Week 9



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 7th November 2025

Have you heard about the OuRR-Say Squad?

We're looking to the future by empowering our pupils to have a real voice in shaping our school community! The OuRR-Say Squad is our student steering group, part of our journey towards our next UNICEF *Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA)*. Their name — a play on "Our Say" — highlights one of the key principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: the right to be heard. Meeting weekly with Mrs Watson, the squad listens to what pupils think and feel about school life, then helps to turn ideas into action.

So far this year, they asked... and we did!

- They asked for favourite school dinners like chicken curry and all-day breakfast we did, and they're back on the menu.
- They asked for more fun events we did, and are planning a KS2 daytime disco at Christmas.
- They asked for another Break the Rules Day we did, and it's already planned for Easter!
- They asked for more ways to share worries we did, and now every class will have an "I wish my teacher knew..." box.
- They asked for more buddy systems we did, and Year 5 Playground Leaders are being trained to support KS2 pupils.
- They asked for more opportunities for girls in sport we did, and Coach Barks has launched a new girls' football club.
- They asked for an Odd Socks Day to mark Anti-Bullying Week we did, and it will take place next Friday (14th Nov)

The OuRR-Say Squad makes a real difference, proving that when our pupils speak up, their voices are heard and acted upon. If you have any ideas, make sure your OuRR-Say Squad member knows.

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

Year 2 Nantwich Museum Trip Date Change

Due to unforseen circumstances, we have had to swap the days for Amsterdam and Helsinki's trips to Nantwich Museum. The classes will now be going as follow:

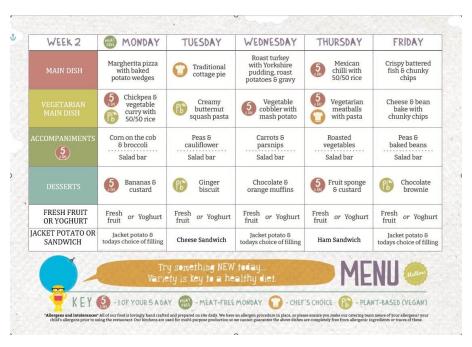
Amsterdam - Wednesday 19th November 2025

Helsinki - Tuesday 18th November 2025

Please ignore the dates for the trip in the table below. Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience caused.

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)
	Friday 14 th	Odd Socks Day
	Friday 14 th	Year 3 Sealife Manchester
	Friday 14 th	Year 5 Swimming Lessons 1:15-1:45pm
Week commencing 17 th 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
	Wednesday 19 th	Visyon Peer Support Group for Parents & Carers at Visyon Congleton (10am – See below for more details
	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
oth 5	Mon 8 th – Wed 10 th	Playground at End of School Day
Week commencing 8th December	Mon 8 th – Tues 9 th	Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
		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 Conversatio Appointments at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (9:30
	Thursday 11 th	4:15 – See below for details of how to book) 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	Monday 15 th	Cygnest visit to St Mary's Church (Afternoon Session)
	Tuesday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Carol Concert
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Week Commencing 10th November will be WEEK 2 (New Autumn Menu) for lunches



Digital Safety Spotlight

Weekly Digital Safety Spotlight
This week: Inspiring children to make a better digital world

What's New!

Year 5 & 6 Walking Home

As the clocks have now gone back and it is getting darker earlier, we recommend that children do not walk home alone after clubs or Swan Stars.

FLUENZ

The Immunisation Team are scheduled to come into school on Thursday 4th December to administer FLUENZ. Parents should have received an email from school which includes a letter from the team and links for parents to give consent for the vaccine or to decline it. Parents must register by **Monday 1st December** using the online links in the letter.

Please be aware that if parents elect to have the injectable vaccine rather than the spray, this will not be administered in school. The Immunisation Team will contact you directly to confirm an appointment elsewhere.

Academy Photography – Individual & Sibling Photos

We are currently awaiting proofs. These will be sent out as soon as they arrive and will include all information to help parents order online.

Friends of WCLA Tuck Shop

The next tuck shop will take place today (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.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the Poppy Appeal this year. If your child would still like a poppy or zip pull (Unfortunately we have sold out of bands), items will be available in school until 11th November in exchange for cash donations. There will also be some pin badges available from the school office for adults. Your support is much appreciated.



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.

Infection Control

There have been reported cases of Scarlet Fever in EYFS and Impetigo in KS2. Please see the links below for information about symptoms to look out for:

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

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/

For further 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



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-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.

Cheshire East Shared Lives Recruitment

Shared Lives are recruiting! The concept is similar to foster care for adults, where carers share their home and family life with an adult who needs help or support to live well (for example, someone with learning disabilities). Like foster carers, Shared Lives carers are paid in recognition of their work and are provided with training and support. Cheshire East also recruit carers to provide support to people in the community. If you don't want to provide live in support this may be a good alternative. Sessional support involves offering assistance to individuals in accessing and engaging with their local community, starting from as little as 3 hours per week depending on your availability. As a support worker, you are matched with a client and help them participate in everyday activities such as shopping, swimming, or going out for lunch. Cheshire East offer flexible working, focusing more on the person's values and ability to build supportive relationships than on specific qualifications or experience. Your working hours are decided by yourself so could fit around school hours. If you would like to find out more please see the link below:

Become a Shared Lives carer

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.

Educational Psychology Team Connected Conversation Appointments

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



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 - <u>Family Hubs</u>.

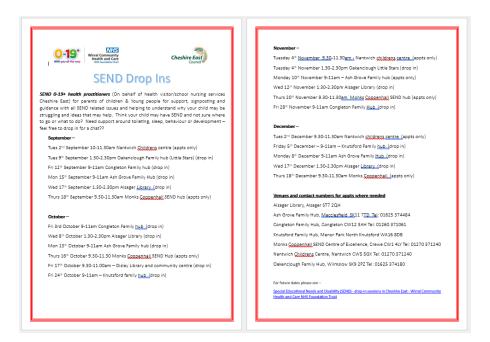
Dates and locations are as below:

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 for parents/guardians:



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

Visyon are offering a peer support group for parents and carers to discuss ways to support their young people. This will be held at Visyon in Congleton on Wednesday 19 November 2025 from 10:00am. Please see the link below for more details:

Parent Workshops | 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.

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.

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. Sign up via the link below:

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 OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now due

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

Year 3 Stone Age Day – Payment due by 19/12/25