Week 7



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 17th October 2025

Next week we'll be marking Harvest Week, a special time to reflect on gratitude and giving. Once again, we're proud to support Chance Changing Lives, a local charity that works tirelessly to help families in Crewe rebuild their lives, step by step.

Each class will receive a collection box, and we'd love your help filling them with donations from the list below. Your generosity makes a real difference and helps bring hope to those who need it most.

*BEANS & SAUSAGES
*JUICE/CORDIAL

*TOMATO SAUCE *CEREAL *BROWN SAUCE
*HOTDOGS

*PORRIDGE OATS
*JAM

*MEALS IN A TIN
*GRAVY GRANULES

*MARMALADE *SUGAR

*CORNED BEEF *OIL
*COFFEE *SWEETCORN

Throughout the week, pupils will take part in harvest-themed assemblies, including a visit from our friends at St Mary's Church. On Friday, representatives from Chance Changing Lives will join us to collect all the wonderful contributions. Chance Changing Lives are also holding a Christmas card competition. All designs should be on A4 paper and handed in with the harvest donations ready to be picked up on Friday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued kindness and support with this important community appeal.

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 20th October	Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Harvest Week
Week commencing 20 October	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	Remembrance Poppies/Bands/Zip Pulls/Pins Available in School (In aid of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal)
	Tues 4 th – Fri 7 th	First week of after school clubs
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	Tuesday 4 th Thursday 6 th	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (appointments only 9:30-11:30am) Year 5 Playground Leader Training (1-3pm – By
	Friday 7 th	invitation only) 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 10 th 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) Year 3 Sealife Manchester
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Week commencing 17 th November	Tuesday 18 th	Geography Awareness Week Year 2 Amsterdam Nantwich Museum Visit
	Wednesday 19 th	Year 2 Helsinki Nantwich Museum Visit
	Wednesday 19 th Wednesday 19 th	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening Year 5 Tatton Park Visit
	Thursday 20 th	Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appointments only
	Thursday 20	9:30-11:30am)
Week commencing 24 th 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 Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 1st December	Tuesday 2 nd	Nantwich Children's Centre SEND (appointments only
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	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 Friends of WCLA Monthly Tuck Shop - On the
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Week Commencing 20th October will be WEEK 2 for lunches



Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

This week: NSPCC Parent workshop for parents and carers – Keeping children safe online.

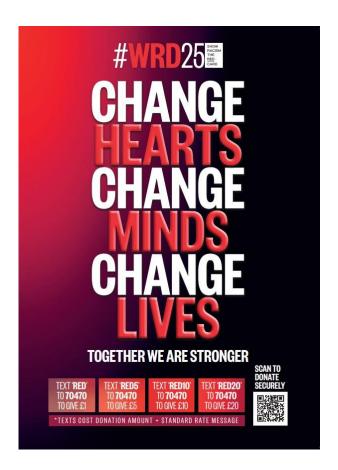
Pre-recorded session: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MY5NDhvVkG4

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What's New!

Show Racism the Red Card Day

Thank you to everyone who has supported this important cause today by wearing red. If you would like to find out more or make a donation please see below:



Lost Property

Weather permitting, all lost property will be put out on the table tennis table on the KS2 playground from 8:30-9am on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October. Please take a few minutes to check for any missing items.

We kindly ask that all uniform and belongings are clearly marked with your child's name to make it easier for items to be returned if misplaced. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Term Dates

Term dates, including INSET days can be found on the school website at https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/term-dates. Parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity if there are any changes.

Parents Evenings

KS2 parents evenings will take place on 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 Tuesday 21st.

Parents evening 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.

Academy Photography – Individual & Sibling Photos

Academy Photography will be taking individual photographs for all pupils in school on Thursday 23rd October as well as sibling photos where families have siblings in school. Children should attend school in full school uniform that day and bring their PE kit in a separate named bag if needed.

Please ensure that you have given consent for photographs on Arbor by Wednesday 22nd October in advance of the event.



Friends of WCLA Relaunch

In celebration for the relaunch of the Friends at WCLA, the Friends have worked together to make a Halloween goody bag for all children to take home from school on Friday 24th .

The bags will include spooky treats and some information for parents on what the Friends do.

The next tuck shop will be on Friday7th November after school. All money raised goes towards things like the Halloween goody bags, school equipment, etc. We hope to see lots of you there ②.



Year 6 Leaver Hoodies

We are very excited to offer Year 6 the opportunity to purchase a Wistaston Church Lane Academy leavers hoodie.

Hoodies are priced at £22.00 each and will be available in a variety of adult sizes in five shades of blue. Details of colours and sizes are included in the email sent out to Year 6 parents. Each hoodie will have the school logo embroidered to the left of the chest and a large *LEAVERS 26*, containing first names of the Year 6 children on the back.

If you wish to purchase a hoodie, we ask that the £22.00 payment is made via *Arbor>Trips* and the preferences for your order are submitted via the google form link below. We kindly ask that all payments and choices are made by *Sunday 30th November*. This will enable us to process the order promptly for the children to have them early Spring term.

https://forms.gle/EdcUif5K1WUjcKcm9

If you do not wish for your Year 6 child's first name to appear on the back of the hoodies, we ask that you email the school office at admin@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk before *Tuesday 4th November 2025*. If we have not heard anything from you, we will assume that you consent to this.

