Week 8

Wistaston Weekly

Friday 23rd October 2026

As we reach the end of our first half term together, I wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our children, families and wider school community.

As I reflect on my first half term as Headteacher, what stands out most strongly is the wonderful sense of community at Wistaston Church Lane Academy. From the warmth shown to me when I first arrived, to conversations at the school gate, Parents' Evenings and the many ways families have supported school life, I have been incredibly grateful for the welcome I have received.

It is hard to believe that my first half term as Headteacher has already come to an end. I continue to feel enormously proud and privileged to lead such a special school. One of the greatest pleasures of my role is spending time with our children. Whether that is greeting them in the morning, visiting classrooms, celebrating their work and achievements or simply stopping for one of the many lovely conversations I have throughout the day, they continually remind me what a wonderful school community we have.

I have also really valued getting to know so many of you. Thank you for stopping to introduce yourselves, chatting to me on the gate, attending our Parents' Evenings and school events, supporting our fundraising, reading with your children at home and, most importantly, working alongside us to give our children the very best possible experience at school. Our recent Parents' Evenings have provided another valuable opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and strengthen that important partnership between home and school.

When I wrote to you earlier this half term, I spoke about how impressed I had been by the children's kindness, politeness and consideration. Those qualities have continued to shine through. Alongside their learning, I am particularly proud when I see our children demonstrating what it means to be Ready, Respectful and Safe.

This has been a very busy half term, and I would also like to thank our fantastic staff team for everything they do for our children each and every day. Their commitment, care and hard work are very much appreciated.

Finally, thank you to you, our parents and carers, for the support, encouragement, patience and kindness you have shown both to me personally and to our school. Strong partnerships between home and school matter enormously, and I am very grateful for the trust you place in us. I am excited to continue the next chapter of Church Lane.

I hope that the half term break provides an opportunity for our children and families to slow down a little, enjoy spending time together and have a well-earned rest. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November for another exciting half term together.

Have a wonderful, safe and restful half term.

Warm wishes

Mrs Lees

Headteacher

Useful Dates for Diary

Further details are shared nearer to the time.

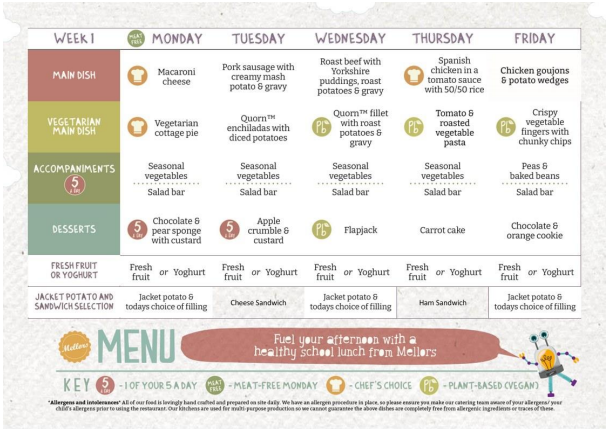
Any new dates added to this will be highlighted in green.

Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at:
https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/calendar

Week commencing 26th October	Mon 26th – Fri 30th Saturday 31st	Half Term Deadline for Secondary School Applications for September 2027
Week commencing 2nd November	Monday 2nd	INSET Day
	Tuesday 3rd	Smart Uniform Click & Collect
	Wednesday 4th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Friday 6th	Cheshire East Local Offer Parent Carer Coffee Mornings d(Nantwich Methodist Church – see below for more details)
	Friday 6th	Deadline for 500 Words Entries (see below)
	Saturday 7th	Deadline for Rafflestack Entries (see below)
Week commencing 9th November	Monday 9th	School Tour for Reception (September 2027 (Intake) – Bookable in advance) – 9:15am
	Tuesday 10th	Talking Walk-In at Nantwich Children's Centre (10-11:30am)
	Wednesday 11th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Friday 13th	Years 5 & 6 Kids Cup at Crewe Alexandra in the Community (9:15-12:15 – By invitation only)
	Friday 13th	Deadline for MP Christmas Card Competition Entries (See below)
	Friday 13th	Deadline for Submissions for the Crewe Community Book (see below)
	Saturday 14th	Visyon and Epic LAN Rocket League Gaming Day Free Event for Families(10-2 – see below for more details)
Week Commencing 16th November	Wednesday 18th	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
	Thursday 19th	Year 5 Tatton Park Anglo Saxon Day
	Friday 20th	School Tour for Reception (September 2027 (Intake) – Bookable in advance) – 9:15am`
Week commencing 23rd November	Wednesday 25th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Thursday 26th	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
	Friday 27th	Year 3 Sea Life Manchester Trip
	Friday 27th	Years 5 & 6 Kids Cup at Crewe Alexandra in the Community (9:15-1 subject to qualification on 13/11 – By invitation only)
Week commencing 30th November	Tuesday 1st Dec	Smart Uniform Click & Collect
	Tuesday 1st December	Talking Walk-In at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (10-11:30am)
	Wednesday 2nd Dec	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
	Thursday 3rd Dec	Year 2 Nantwich Museum Great Fire of Nantwich Trip
	Thursday 3rd Dec	School Tour for Reception (September 2027 (Intake) – Bookable in advance) – 9:15am
	Friday 4th Dec	Choir Performing at Wistaston Village Christmas Concert (6-7pm)

