

Week 8



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term Creative Challenge – Make a Poppy for Remembrance

As we head into the half term break, we would like to set our pupils a creative challenge in preparation for Remembrance Week. Our school has been invited to contribute to a special display for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and we would love every child to take part by making their own poppy. The poppy can be crafted from any material — paper, coloured card, or fabric — but please keep it lightweight as it will be glued onto a display board. Each poppy should be no larger than the size of the palm of your hand. Completed poppies should be brought into school on Tuesday 4th November. We look forward to seeing the wonderful creations our pupils make as we come together to remember and honour those who have served.

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 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
	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)
	Tuesday 4 th	Autism Family Support Service Online Parent Drop In (7-8:30pm – see below for more details)
	Wednesday 5 th	Visyon Self-Harm Awareness Workshop at Visyon in Congleton (10:00–12:00) – see below for more details..
	Thursday 6 th	Year 5 Playground Leader Training (1-3pm – By invitation only)
	Friday 7 th	Times Tables Rock Stars – Non-Uniform Reward Day (Prize Winners Only - See below)
	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
	Monday 17 th	PCSO Visit to Year 6
	Tuesday 18 th	Year 2 Amsterdam Nantwich Museum Visit
	Tuesday 18 th	Year 5 & 6 Autumn Football League vs Stapeley Broad Lane (3:20-4:30 pm at WCLA – By invitation only)
	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
	Tuesday 9 th	Year 2 Christmas Concert for U3A Local History Group at the Memorial Hall
	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 15th December	Tuesday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Carol Concert
	Wednesday 17 th	Cygnets Christmas Crafts with Parents
	Wednesday 17 th	Alsager Library SEND Drop In (1:30-2:30pm)
	Wednesday 17 th	Shavington Christmas Concert (5pm)
	Thursday 18 th	Staff Pantomime
	Thursday 18 th	Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (Appointments only) (9:30-11:30am)
Week commencing 22nd December	Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	Christmas Holidays





Week Commencing 4th November will be WEEK 1 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches

We are pleased to introduce our new Autumn Menus. Look out for week 2 and 3 after half term.

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	 Macaroni cheese	Homemade meat & potato pie with mash potato	All day breakfast	Chicken korma with 50/50 rice	Beef burger with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	 Vegetable stir fry with chicken style pieces and 50/50 rice	  Vegetarian bolognese	Vegetarian toad in the hole with roast potatoes & gravy	 Sweet potato, cheese & onion pie with new potatoes	Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	 Cauliflower & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	 Fruit crumble & custard	Apple & cinnamon muffin	 Flapjack	Marble sponge & custard	 Fruit in jelly
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO OR SANDWICH	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Tuna Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket potato & today's choice of filling



Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

KEY  - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  - MEAT-FREE MONDAY  - CHEF'S CHOICE  - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Allergens and intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight
This week: Sharing photos online

What's New!

Half Term & INSET Day

School closes after the normal school day today (Friday 24th October) and will reopen to pupils as normal on *Tuesday 4th November*. Monday 3rd November is an INSET Day.

We hope everyone enjoys half term and has a safe Halloween. Our PCSOs spoke in assembly on Tuesday about ways to keep safe. Please see below for more tips on how to keep children safe over this period:

<https://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk/Alerts/A/331317/Halloween-amp-Bonfire-Night>

<https://capt.org.uk/halloween/>



Harvest Week

We would like to extend a huge thank you for your generous contributions to the Harvest collection in aid of Chance Changing Lives. Your support will make a real difference to families in the area.

Academy Photography – Individual & Sibling Photos

We expect proofs to be available after half term. Ordering instructions will be included with the proofs.

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 today (Friday 24th) 🎃. The bags include spooky treats (such as Halloween scratch art which includes a scratch stick) and some information for parents on what the Friends do.

The next tuck shop will be on Friday 7th 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 😊.



