

Week 6



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 10th October 2025

Keeping Our Children Safe at WCLA Primary School

At Wistaston Church Lane Academy the safety and well-being of all our pupils is always our highest priority. We take our responsibility to safeguard every child very seriously and continually review our procedures to ensure that our school remains a safe and secure environment for everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the ways in which we keep your children safe while they are in school.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

Every member of staff receives regular safeguarding training, and we work closely with external agencies to ensure our policies and practices meet the highest standards. We also have a Designated Safeguarding team who are the first point of contact for anyone in our school community with a safeguarding concern (see <https://wclacademy.co.uk/safeguarding>)

Fire Alarm (Evacuation Alarm)

The fire alarm is used when we need to move everyone out of the school building quickly due to an emergency. All staff and children are familiar with our evacuation routine.

When the alarm sounds, children leave their classroom via the nearest exit and go directly to their designated assembly point — either the front playground or the Brittles car park, depending on their location in the school. Pupils walk in a silent, straight line, and once assembled, staff take registers to ensure that all children, staff, and visitors are accounted for.

If the alarm sounds at the end of the school day (as it did this week), we kindly ask parents to gather on the grass area by the KS2 climbing frame and allow teachers to guide the children safely to their assembly points. This helps us make sure everyone is quickly and calmly accounted for. As children are collected, we now sign them off the fire register to confirm they've left safely with the right adult. Although this might mean dismissal takes a little longer, it's all part of making sure every child is safe and goes home with the correct grown-up.

Lockdown Procedures

There are times when it is necessary to keep everyone safely inside the building. This is known as a lockdown and might be used in situations such as:

- A reported incident or civil disturbance in the local community
- An unidentified person on the school site
- A warning about local air pollution or other environmental hazards
- The presence of a dangerous animal nearby
- An incident such as an aircraft landing on the school field

There are two stages of lockdown:

Partial lockdown - Staff and pupils remain inside the building, and all entrances and exits are locked and monitored. All staff are aware and on alert to be vigilant. In most cases, younger children and parents would be unaware that this is taking place though we would notify parents once the lockdown is over.

Full lockdown - Everyone stays safely inside. Internal and external doors and windows are closed and locked, and staff and pupils remain seated, quiet, and out of view. In this situation, the school follows instructions from the Emergency Services, and parents are informed as soon as possible. During a full lockdown, no visitors (except emergency services) are permitted to enter, and parents are asked **not to contact the school directly** to keep communication lines open. Once the lockdown is lifted, parents would be informed.

Primary schools are not advised to carry out full lockdown drills due to the children's age. However, we do talk to children sensitively in assemblies and classrooms about how we keep safe and the importance of following adult instructions. It's not our intention to make children anxious, but it is important that everyone understands what to do in any situation.

In fact, our school site is extremely secure, and with our controlled access systems, we are effectively operating in a form of *partial lockdown* every day.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for all our children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me

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 13th October	Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Black History Month
	Tuesday 14 th	Shavington Academy Tours at 9:15am (Book in advance – see below for details)
	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
	Thursday 16 th	Shavington Academy Tours at 9:15am (Book in advance – see below for details)
	Thursday 16 th	Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appointments only 9:30-11:30am)
	Thursday 16 th	EYFS Spooky Disco (During the normal afternoon)
	Friday 17 th	Show Racism the Red Card Day
	Friday 17 th	Ruskin Open Morning (9:30-11am)
	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
	Mon 20 th – Thur 23 rd	Ruskin Open Mornings (9:30-11am)
	Wed 22 nd – Thur 23 rd	KS2 Parents Evenings
	Thursday 23 rd	Academy Photography – Individual & Sibling Photos
	Friday 24 th	Friends of WCLA Relaunch
	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)
	Tuesday 4 th	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (appointments only 9:30-11:30am)
	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
	Wednesday 12 th	Alsager Library SEND Drop In (1:30-2:30pm)
	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	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 5 Tatton Park Visit
	Thursday 20 th	Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appointments only 9:30-11:30am)
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)
	Tuesday 25 th	White Ribbon Day
	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 1st December	Tuesday 2 nd	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (appointments only 9:30-11:30am)
	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 8th December	Mon 8 th – Wed 10 th	Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
	Mon 8 th – Tues 9 th	EYFS Nativity
	Wed 10 th – Thurs 11 th	Friends of WCLA Santa's Grotto
	Thursday 11 th	Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (9:30-4:15 – See below for details of how to book)
	Thursday 11 th	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day & Elf Run in Aid of St Luke's Hospice
	Friday 12 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm

Week Commencing 13th October will be WEEK 1 for lunches

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Macaroni cheese	Mediterranean chicken wrap with savoury rice	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Pork meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Fish Fingers and Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN DISH	Potato & cauliflower curry with 50/50 rice	Meat free sausage ragu with wholemeal pasta	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	BBQ Quorn™ with 50/50 rice	Falafel & salad pitta with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Upside down cheesecake	Lemon drizzle cake	Apple & oat cookie	Chocolate muffin	Summer berries with whip
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO OR SANDWICH	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato

Mellors MENU Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

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

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

This week: Spy Dogs, Spy Pup and Spy Cat Abusive Website Content

We have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. The link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We are checking for any old copies of the books so that they can be disposed of appropriately and advise parents to do the same. Please see below to help you identify the books in question:



What's New!