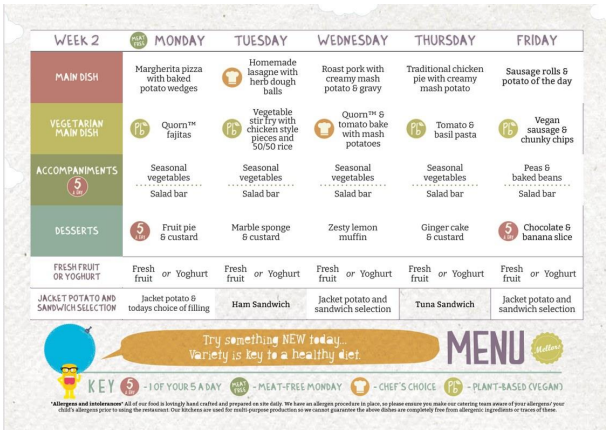
Week Commencing 3rd November will be WEEK 1 of our NEW menus for lunches

Please see below our new menus that start after half term. Please be aware that the daily cost of meals will increase to **£2.67** from 1st November 2026:



WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Macaroni cheese	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Roast beef with Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes & gravy	Spanish chicken in a tomato sauce with 50/50 rice	Chicken goujons & potato wedges
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetarian cottage pie	Quorn™ enchiladas with diced potatoes	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Tomato & roasted vegetable pasta	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate & pear sponge with custard	Apple crumble & custard	Flapjack	Carrot cake	Chocolate & orange cookie
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling	Ham Sandwich	Jacket potato & todays choice of filling

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.



WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Homemade lasagne with herb dough balls	Roast pork with creamy mash potato & gravy	Traditional chicken pie with creamy mash potato	Sausage rolls & potato of the day
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn™ fajitas	Vegetable stir fry with chicken style pieces and 50/50 rice	Quorn™ & tomato bake with mash potatoes	Tomato & basil pasta	Vegan sausage & chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Peas & baked beans / Salad bar
DESSERTS	Fruit pie & custard	Marble sponge & custard	Zesty lemon muffin	Ginger cake & custard	Chocolate & banana slice
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
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Try something NEW today... Variety is key to a healthy diet

MENU

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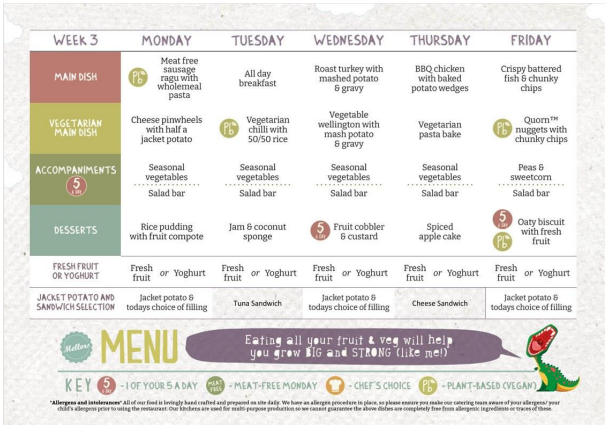

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Meat free sausage ragu with wholemeal pasta	All day breakfast	Roast turkey with mashed potato & gravy	BBQ chicken with baked potato wedges	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheese pinwheels with half a jacket potato	Vegetarian chilli with 50/50 rice	Vegetable wellington with mash potato & gravy	Vegetarian pasta bake	Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Peas & sweetcorn / Salad bar
DESSERTS	Rice pudding with fruit compote	Jam & coconut sponge	Fruit cobbler & custard	Spiced apple cake	Oaty biscuit with fresh fruit
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Eating all your fruit & veg will help you grow BIG and STRONG (like me!)