There is an option to order more than one hoodie if desired. If this is the case, please submit the order form twice and contact the school office to arrange payment.

If you do not wish to purchase a hoodie, we would also be very grateful if you could let the school office know.

We hope to have some samples available at the office in the near future in case anyone would like to try one for size.

Coach Barks Lunchtime Football Clubs

Coach Barks, a UEFA-qualified football coach will be running lunchtime football sessions next half term as follows:

Tuesdays 12:30-1pm for KS2 (Girls only)

Wednesdays 12:30-1pm for Years 1 & 2

Sessions will be charged at £5 per session.

Please see the flyer below and follow the link below for more details about the sessions and how to book:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRSWhSaYTntptBhMrLnR5CFG0kiHUyXGljU_R OyFdmXae8RA/viewform?usp=dialog



Your Transport - Your Voice: Consultation until 7th December 2025

A consultation has launched on Cheshire East's draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Investment Framework. Their current LTP was adopted in 2019 and needs updating to reflect the considerable change in transport movements and trends. It is a statutory requirement to maintain a LTP to provide a policy framework that is robust and relevant to the needs of Cheshire East. Updating the LTP enables them to proactively feed in their strategic transport priorities to the future Combined Authority for Cheshire and Warrington.

The consultation seeks views on the proposed policies, investment framework, and key investment packages, which will guide how they plan, prioritise, and deliver transport improvements in the future. Following the consultation, the LTP will be updated and adopted in 2026.

The <u>consultation brochure</u> and further information can be found on the Cheshire East website (<u>www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportPlan</u>), along with a <u>questionnaire</u> and <u>short video</u>.

Cheshire East look forward to receiving feedback from residents, businesses and communities which will help shape the final versions of the LTP.

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.

HAF Gymnastics October Holiday Club (27th-29th October)

Please see below details of a HAF Holiday Club at LS Gymnastics, Crewe for children aged 4–12. This is funded by the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, and offers a fun, engaging, and supportive environment for children to stay active, learn new skills, and enjoy healthy meals during the school break.

Eligibility Criteria - The club is completely free of charge and open to children who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- In receipt of Pupil Premium / Free School Meals
- Identified as a Young Carer
- Part of a military family

What's Included

- Daily gymnastics sessions led by qualified coaches
- Fun games and creative activities
- A nutritious lunch each day
- A safe and inclusive environment for all participants

If you are eligible and wish to book a place, please use the QR code below:



If you are unable to use the QR code, head to **eequ.org** and search 'Adv4nce Group'. For further support, you can call 01782 703065/07960 292847

Free October Half Term SEN Holiday Club at Offley Primary (28th October)

The Holidays, Activities and Food (HAF) Scheme — funded by the Department for Education — offers free holiday scheme places during the October Half Term Holiday. This year, Offley Primary School will host HAF sessions specifically for SEN (Special Educational Needs) children.

Each day will include inclusive sporting activities, Halloween-themed games, and movement challenges designed to help children develop strength, balance, coordination, and confidence. Children will have the opportunity to take part in team sports, gentle games, and playful challenges that are adapted to their individual abilities, encouraging participation, social interaction, and a sense of achievement in a friendly and supportive environment.

As part of the HAF provision, all children will receive a nutritious free hot meal each day.

If your child is eligible to take advantage of this scheme and you wish to book a place, please scan the QR Code below to start the process:



If you are unable to use the QR code head to **eequ.org** and search 'Adv4nce Group'. For further support, please call 01782 703065/07960292847.

Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments

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



EDUCATIONAL **PSYCHOLOGY TEAM**



Supporting Parents and Carers

Connected Conversation Appointments

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, Emotion 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

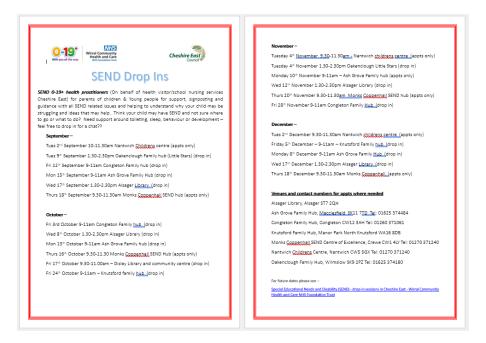
Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - Family Hubs. Dates and locations are as below:

Date	Location	Times
09.10.25	Oakenclough 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	Oakenclough 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

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



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

Spare Clothes

We kindly ask that any spare clothes that your child borrows from school are returned at your earliest possible convenience. If you have any spare joggers, PE shorts or socks that you no longer need, any donations would be much appreciated.

We also ask that if your child borrows any spare clothes, they are returned to school at your earliest possible opportunity. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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.





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	31st 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



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:

Ruskin Community High School - Open mornings 9:30-11am on 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.

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 WCLA's entries into Easyfundraising's giveaway to win 1 of 5 £200 donations - every new supporter who joins before midnight on 19th October is an entry!

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/c9kbjl/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE94 2/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

Year 6 Leaver Hoodies -Payment due by 30/11/25