Wistaston Weekly



Week 8

Friday 25th October 2024

What a fantastic half term it has been at school! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our open class sessions and parents' evenings - your support means so much to us and to your children. We'd also like to extend a huge thank you for your generous contributions to the Harvest collection. Chance Changing Lives was overwhelmed with gratitude, and they had to bring extra boxes to accommodate all the donations! I hope you all now have a happy and restful half term, and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 5th November which will be the start of our Remembrance Week.

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 28th October	Mon 28 th – Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term
	Thursday 31st	Deadline for Secondary School Applications for September 2025
Week Beginning 4 th November	Monday 4 th	INSET Day
	Tuesday 5 th	School reopens to pupils
	Tuesday 5 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Tues 5 th – Fri 8 th	Remembrance Week (The Christmas Truce)
	Wednesday 6 th	Y5 Los Angeles Viking Experience Day
	Wednesday 6 th	Sports Hall Athletics Afterschool Practice (15:20-16:30) – By invitation only
	Thursday 7 th	Y5 Atlanta Viking Experience Day
Week Beginning 11 th November	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Tuesday 11 th	Crewe & Nantwich Junior Schools' Football Association Autumn Term Football match vs Shavington Primary School (15:20-16:30) – By invitation only
	Wednesday 13 th	Y2 Helsinki Nantwich Museum
	Wednesday 13 th	Sports Hall Athletics Afterschool Practice (15:20-16:30) – By invitation only
	Thursday 14 th	Y2 Amsterdam Nantwich Museum
	Friday 15 th	Year 3 Sea Life Centre Manchester
Week Beginning 18 th November	Tuesday 19 th	Crewe Alexandra FC Premier League Primary Stars U11 Girls Tournament (9:30-12:00 @ Crewe Alexandra in the Community)
	Wednesday 20 th	World Children's Day
	Wednesday 20 th	Sports Hall Athletics Afterschool Practice (15:20-16:30) – By invitation only
	Thursday 21st	Y1 Arctic Workshop
Week Beginning 25 th November	Thursday 28 th	Sports Hall Athletics Heat at Shavington Academy (2:30-5:50pm) – By invitation only
Week Beginning 2 nd December	Tuesday 3 rd	International Day of People with Disabilities
	Tuesday 3 rd	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Friday 6 th	Choir Performing for Wistaston Community (7pm)
Week Beginning 9 th December	Monday 9 th	EYFS Nativity (2pm)
	Tuesday 10 th	EYFS Nativity (9:30am)
	Tuesday 10th	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 16 th December	Monday 16 th	Cygnets Local Area Visit to St Mary's Church
	Tuesday 17 th	KS1 Carol Service (5pm)
	Wednesday 18 th	Cygnets Christmas Crafts with Parents
	Thursday 19 th	Staff Pantomime
Week Beginning 23 rd December	Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	Christmas Holidays
Week Beginning 30 th December	Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Christmas Holidays

Week Commencing 4th November will be WEEK 1 for lunches

We are pleased to introduce our new winter menus below. These will start from Tuesday 5th November when we return after half term. Please note that children will no longer order a specific dish in advance at the start of the day. They will just choose either *school dinner* or *home packed lunch*. Those who have chosen a school dinner will then choose the dish from the options in the dinner hall.

Please note that from Tuesday 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



What's New!

Half Term

School closes for half term after the normal school day today and reopens to pupils on **Tuesday 5th November**. Monday 4th November is an INSET Day.

We wish everyone a safe Halloween. Please see below for guidance on firework safety:



FIREWORK & BONFIRE





DID YOU KNOW?

Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.



SPARKLERS



TIP #1

Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run with them.



TIP #2

Once sparklers are finished, put them into a bucket of water, don't pick them back up.



TIP #3

Wear your gloves when you hold sparklers and keep them away from your body.



BONFIRES

TIP #4

Stand at a safe distance from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.



TIP #5

Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.





If you're going to a firework display, hold hands with your grown-up and stay with them all the time.



TIP#6

Leave your dressing up clothes at home on fireworks night, wrap up warm instead.



TIP #8

Put toys and phones away when you're out and about so you can focus on keeping safe and having fun!