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What's New!

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight

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This week: AI Virtual Friends

Half Term

School closes after the normal school day today (Friday 23rd October) and reopens to pupils on Tuesday 3rd November. Monday 2nd November is an INSET day. We hope everyone has a good and safe half term.



Wear it Pink Day – Friday 23rd October

Thank you to everyone who supported our Wear it Pink Day today. Donations for Breast Cancer Now can still be made using the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/wcla1

Your support in helping us to raise money for this worthy cause is much appreciated.

Harvest Donations

A big thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our Harvest collection for Chance Changing Lives. The donations will make a huge difference to families in the local area.

Mrs Clifford

Mrs Clifford (Pastoral Lead) has been successful in securing a new position at an independent school. Mrs Clifford has worked at Wistaston Church Lane since 2021 and has had such a positive impact on our vulnerable pupils and families. We would like to express our thanks to her and to wish her well on her next adventure. Mrs Clifford will be leaving us at the end of the half term break.

Parent & Carer Survey – Autumn Term

As a school we really value feedback from parents and carers and would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete our latest survey:

Parent and carer survey Autumn 2026 – Fill in form

Reading at home

Reading regularly at home is one of the best ways to support your child's progress. We kindly ask that you read with your child at least three times each week and record each reading session on PageTicker.

If you have not yet linked to your child's PageTicker account, please speak to your child's class teacher who can provide you with a link letter.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a love of reading.

KS2 Morning Snack

Snack for next half term (Autumn 2) is now available on Arbor for payment and consent. If you would like your KS2 child to have toast during morning break, please ensure payment is

made in advance. The cost is £5.50 per half term, and this will be checked daily. Next half term is **Autumn 2**. The deadline for signing up for toast is **Monday 2nd November**. *Please be aware that toast will only be provided for children whose consent is recorded on Arbor.*

School Entry Screening – Reception

Important information from the School Health Team regarding school entry screening for Reception aged children was sent out to relevant parents by email last week

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Reception parents should have received a screening questionnaire via text If parents have not received a screening questionnaire, please email the School Health Team directly at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net to inform them.

When completing questionnaires, if you are asked for an access code, please use the code from the body of the text message.

Screening will take place during the normal school day on **Thursday 26th November.**

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

As always we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will start selling poppies and related items after half term during morning break. Please see below for suggested donations:

- £1 slap bands and wristbands
- 50p for zip pulls, reflective poppies, pencils and poppies

We hope to have a small number of pin badges available at the school office. Please be aware that these are for adults only.

KS2 Rock Steady Sessions

We are delighted to announce that Rocksteady music sessions for KS2 pupils will be starting at our school after half term! We are really excited to offer KS2 this fantastic opportunity to experience the joy of making music together as part of their very own rock band.

Rocksteady gives children the opportunity to learn an instrument as part of a band, developing their musical skills alongside confidence, teamwork, listening, communication and performance skills.

Children work together towards recognised Trinity College London awards, progressing through four stages up to Grade 2. Most importantly, they have fun learning music together, building friendships and discovering what they can achieve as a team.

We had an amazing Rocksteady launch last Friday. Richard, our Rocksteady host, led an assembly and workshop session which the children absolutely loved. It was a fun and

exciting opportunity for them to discover what Rocksteady is all about and experience the energy, excitement and teamwork of playing music together.

From Thursday 5th November, Jasmine, our Rocksteady band leader, will begin working with the children who have signed up.

Sessions will take place during the school morning, with approximately four to five bands running between 8:30am and 11:00am.

To help everything run smoothly, teaching staff will be provided with information about:

- Which children are in each band.
- The time each band will be playing.
- Which children will need to be released from lessons to attend their session.

Rocksteady sessions take place during the school day, allowing children to enjoy making music as part of their regular school week.