Times Tables Rock Stars - Non Uniform Reward Day (For Prize Winners Only)

We're proud to use Times Tables Rock Stars as a fun and engaging way to help children practise and improve their times tables skills. Each week, we run a KS1 and KS2 tournament to encourage friendly competition and celebrate progress.

As a reward for their hard work:

- Children in Key Stage 2 who score over 5000 points
- Children in Key Stage 1 who score over 1000 points

...will be invited to attend school in non-uniform on Friday 7th November!

Parents, please keep an eye on your emails to find out if your child has been successful — invitations will be sent out today.

There will also be a raffle for participating children on the day, so it's set to be a fun celebration of learning!

Let's keep rocking those times tables!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

When we return after half term, we are proud to be supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. If your child would like a poppy, zip pull, band or sticker, items will be available in school week commencing 4th November in exchange for cash donations. There will also be some pin badges available for adults. Your support is much appreciated.



After School Clubs

Teacher run after school clubs start when school reopens on 4th November and will run until 12th December. All clubs will finish at 4:15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please let the school office know ASAP.

Year 6 Leaver Hoodies

If you wish to purchase a hoodie for your Year 6 child, 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.

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_RQyFdmXae8RA/viewform?usp=dialog



Infection Control

There have been reported cases of Slapped Cheek Syndrome, Hand Foot & Mouth and Scarlet Fever in EYFS and Head Lice in KS1. Please see the links below for information about symptoms to look out for:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

For further 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/head-lice-and-nits/).

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

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

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

SCAN ME



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 for advice.

Visit nhs.uk/norovirus

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

choices

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>.

Please be aware that the deadline for secondary applications is Friday 31st October 2025. If you do not apply by the deadline of 31 October, your application will be processed after all on-time applications and therefore may be disadvantaged.

Status	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools
Online application forms available	1 st September 2025	1 st September 2025
Closing date for applications	15th 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



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

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 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 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.

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

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.

[Her Hub Crewe Baby Bank Pop-Up: Supporting Local Families This October](#)

Her-Place Charitable Trust's Community Share Hub has a Baby Bank Pop-Up Event at Her Hub, Beech Drive, Crewe, on Saturday 25th October, from 10am to 2pm. This free community event is open to everyone and offers families the chance to access a wide range of pre-loved baby essentials, including:

- Halloween costumes
- Baby clothes (up to age 2 years)
- Prams and cots
- Winter coats and snowsuits
- Bottles and sterilisers
- Other baby essentials

The pop-up is part of Her-Place's ongoing commitment to reducing waste, supporting families, and promoting dignity through sustainability. All items have been kindly donated by the local community, checked for quality, and made freely available to those who need them most. Visitors can drop in at any time during the event to browse, collect items, and find out more about the other services available through the Community Share Hub.

Sal's Shoes

Sal's Shoes at St Paul's Centre now offers a self-referral service — with no paperwork — removing barriers for families in need of children's footwear.

The self-referral option is available for anyone seeking support.

Sal's Shoes provides free shoes to local children, with up to 4 pairs per year, supporting families in Crewe.

The project is part of a global charity working in 57 countries, and they are proud to be one of their UK hubs.

For families to self-refer, simply complete the form here:


<https://www.stpaulscentre.org.uk/sals-shoes>



LSC The Berkeley Oct 25 Holiday Club

Please see below for information about LSC's Holiday Club. If you are interested in booking, please use the following link:

https://wearelsc.co.uk/book_details/?course_id=16431



October Half-Term Multi-Activity Club

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

ACTIVE, ENGAGING, CREATIVE FUN WITH A SPOOKY TWIST!
DIVE INTO CREEPY CRAFTS, GHOULISH GAMES AND SPOOKY SPORTS.




