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 [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)
- Fri 28th November 9-11am Congleton Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

December –

- Tues 2nd December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich [childrens 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 [Coppeshall](#) (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 [Coppeshall](#) SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240
 Nantwich [Childrens Centre](#), Nantwich CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
 Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow SK9 2P2 Tel: 01625 374180

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

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](#)

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

Year 1 Explorers & Arctic Workshop – Payment due by 14/11/25

Year 6 WWII Workshop – Payment due by 14/11/25