If you would like your KS2 child to take part, please sign up directly online. Information on how to do this was sent home with pupils after the assembly last week. Please be aware that Rocksteady is a paid activity organised by an external organisation.

Talking Walk-Ins

Please see below for details of upcoming Talking Walk-In sessions being held locally:



Wednesday 4th November	Cledford Primary School (long lane entrance)	9.30-10.45am
Wednesday 4th November	Oakenclough Family Hub	10.00-11.30am
Tuesday 10th November	Nantwich Children's Centre	10.00-11.30am
Friday 13th November	Oak Tree Family Hub	10.00-11.30am
Friday 13th November	Broken Cross Family Hub	9.30-11.00am
Tuesday 17th November	Congleton Family Hub	10.00-11.30am
Monday 23rd November	Knutsford Family Hub	1.00-2.30pm
Tuesday 1st December	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	10.00-11.30am
Tuesday 1st December	Upton Priory School (Macclesfield)	10.00-11.30am
Friday 4th December	Oak Tree Family Hub	10.00-11.30am
Wednesday 9th December	Congleton Leisure Centre	9.00-10.30am
Wednesday 16th December	Oak Tree Family Hub	10-11.30am

Free Courses for Parents – (with childcare included at local Family Hubs in Cheshire)

Cheshire East are pleased to offer a range of free courses for parents across their Family Hubs. To help you explore what's available, they are running a series of free taster sessions across Cheshire East. Uniquely, free childcare is available during the sessions , giving parents the chance to learn while their child is cared for by the qualified Family Hubs team. Whether parents are looking to build confidence, learn new skills, return to education or explore a new career, there's something for everyone.

Sessions will run until December, with further opportunities planned for the new year. Browse the programme below to find a session near you. Sessions are informal and welcoming, with free tea and coffee provided. There are no exams, coursework or homework unless parents would like additional learning. Tutors are friendly and approachable.

Please follow the link below for further information. bulletin2.docx

Free Occupational Therapy Webinars for Parents/Carers

Please see below for details of a free week of online Occupational Therapy webinars hosted by SEND Empowerment Advocacy.

The event is open to parents, carers and professionals, exploring how we can support children and young people with SEND to participate in everyday life.

2nd–6th November 2026

7:30–8:30pm each evening

Online via Microsoft Teams

Completely free to attend



Membership Now Open for The Dome Youth Zone!

The Dome is a new youth zone coming to Crewe and the surrounding areas, a charity built for young people aged 8-19, and up to 25 with SEND. See it at the Grand Opening on 28 November. Membership is £3 a month, including a hot meal with every visit. Members get a safe, welcoming space to be themselves, learn new things and make friends, with a sports hall, 3G pitch, climbing wall, music studio, arts space and training kitchen all under one roof. Membership is open now.

Please see the following link for more details and to join up: Memberships - Crewe Youth Zone

Primary and Secondary School Admission Applications

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

- **31 October 2026** for pupils moving up to High School in September 2027.
- **15 January 2027** for pupils starting primary in September 2027.

Parents still need to apply even if pupils have a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school. Some faith schools may also require parents and carers to submit a supplementary information form/confirmation of baptism. Further information about this will be available on the school's website.

Parents should consider how their child will travel to school when making preferences. Parents can find out about school transport at School transport.

To apply online and for further information please go to Apply for September 2027 school place or call 0300 123 5012.



After School & Lunchtime Clubs – Autumn 2

After school clubs for next half term are now live under *Clubs* on Arbor. **All after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 3rd November to the week ending 13th December.** All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground.

If Arbor will not accept registration for a club, this indicates that the club is fully booked. If you would like your child to be added to the waiting list in case of cancellations , please email the school office.

Please be aware that the safety of both pupils and staff is a priority and the expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Safe apply equally to the normal school day and extra-curricular clubs. To ensure the safety of all, if staff consider a pupil's behaviour during a club could negatively impact either themselves or others, their attendance of the club will be reviewed.

After school football clubs run by Crewe Alex are available to book directly at Crewe Alexandra In The Community

Lunchtime football clubs run by Coach Barks are now available to book directly at Coach Barks Lunctime Football Autumn 2. Please see below for more details:



Help Create the Crewe Community Book

Schools, children, families and residents across Crewe are invited to share the people, places, memories, hopes, dreams, stories and artwork that make the town special.