The Berkeley Academy
Laidon Avenue, Wistaston CW2 6RU

Date: Monday to Friday
27th - 31st October 2025


Time: Standard Day: 8am-6pm
Shorter Day 9:30am-3:30pm

Age: Ages 4 - 11
(Reception - Year 6)

Price: Short Day from £29
Standard Day from £34



Scan to view timetable & Book



including your favourites:
→ Inflatables
→ Nerf Wars
→ Penalty Shootout
→ Themed Party

wearelsc.co.uk info@wearelsc.co.uk 0800 032 1806
Don't forget that we accept childcare vouchers & tax-free childcare schemes



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:



[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.

[You Are Not Alone - Free Online Parent Drop-In](#)

Please see details of a free online drop in for parents of children with autism:



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. **My hope is back**'*

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments

Please see below for details of appointments offered by the Educational Psychology 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. EHCs 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

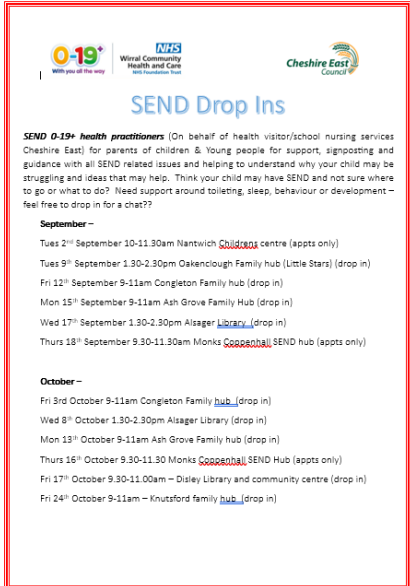


Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - [Family Hubs](#).
Dates and locations are as below:

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

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

SEND Drop Ins

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & Young people for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to drop in for a chat??

September –

Tues 2nd September 10-11.30am Nantwich [Childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Tues 9th September 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Family hub (Little Stars) (drop in)

Fri 12th September 9-11am Congleton Family hub (drop in)

Mon 15th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)

Wed 17th September 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Thurs 18th September 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

October –

Fri 3rd October 9-11am Congleton Family [hub](#) (drop in)

Wed 8th October 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Mon 13th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family hub (drop in)

Thurs 16th October 9.30-11.30 Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND Hub (appts only)

Fri 17th October 9.30-11.00am – Disley Library and community centre (drop in)

Fri 24th October 9-11am – Knutsford family [hub](#) (drop in)

November –

Tuesday 4th November 9.30-11.30am, Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Tuesday 4th November 1.30-2.30pm Oakencloough Little Stars (drop in)

Monday 10th November 9-11am – Ash Grove Family hub (appts only)

Wed 12th November 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)

Thurs 20th November 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND hub (appts only)

Fri 28th November 9-11am Congleton Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

December –

Tues 2nd December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich [childrens centre](#) (appts only)

Friday 5th December – 9-11am – Knutsford Family [hub](#) (drop in)

Monday 8th December 9-11am Ash Grove Family [Hub](#) (drop in)

Wed 17th December 1.30-2.30pm Alsager [Library](#) (drop in)

Thurs 18th December 9.30-11.30am Monks [Coppeshall](#) (appts only)

Venues and contact numbers for appts where needed

Alsager Library, Alsager ST7 2QH

Ash Grove Family Hub, [Macclesfield SK11 7TD](#) Tel: 01625 374484

Congleton Family Hub, Congleton CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061

Knutsford Family Hub, Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 8DB

Monks [Coppeshall](#) SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich [Childrens Centre](#), Nantwich CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow SK9 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](#)

There will be a Self-harm awareness workshop held at Visyon in Congleton on Wednesday 5 November, 10:00am – 12:00pm. This session will provide information and support for parents who are concerned about self-harm for their child.

<https://www.visyon.org.uk/parentworkshops>

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.

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).

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.

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.

All About Family Autumn Edition

Please see below a link to the latest free digital magazine for parents:

www.allabout-family.co.uk/nw-magazine/

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 2 £500 donations – every new supporter who joins is an entry! Sign up before midnight 26th October:

<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 OVERDUE

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 Leavers Hoodies – Payment due by 30/11/25