

Wistaston Weekly



Week 12

Friday 29th November 2024

We are getting into the festive spirit at school and have started talking to the children about what makes Christmas truly special—thinking of others. As part of this, we will be writing our Christmas wishes and using them to decorate the trees in the hall. We're also thinking about how we can spread some Christmas cheer, especially to people who will be spending Christmas in hospital.

Today, each child is bringing home a red gift label for our Christmas appeal in support of *Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charity*. By scanning the QR code below, you'll find their wish list and can purchase a gift for either an adult or child who will be spending Christmas in hospital. Once you have bought a gift, can you please fill in your red label with your name and bring it back to school to hang on our tree. Feel free to also add a little message (e.g, "I hope you enjoy this Lego set") and all the presents will be delivered straight to the wards for everyone to enjoy.





<https://mchcharity.org/give-a-gift-2/>

Thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter for those in need.

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 Beginning 2nd December	Monday 2nd	Reception Local Area Visit to St Mary's Church
	Tuesday 3 rd	International Day of People with Disabilities
	Tuesday 3 rd	Crewe & Nantwich Junior Schools' Football Association Autumn Term Football match vs Wybunbury Delves (15:20-16:30) – By invitation only
	Tuesday 3 rd	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 5 th	Cygnets Local Area Visit to St Mary's Church
Week Beginning 9th December	Monday 9 th	EYFS Nativity (2pm)
	Tuesday 10 th	EYFS Nativity (9:30am)
	Tuesday 10 th	Year 2 Christmas Songs for U3A at Wistaston Memorial Hall (11:15am)
	Thursday 12 th	Christmas Dinner
	Thursday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Thursday 12 th	Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice
Week Beginning 16th December	Tuesday 17 th	Christmas concert at Shavington Academy (School Choir – 6-8pm)
	Wednesday 18 th	Cygnets Christmas Crafts with Parents
	Wednesday 18 th	KS1 Carol Service (5pm) – CHANGE OF DATE
	Thursday 19 th	Staff Pantomime
Week Beginning 23rd December	Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 30th December	Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 6th January	Monday 6 th	INSET Day
	Tuesday 7 th	School reopens after the holidays
	Tuesday 7 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Tuesday 7 th	Year 3 Delamere Information Evening (3:30pm)
Week Beginning 13th January	Wednesday 15 th	Closing Date for Primary School Admissions Applications for September 2025
Week Beginning 20th January	Wed 22 nd – Thur 23 rd	Year 3 Tokyo Delamere Residential
	Thur 23 rd – Fri 24 th	Year 3 Seoul Delamere Residential
Week Beginning 27th January		
Week Beginning 3rd February	Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	Children's Mental Health Week
	Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	LGBT+ Month
	Tuesday 4 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)

Week Commencing 2nd December will be WEEK 1 for lunches

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TREAT FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita Pizza with wedges	Meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Roast beef with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Chicken korma with 50/50 rice	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
MAIN DISH 2	"Veggie" curry with rice and Chapati	Cheese quiche served with Spanish potatoes	Vegetable cobbler with mashed potatoes	Sweet potato, cheese and onion pie with diced potatoes	Southern fried quorn burger with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & Salad bar
JACKET POTATO/ SANDWICHES	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Cheese bap	Jacket potato with cheese or coleslaw Or Tuna wrap	Jacket potato with tuna or beans Or Roast beef pitta	Jacket potato with curry or beans Or Ham bap	Jacket potato with cheese or beans Or Turkey & salad wrap
DESSERTS	Chocolate brownie	Marble sponge with custard	Strawberry mousse	Ginger biscuit	Chocolate muffin
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or yoghurt

Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

5 A DAY - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
HEALTHY OPTION

What's New!

Additional INSET Day

Please be aware that there will be an additional INSET Day on Friday 11th July 2025.

U11 Girls Football

The Year 5/6 Girls football team recently competed in the Crewe Alexandra FC Premier League Primary Stars U11 Girls Tournament at The Soccer Centre. Demonstrating great confidence and determination, the team played six matches, drawing three and losing three. They represented the school with pride. As a special reward for their efforts, the team was awarded tickets to attend the next Crewe Alexandra home match. Well done to all players for their hard work and sportsmanship!

Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to everyone who took part in yesterday's athletics event. Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams both finished third.

Please could all kits be returned by Monday 2nd December as they are needed for another event due to take place on Tuesday 3rd December – Thank you.

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025

School needs to confirm numbers for the trip by **Monday 2nd December** so we kindly ask that you inform school before then if you would like them to be included – this can either be by confirming consent and paying the initial deposit or by emailing the school office at

admin@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk. Unfortunately, we cannot add additional children to the trip after this date.

Please note that a minimum of 45 pupils is required for this trip to go ahead. If the minimum number is not met and we have to cancel the trip, any deposits paid will be refunded.

[After School & Lunchtime Clubs - Spring Term](#)

We are pleased to be offering various after school and lunch clubs for the Spring term. Our aim is that these clubs will enrich your child's learning and provide them with different experiences.

If your child wishes to attend any of the clubs below, please go to your child's Arbor account and choose the appropriate club for your child's year group. After signing up, children will be expected to attend **all** sessions (for safeguarding reasons we need to keep a register). All clubs in blue should be booked directly through Sports Coaching Group at [Wistaston Church Lane Primary School - Spring Term 1 \(Tue 7th Jan 2025 - Thu 13th Feb 2025\) | Sports Coaching Group](#) (See attached flyer for further details and cost).

All after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 13th January to the week ending 21st March unless otherwise stated below. All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground.

Clubs run by staff members are free and only those booked directly through Sports Coaching Group are charged for.

Where places are limited, we will be operating on a 'first come, first served' basis. All clubs run by school staff will go live on Arbor from 4PM on SATURDAY 30th November. We kindly ask that you initially book only one free after-school club for your child to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to take part in the clubs. If there are still places available on Sunday 5th January, additional clubs may then be booked.

Please note that due to staff absences we may need to cancel clubs at short notice. We will, of course, do our utmost to avoid this and to help where we can.

Please consider that the notice period for cancelling places at Swan Stars is four weeks and that we are sending this letter out early to help you to make the necessary arrangements.

Year Group	Club	Day of the Week	Club Leader	Maximum Numbers	Comments
Reception, Year 1 & 2	Nature Detectives	Thursday	Mrs Gratton & Miss Longhorn	30	
Reception, Year 1 & 2	Drawing Club	Monday	Miss Jones	20	
1 & 2	French	Monday	Mrs Storey	20	
1, 2 & 3	Board Game & Puzzle Club	Monday	Miss Hillard	20	
3 & 4	Climate Presentation Club	Tuesday	Miss Smith	25	
3 & 4	Football	Monday Lunchtime	Mr Raiswell	30	
3 & 4	Photography Club	Monday	Miss Davenport	20	
3 & 4	Lego Club	Thursday	Ms Wadhwa	10	
4 & 5	Let's Play! (Afterschool playtime)	Thursday	Mrs Rimmer	20	
4 & 5	Maths 24	Thursday	Mrs Culshaw	30	
5 & 6	Netball	Monday	Mrs Horan, Mrs McDonald & Mrs Finney	20	
5 & 6	Football	Wednesday	Mr Raiswell	30	
6	Maths Booster	Tuesday	Mrs Dunbobbin, Miss Willington & Mrs Lawrie	N/A	See * below for dates
Reception – Year 6	Multi-Sports - Mixture of netball, basketball, hockey, tennis, archery etc.	Tuesday	Sports Coaching Group	16 (Min 5)	To be booked through SCG 07/01/25-11/02/25 (6 weeks)
Reception – Year 6	Dodgeball	Wednesday	Sports Coaching Group	16 (Min 5)	To be booked through SCG 08/01/25-12/02/25 (6 weeks)
Reception – Year 6	Football	Thursday	Sports Coaching Group	16 (Min 5)	To be booked through SCG 09/01/25 – 13/02/25 (6 weeks)

*Year 6 Maths Club will run on the following dates only before SATs:

4th February, 11th February, 25th February, 4th March, 11th March, 18th March, 1st April, 22nd April, 29th April & 6th May.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