A selection of inspiring contributions will feature in the first printed Crewe Community Book, with complimentary copies gifted to participating schools.

Additional copies will be available for sale, with proceeds supporting St Paul's Centre Foodbank and local people experiencing hardship.

There is no competition or judging — simply an opportunity to celebrate the community's creativity, voices and stories, and create a lasting legacy for Crewe.

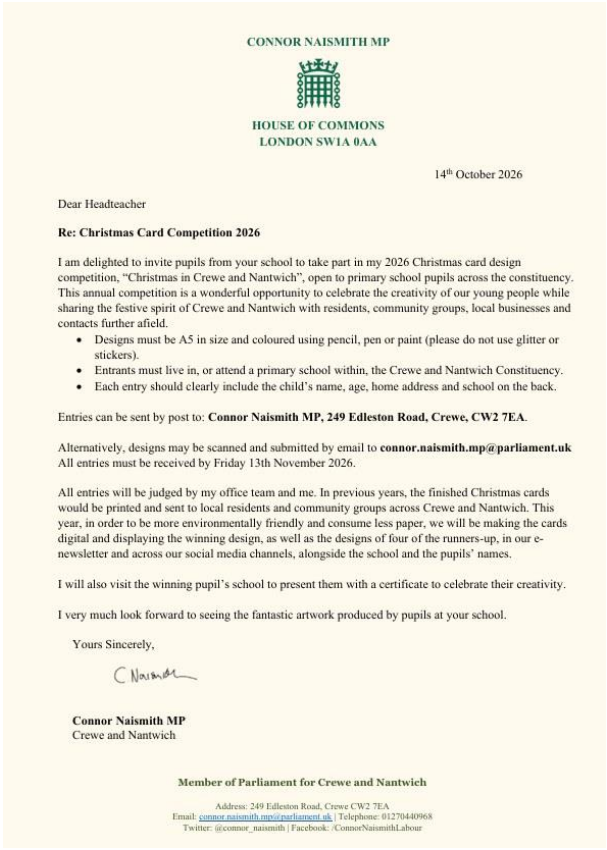
- Deadline: 13 November 2026
- Contributions: Stories, memories, poems, hopes, dreams and artwork
- Recommended story length: 100–200 words (maximum 250 words)
- Who can participate: Schools, children, families and residents across Crewe

Submissions can be sent via the following link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8nNzis6pSk

This project has been kindly funded by Crewe Town Council

MP Christmas Card Competition 2026

Please see below for details of a competition open to pupils of the school.



CONNOR NAISMITH MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

14th October 2026

Dear Headteacher

Re: Christmas Card Competition 2026

I am delighted to invite pupils from your school to take part in my 2026 Christmas card design competition, "Christmas in Crewe and Nantwich", open to primary school pupils across the constituency. This annual competition is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity of our young people while sharing the festive spirit of Crewe and Nantwich with residents, community groups, local businesses and contacts further afield.

- Designs must be A5 in size and coloured using pencil, pen or paint (please do not use glitter or stickers).
- Entrants must live in, or attend a primary school within, the Crewe and Nantwich Constituency.
- Each entry should clearly include the child's name, age, home address and school on the back.

Entries can be sent by post to: **Connor Naismith MP, 249 Edleston Road, Crewe, CW2 7EA**.

Alternatively, designs may be scanned and submitted by email to **connor.naismith.mp@parliament.uk**
All entries must be received by Friday 13th November 2026.

All entries will be judged by my office team and me. In previous years, the finished Christmas cards would be printed and sent to local residents and community groups across Crewe and Nantwich. This year, in order to be more environmentally friendly and consume less paper, we will be making the cards digital and displaying the winning design, as well as the designs of four of the runners-up, in our e-newsletter and across our social media channels, alongside the school and the pupils' names.

I will also visit the winning pupil's school to present them with a certificate to celebrate their creativity.

I very much look forward to seeing the fantastic artwork produced by pupils at your school.

Yours Sincerely,

C Naismith

Connor Naismith MP
Crewe and Nantwich

Member of Parliament for Crewe and Nantwich

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Fundraising Raffle

We're pleased to let you know that our school is joining eight other local primary schools for a special fundraising raffle, with some fantastic prizes kindly donated for the campaign.