Too Much Blue - Get a Review

A new campaign has launched across Cheshire and Merseyside this autumn to help children and young people better manage their asthma. 'Too Much Blue - Get a Review', developed by Beyond, the Cheshire and Merseyside children and young people's transformation programme, aims to encourage better self-management of asthma through a mix of education, practical tools, and community engagement. The animation at the heart of the campaign was co-produced with a group of local young people, parents and carers. Their ideas, voices, and experiences have helped to shape the animation, showing how self-management can make a real difference to living well with asthma.

For children and young people (aged 0-19) across Cheshire and Merseyside, there has been almost a 16% increase over the last two years in asthma attendances to A&E and there has been a nearly 2% increase in the number of A&E reattendances due to asthma. To find out more about the 'Too Much Blue - Get a Review' campaign, visit:

www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/TooMuchBlue.

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. It is vital that this information is kept up-to-date.



Year 6 London Residential

Please see this week's Year 6 learning poster for details of the arrangements for both pupils attending the London residential as well as those that will be attending school as normal.

EYFS Spooky Disco

We're excited to let you know that our Nursery and Reception children will be having a Spooky Disco Day on Thursday 16th October filled with fun Halloween-themed activities, crafts, and dancing! Children are invited to come to school in their Halloween costumes (please no masks or dangerous accessories) and do not need to wear their usual uniform on this day. In the afternoon, we'll head to the KS2 hall for a disco with music, games, and lots of spooky fun! It's a great way for the children to celebrate together and enjoy some seasonal creativity and movement. Pupils should be collected as normal at the end of the school day,

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.

Parents evenings will be held in the KS1 hall. Please use the Swan Stars door to enter and exit. Children's books will be available for you to look through prior to your appointment. To ensure you get the time you have booked please follow the bell system which signals the start and end of each appointment.

Show Racism the Red Card Day

On Friday 17th October, many schools across the country will be taking part in *Show Racism the Red Card Day*, where both staff and pupils are encouraged to wear an item of red clothing to show their support for anti-racism. We will be supporting this event and 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.

If you are interested in finding out more about the campaign, please visit

<https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day/>



School Entry Screening for Reception Pupils

Parents of Reception pupils should have received 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. Screening is due to take place in school on **Wednesday 19th November**.

Shavington Academy Admissions Arrangements Consultation for 2027 - 2028

Shavington Academy is consulting on its admissions arrangements for 2027 - 2028. The proposed change is a *removal* of one of their over-subscription criterion:

4. Children attending AND living within the catchment area of a school designated as a partner primary school (Shavington Primary School, The Berkeley Academy, Weston Village Primary School, Wistaston Church Lane Academy and Wybunbury Delves C of E Aided Primary School).

Comments on this proposed change are welcome, via admissions@shavington.academy

The consultation will run until 3.00pm on Wednesday 19th November 2025.

Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments

Please see below for details of appointments offered by the Educational Psychology Service:



The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering appointments for parents and carers at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held every half term in both North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice and explore strategies to support your child or young person. Our focus areas are **Cognition and Learning** and **SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health)** needs. They 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

Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - [Family Hubs](#). Dates and locations are as below:

Date	Location	Times
09.10.25	Oakencloough Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
09.10.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
11.12.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
06.02.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am-4.15pm
05.02.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
25.03.26	Oakencloough Family Hub	9.30am - 4.15pm
26.03.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
19.05.26	Ash Gove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	9.30am – 4.15pm
21.05.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
30.06.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
02.07.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm

We will also be asking parents/carers to complete an evaluation form after the drop-in to help us shape the service and improve practice to meet needs in the best way possible.

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 [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 13th 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 [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 [Coppasall](#) 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 [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 [Childrens 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 - 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](#)

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 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

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

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/childhood-illnesses/).

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 - Tours on Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th October at 9.15am. To book a tour, please contact bharrison@shavington.academy. Due to limited availability, They kindly ask that families who have already had the opportunity to visit on a previous tour refrain from booking again.**

- **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!

theoaksacademy.co.uk | 01270 661223

- **Ruskin Community High School - Open mornings 9:30-11am on Friday 17th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October**



OPEN Mornings 2025

Taking place on the following Fridays
26th September, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 20th, 21st,
22nd and 23rd October
All dates are 9.30 - 11am

Drop in evening - Wednesday 22nd October
4 - 6.45pm. We invite you to tour our school
during our student Personal Development
Evening

We would like to encourage anyone wishing to attend one of the above to sign up using the following QR code:



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.

Free Courses for Parents

Aspire Education Academy are running Fully Funded (FREE) Education Support Courses for parents and carers starting on Monday 20th October. The courses are online only with live webinars and are available in Levels 1, 2 & Level 3 progression

Level 1

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing

Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

Level 2

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

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- Level 3

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

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If you are interested please go to the 'Education Support Course' tab on their website:

www.studysmartuk.online

Courses run within school hours and ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

No previous experience is required. All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.



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.

You can help increase Wistaston Church Lane Academy's entries into Easyfundraising's giveaway to win 1 of 10 £100 donations – every new supporter who joins is an entry!

Sign up before midnight 12th October, it'll only take two minutes:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE942/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