SPORTS COACHING GROUP
ENJOY IMPROVE ACHIEVE




Multi-Sports	Dodgeball	Football
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Reception - Yr 6	Reception - Yr 6	Reception - Yr 6
07.01.25 - 11.02.25	08.01.25 - 12.02.25	09.01.25 - 13.02.25
3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15	3:15 - 4:15
£30 (6 weeks)	£30 (6 weeks)	£30 (6 weeks)

✉ info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk
 ☎ 01270 449770
 🌐 sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

Infection Control

There have been some recent suspected cases of norovirus. Please see the link below for details of symptoms to watch out for and appropriate treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>



Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.


To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces


If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO ✓

Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C




Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants




DON'T ✗

Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

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There has also been a reported case of head lice in KS2. Please see the following link for details of what to look out for and appropriate treatment:

<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

SCAN ME

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

Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for a Midday Assistant and an After School Club Play Worker. If you know anyone who could be interested, please see the following links for more details:

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/midday-assistant-cheshire-east-2142160>

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/before-and-after-school-club-play-worker-cheshire-east-2139233>

Please note that all applications need to be submitted online via these links.

Elf Run

We are pleased to be supporting this year's Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice. On Thursday 12th December, the whole school will take part in the Elf Run with everyone taking part getting their own Elf hat and sticker. Any donations in support of this event would be much appreciated. Donations should be made via our JustGiving page below:

[JustGiving Donation Link.](#)



KS2 Swimming

Year 5 will continue to swim until Wednesday 4th December.

Just a reminder - If your child is suffering from any potentially contagious foot conditions (e.g. verruca, athlete's foot) and is due to swim, they must wear a protective swimming sock.

Please note that to use the pool, children must wear a swim cap. These are now available for purchase from the school at a cost of £3.05 (card payments only). These caps are 100% silicone. Alternatively, pupils are permitted to wear their own swim cap.

Easyfundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wistastonchurchlaneacademy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-

The following link can be used to raise free donations when shopping on Amazon for Black Friday Week deals:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/retailer/amazon/visit/?user_id=2840571&origin=AMBF

Every new supporter who joins before midnight 1st December will earn the school a chance to win a £500 donation!

School Lottery

The Friends of Wistaston Church Lane Academy would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery over the last few weeks. For further information on how to join our lottery and support our school, please visit:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/wistaston-church-lane-academy?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Wistaston Church Lane Academy

■ 40p goes to our school
 ■ 36p goes to cash prizes
 ■ 20p goes to admin costs
 ■ 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
 = £30 weekly cash prize
 = £2,080 a year for our school

Buy A Ticket GambleAware 18+

[Crewe Alex Ticket Offer](#)

Please see below about free and discounted ticket for the Crewe Alex v Colchester game on Friday 20th December:

FILL THE GROUND

ADULTS - £10
U19S - £5
11 & UNDER - FREE

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
- 7:45 KO

Buy Here

School Applications

Please see below details of the application process for admissions to Reception in September 2025: **Please be aware that primary school applications for current Cygnet pupils close on Wednesday 15th January 2025.**



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 2020 and 31 August 2021, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2025.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from
1st September 2024 at
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications should be submitted by

- 31st October 2024 for secondary
- 15th January 2025 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

Cheshire East Council

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus Asda will pop £1 into the school's Cashpot every time someone opts in. Please think of Wistaston Church Lane Academy if you are shopping at Asda. We appreciate your support.



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 1 – Payment OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Payment now due

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 6 Condover Hall – Deposit of £60 due by 01/12/24

Year 3 Delamere Residential – Final Balance due by 06/12/24

Year 4 Chester Deva Museum – Payment due by 13/12/24

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 1st Deposit of £30 due by 13/12/24

Year 1 Chester Zoo – Payment due by 10/01/25

Year 6 Condover Hall – Final Balance due by 24/01/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 2nd Deposit of £70 due by 31/01/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 3rd payment of £100 due by 31/03/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – 4th payment of £100 due by 31/05/25

Year 6 (Current Year 5) London 2025 – Final Balance due by 03/07/25