There will be seven winners, each receiving two hospitality tickets in a private suite at Co-op Live, Manchester, for their choice of:

Muse — Friday 13 November 2026

Kasabian — Saturday 19 December 2026

The hospitality prizes, which include premium seating, food and drinks, have a combined value of approximately £7,000 and have been donated in full.

Most importantly, 80% of all paid online entries will be shared equally between the nine participating schools, helping raise money for equipment, opportunities and experiences for local children.

The nine participating schools are:

· Wistaston Church Lane Academy

· Shavington Primary School

· Leighton Academy

· Wheelock Primary School

· Black Firs Primary School

· Daven Primary School

· Castle Primary School

· Dove Bank Primary School

· Egerton Primary School

We're very grateful to Stephenson Browne Estate & Letting Agents, who are supporting the campaign with a generous £1,000 contribution towards our local schools.

Tickets are £5 each, and the raffle closes on 7 November 2026.

Enter the raffle here: win.rafflestack.co.uk

If you would like to support the fundraiser, we would also really appreciate you sharing it with family, friends and colleagues.

Thank you, as always, for supporting our school and our wider local school community, and good luck to everyone who enters.

Entrants must be 18+. 80% of paid online entry sales are distributed to the participating schools and 20% is retained by Rafflestack to cover the platform, payment processing and administration. A free postal entry route is available, with full details on the raffle page.

For more information, please see the attached flyer or https://youtu.be/p0zI0oPscmE



Attendance & Fines for Unauthorised Absence

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Office to improve our attendance and prevent children's attendance from falling below 95%. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. We are contacting parents by letter if we are worried that a child's attendance is becoming close to 90%. Please be assured that this is just a process and that we are here to support families as much as we can to improve attendance.

If you wish to find out more, you may refer to the following:

- Pupil Attendance and Registration Policy: https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/policies
- Cheshire East School Attendance: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx
- Department for Education:

https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview

If your child is going to be absent due to a medical appointment, please inform the school office (By telephone, email or via the school website) and show confirmation of the appointment (This can be by letter, text, appointment card or email).

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please inform the school office (By telephone, email or via the school website) each day and give as much detail as possible regarding their symptoms/diagnosis for their attendance records.

If your child is going to be absent for any other reason (e.g. holiday, wedding, non-medical appointment), please complete a Leave of Absence Request Form at your earliest possible opportunity and attach any relevant supporting information that you wish to be taken into consideration. You should be aware that if your child is taken out of school and the reasons are not classed as exceptional, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. **Any appeal should be made prior to the end of the period of absence before an FPN is issued.**

The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education. Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices came into force on 19th August 2024. As a result of these changes, absences will be tracked over a rolling 3 year period and penalty notices will be issued for the following:

- Term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days
- 10 sessions of unauthorised leave in a rolling 10 week period

Please note that penalty notices may also be issued before the threshold is met where it appears parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays of less than 5 days.

Penalty notices will continue to be issued per parent per child as follows:

- First Offence – For term time leave or irregular school attendance; Charged at £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

- Second Offence – Where a second notice is issued within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either term time leave or irregular attendance, this will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days.

- Third Offence – If a third offence occurs within 3 years of the first penalty notice, a penalty notice will not be issued but the case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school', the Magistrate can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

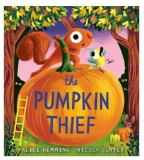
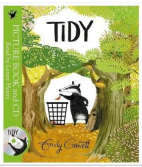
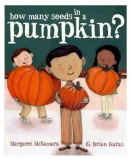
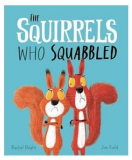
Please be aware that these changes are national changes and all penalty notices will be issued by Cheshire East Council. The school does not benefit financially in any way from any fines issued.

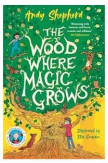
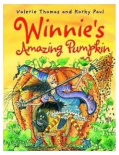
BBC 500 Words

The BBC 500 Words competition is the UK's biggest children's story-writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. This year's theme is 'write a story you would love to read'. We would love some of our children to take part and show off their wonderful writing skills! The competition opens for entries from Tuesday 29th September and closes at 9pm on Friday 6th November. Entries should be submitted via the BBC 500 Words website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words. Good luck!

