# Wistaston Weekly



#### Week 6

#### Friday 11th October 2024

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Week and again collecting for our friends at Chance Changing Lives. The charity supports families in Crewe and helps to change their lives, one difficult step at a time. It is a great opportunity to come together as a community to give disadvantaged people a fighting chance. This year each class will be given a box and we hope to fill them with your kind contributions. Please see the list below for items that can be included in the box.



There will be a number of harvest themed assemblies during the week including a visit from our neighbours at St Marys Church and Chance Changing Lives visiting on Friday to collect our harvest contributions. Thank you in advance for your kind support with this appeal.

Kind regards

Mrs Elsley

Principal

# Useful Dates for Diary

Further details are shared nearer to the time.

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

# Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at:

https://www.wclacademy.co.uk/calendar

Week Beginning 14th October	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Academy Photography Orders (9am)		
	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Collection Week for Chance Changing Lives		
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Crewe Alexandra Kids Cup (9:30-13:00 @ Crewe Alexandra in the Community)		
	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Parents Evening		
	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)		
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ruskin Community High School Open Morning (9:15-11)		
Week Beginning 21st October	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Climate Week		
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Friends of WCLA AGM – 5:30pm		
	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, 4 & 6 and Y5 Los Angeles Parents Evening		
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)		
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ruskin Community High School Open Morning (9:15-11)		
Week Beginning 28th October	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term		
	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for Secondary School Applications for September 2025		
Week Beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day		
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens to pupils		
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)		
	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Week (The Christmas Truce)		
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Los Angeles Viking Experience Day		
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Atlanta Viking Experience Day		
Week Beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week		
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Helsinki Nantwich Museum		
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Amsterdam Nantwich Museum		
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Sea Life Centre Manchester		
Week Beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Crewe Alexandra FC Premier League Primary Stars U1: Girls Tournament (9:30-12:00 @ Crewe Alexandra in the Community)		
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	World Children's Day		
	Thursday 21st	Y1 Arctic Workshop		
Week Beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Hall Athletics (Details TBC)		
Week Beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	International Day of People with Disabilities		
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)		
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Performing for Wistaston Community (7pm)		
Week Beginning 9th December	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Nativity (2pm)		
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Nativity (9:30am)		
	Tuesday 10th	Year 2 Christmas Songs for U3A at Wistaston Memorial Hall (11:15am)		
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner		
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day		
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice		
Week Beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnets Local Area Visit to St Mary's Church		
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Carol Service (5pm)		
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnets Christmas Crafts with Parents		

## Week Commencing 14th October will be WEEK 1 for lunches

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yellow Option	Meatballs and Pasta	Chicken Tikka Masala and Rice	Roast Beef	Homemade Lasagne	Fish Fingers
Pink Option	Cheese Quiche and Spanish Potatoes	Vegetable Stir Fry served with Noodles	Cheese and Sweet Potato Pie	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Nuggets
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread	Peas	Roast Potato, Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread	Chunky Chips and Peas
Green Option	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Roast Beef Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
Blue Option	Jacket Potato with either Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with either Beans, Chees or Tuna Mayo			
Dessert	Banana Bread	Upside Down Cheesecake	Chocolate Sponge	Ginger Biscuit	Fresh Fruit and Ice- Cream

### What's New!

### Academy Photography

The deadline date for orders is **9am Monday 14th October**. Where possible, orders should be placed directly online with Academy Photography at <a href="https://www.academyphotos.co.uk">www.academyphotos.co.uk</a> using the image reference and password shown on your proof.

#### Parents Evenings

Parents evenings for EYFS and KS1 will take place in the KS1 Hall on 16th and 17th October. Parents evenings for KS2 (except for Y5 Atlanta) will take place in the KS2 Hall on 23rd and 24th October.

Appointments are now live under Guardian *Consultations* on Arbor. Ten minute slots will be available from 15:40 on each day. We kindly ask that you tick the relevant boxes to indicate who will be attending. Bookings will close at noon on Tuesday 15th October for EYFS and KS1 and on Monday 21st October for KS2.

#### School Dinners

Regrettably, we have to inform you that from 5th November, school dinners will be charged at £2.58 per day due to an increase from Mellors. This will affect Cygnets and KS2. Reception and KS1 dinners continue to be funded.

#### Year 1 Chester Zoo Membership

We are currently looking to organise a trip to Chester Zoo for our Year 1 pupils during the Spring term (January-March 2025). To allow us to cost the trip, we kindly ask that anyone who has a Chester Zoo membership for their child which will be valid during that period informs the school office by **Friday 18th October. Please note that once the trip has been costed no further memberships will be able to be taken into account and they will therefore be charged at the full trip cost.** Any children with membership will need to take their membership cards to scan in at the admission lanes on arrival for the trip as they normally would.

#### **Absences**

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

The school does not benefit financially in any way from any fines issued.

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.

#### After School Clubs - Autumn 2

All teacher run after school and lunchtime clubs are now live under *Clubs* on Arbor. **All teacher run after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 5th 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.

As places are limited for many of the clubs, we kindly ask that you notify the school office if your child no longer requires their place so that it can be offered to others.

Please see below for details of clubs that will be run by Sports Coaching Group next half term. These have to be booked directly through SCG at <u>Wistaston Church Lane Primary School - Autumn Term 2</u> (Tue 5th Nov 2024 - Thu 19th Dec 2024) | Sports Coaching Group | Powered by ClassForKids.



#### **Swimming Pool**

We are pleased to announce that we will be getting our own temporary swimming pool in November. During this time, we hope to offer swimming lessons initially to Years 5 & 6 but this may be extended to other years if time permits. Further details will follow next week, including necessary permissions and an opportunity to make any financial donations towards the cost of this exciting resource.



### Free Swimming Sessions for 12-16 Year Olds

If you have older children who are non-swimmers, please see below details of some free water confidence sessions taking place during half term:



#### Asthma & Inhalers

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or sometimes needs an inhaler and you have not done so already since September, please ensure that there is an inhaler on site which is in date along with a completed Prescribed Medication Form for the new academic year. We also ask that you confirm that the information we hold regarding your child's condition is up to date. If you have not yet completed new Asthma Forms for this academic year, we ask that you check the forms we have on file at the office and sign them to confirm the information is correct or complete new forms which are available from the office.

Please note that if we do not receive an update from you, we will assume that the current information we have is correct.

#### **School Applications**

Please see below details of the application process for admissions to Reception and Secondary School in September 2025:



### Secondary School Open Days

Please see below details of upcoming secondary school open days:

• Shavington Academy – The academy will be running school tours at Shavington Academy prior to the secondary school application deadline. The tours will run at 9:15am on the dates below:

14th, 15th and 16th October.

Booking is essential. Tours can be booked from the 4th October by contacting <a href="mailto:bharrison@shavington.academy">bharrison@shavington.academy</a>.

• Ruskin Community High School – Friday 18th and 25th October 9:15-11am



### 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 - Now due

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes - Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 3 Delamere Residential – Deposit OVERDUE

Year 3 Sea Life Centre Manchester – Payment by 24/10/24

Year 1 Arctic Workshop - Payment due by 01/11/24

Year 2 Nantwich Museum – Payment due by 01/11/24

Year 5 Viking Workshop – Payment due by 01/11/24

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

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