October Book Recommendations

Get cosy this October with our selection of seasonal reads for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. From autumn adventures to spooky stories, we hope there's a book here for everyone to enjoy!

	With just a little help from Bird, Squirrel has grown some lovely pumpkins! He is so pleased with himself. But soon there's a problem . . . the pumpkins keep disappearing, one by one! Squirrel can't understand it. He's determined to catch the thief before Bird returns. The leaf thief is also a great story to share. The illustrations in both stories are brilliant for our youngest readers.		Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy at all times, but what starts as the collecting of one fallen leaf escalates and ends with the complete destruction of the forest! Will Pete realise the error of his ways and set things right? Tidy is another amazing book by Emily Gravett. It is a simple story about how we can impact on our surroundings and why caring for our environment is vital.
	Counting pumpkin seeds is messy business, but once the slimy job is done, to everyone's surprise, the smallest pumpkin has the most seeds! As Charlie happily exclaims, Small things have a lot going on inside of them. Mr. Tiffin and his students explore skip counting and estimation in a fun pumpkin-themed classroom experiment! This book is a fun way to reinforce counting skills at home.		Two greedy squirrels learn to share in the third hilarious rhyming adventure from the bestselling creators of THE LION INSIDE. Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...

	The first book in an enchanting new series from the author of the bestselling THE BOY WHO GREW DRAGONS, full of unexpected adventure, wonder and wildness, and just a little touch of magic! When Iggy discovers overgrown Wildtop Wood at the end of his new garden, he couldn't be more excited. A whole new world opens up for him and his brother Cal, high in the treetops, a world of tangled greenery and unexpected adventure.		On a school trip to a lakeside campsite, Izzy and her friends are sure something strange is going on. Lunches keep disappearing, mysterious ripples appear on the water, and rumours of a monster spread fast. Winner of the Laugh Out Loud Book Award.
	Sam Wu is NOT a scaredy-cat (except he is). When a trip to the Space Museum goes terrifyingly wrong, Sam begins a mission to prove to the school bully, and all of his friends, that he is a fearless space adventurer. A laugh-out-loud, voice-led and madcap story of ghost hunting, snakes and mischievous pet cats called Butterbutt.		Winnie and Wilbur love their vegetables. They are regulars at the weekly farmers' market to stock up on their greens, but bringing them back home on a broomstick proves to be rather hazardous. So Winnie decides to grow her own and digs a vegetable patch in her garden. Not having the patience of a true gardener, she uses a little magic to speed up the growing process . . . only to end up with a garden overrun by enormous vegetables.

	Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas…		In a whimsical twist on the classic Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by RL Stevenson, spoiled young Henrik Jekyll has been left his ancestor Dr Jekyll's house, laboratory, and — most importantly — secret, life-altering Hyde Potion recipe. Henrik's curiosity soon leads him down a dark path, unleashing a chaotic alter ego named Eddie.
	Morrigan Crow is cursed, destined to die on her eleventh birthday. But, as the clock strikes midnight, she's whisked away by a remarkable man called Jupiter North and taken to the secret city of Nevermoor. There she's invited to join the Wondrous Society. Mystery, magic and protection are hers - if only she can pass four impossible trials, using an exceptional talent. Which she doesn't have...		From the bestselling author of How to Train Your Dragon comes an out-of-this-world new adventure ... K2 O'Hero is a seemingly ordinary boy - after all, he and his twin sister Izzabird have been sworn to keep their family's magical history a secret. Not even their infuriating stepsiblings, Theo and Mabel, know that magic exists. They believe K2 to be the most hopeless person they have ever known.

Infection Control

For NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit Patient.info.





Cheshire East Local Offer Parent Carer Coffee Mornings

Please see below for upcoming dates:

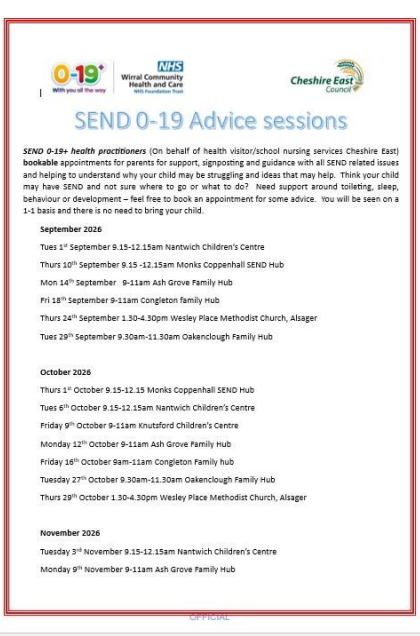


Connected Conversation Appointments - Educational Psychology Service



SEND Advice Sessions

Please see below for details of upcoming SEND advice sessions:



SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) **bookable** appointments for parents for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to book an appointment for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

September 2026

Tues 1st September 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Thurs 10th September 9.15 -12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Mon 14th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub
Fri 18th September 9-11am Congleton family Hub
Thurs 24th September 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
Tues 29th September 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

October 2026

Thurs 1st October 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Tues 6th October 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Friday 9th October 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre
Monday 12th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub
Friday 16th October 9am-11am Congleton Family hub
Tuesday 27th October 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub
Thurs 29th October 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

November 2026

Tuesday 3rd November 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Monday 9th November 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

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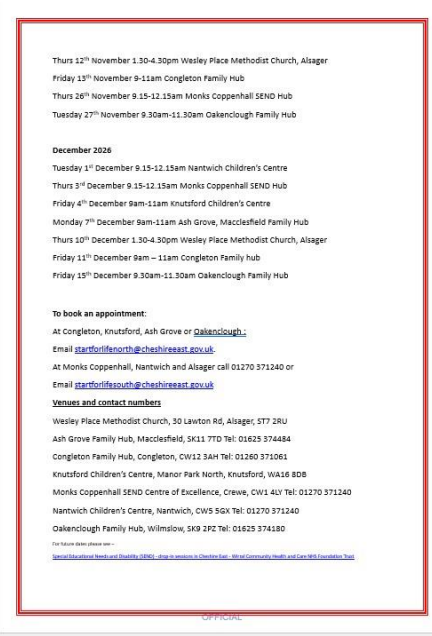

Thurs 12th November 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
Friday 13th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub
Thurs 26th November 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Tuesday 27th November 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

December 2026

Tuesday 1st December 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre
Thurs 3rd December 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub
Friday 4th December 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre
Monday 7th December 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub
Thurs 10th December 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager
Friday 11th December 9am – 11am Congleton Family Hub
Friday 15th December 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or Oakenclough :
Email startforlifenorth@cheshireeast.gov.uk.
At Monks Coppenhall, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or
Email startforlifesouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Venues and contact numbers

Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU
Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484
Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061
Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB
Monks Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240
Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
Oakenclough 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

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Visyon and Epic LAN Rocket League Gaming Day Event

A Rocket League gaming day is being held at Visyon in Congleton. This is a free event for families to attend and enjoy with wellbeing advice and online safety support for families available. Please see the link below for more details:
https://www.visyon.org.uk/events/gamingday

Visyon Parent/Carer Webinars & Peer Support Group

Visyon now offer free online parent / carer webinars covering a range of topics. Please see the website for further information and to book.

Parent webinars | visyon

Please see upcoming workshops for parent and carers below:

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

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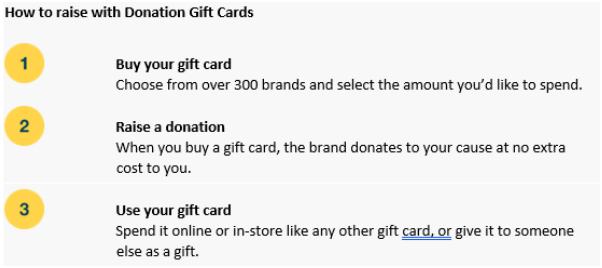

School Lottery

If you're not yet involved in our school lottery, and want the chance to win £25k every week, why not join today?

Head over to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Wistaston Church Lane Academy. Please find further details below:



Crewe Lyceum Production of Nativity

We are pleased to announce that a number of WCLA pupils will be taking part in this year's Crewe Lyceum's production of Nativity. Please see below for more details:



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack – Autumn 1 – Payment OVERDUE

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Payment OVERDUE

KS2 Snack – Autumn 2 – Payment due by 02/11/26

Year 5 Tatton Park – Payment due by 13/11/26

Year 3 Sea Life Manchester – Payment due by 17/11/26

Year 2 Nantwich Museum – Payment due by 25/11/26