DON'T PANIC...

If you do catch your clothes on a flame:

STOP, DROP and ROLL

STOP what you are doing.

DROP to the ground and cover your face with your hands. **ROLL** over and over to put out the flames.



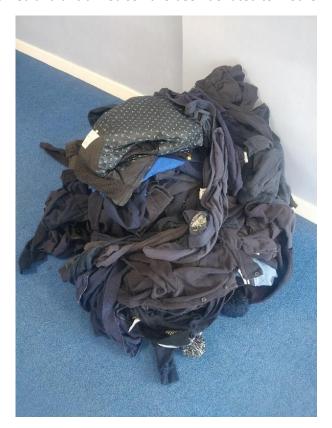
Practice your STOP, DROP and ROLL before bonfire night. Get your friends to try it too!





Lost Property

Please could you name any school uniform (including coats, hats etc) clearly to help us to return it to its rightful owner if it gets lost. All named items from our lost property have been returned but the items below were unnamed and unclaimed so have been donated to Motherwell.



KS2 Snack

If you have children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and would like them to have snack each half term, please confirm consent and make payment via the *Trips* section on Arbor. Snack is charged at £5 per child for each half term. KS2 Snack is now live on Arbor for each half term of this academic year.

Payments

Please ensure that all payments for meals, snack, trips and Swan Stars are up to date. Thank you.

School Entry Screening 2024/ 2025

All parents of current Reception pupils should have received an email earlier this week. Reception parents will receive a screening questionnaire within the next 10 days. If you have not yet read the letter from the School Nurse Screening Team, please do so as it contains important information about the screening process.

Transport Survey

Year 4 would be grateful if as many parents as possible across the whole school could complete their short transport survey at:

https://forms.gle/wGvp823VA9wfSM696

This will used as part of their climate and sustainability learning. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 8th November. Thank you for your help.

Swan Stars

If your child will not be attending a scheduled Swan Stars session, we would be grateful if you could inform school in advance. This avoids any confusion at the end of the day and helps us to accommodate children who are on a waiting list for sessions with limited availability.

Church Lane Top Tips for Keeping Children Safe on YouTube

1. Supervised Experience

A supervised experience YouTube account is available with a Google account managed by Family Link. This can help manage how they use the app. It will give you access to content settings and parental controls to help you manage what channels they can subscribe to and how long they spend on the app. Using YouTube Kids is a separate app that offers additional parental controls but they are not 100% effective! So what else can we do?

2. Switch off Auto-play

This will stop videos from automatically playing after one has ended. This will stop your child watching videos suggested by the app. To turn this on, go to the watch screen on any video. Then tap the auto-play switch so it says 'Off'

3. Use Restricted Mode

This will help to filter out inappropriate videos. However, it's still not 100% effective so supervise your child whilst they're online, especially livestream videos. Children can also read inappropriate language in the comments section too!

For more information please contact Mrs Clifford or another member of the safeguarding team. Further information can also be found at: <u>Is YouTube safe? | NSPCC</u>

Car Safety

To ensure everyone's health and safety, please do not leave cars running when dropping off and picking up from school. Your kind cooperation is much appreciated.

Infection Control

There has been a recent case of threadworms in KS1. Please see the link below for details of symptoms to watch out for and appropriate treatment:



Poppy Appeal

We are proud to be supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. If your child would like a poppy, band or sticker, items will be available in school week commencing 5th November in exchange for cash donations. Your support is much appreciated.



KS2 Swimming

Our pop-up swimming pool will be installed on the school grounds (KS1 playground) during November. The pool will be on site during November, offering students daily swimming lessons aimed at teaching vital water safety skills and improving swimming proficiency.

The primary focus of these lessons will be on our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Each child in these year groups will receive a timetable, outlining when they will be swimming and on which days. During the lessons, the children will work towards demonstrating the ability to swim confidently, competently, and proficiently over a distance of 25 metres, as well as perform safe self-rescue in water-based situations. In the final week, we hope to allocate time for other students to access the pool and benefit from this unique opportunity as well. If this is something we are able to offer, we will be in touch to request consent closer to the time.

Swimming is part of the national curriculum, and the school is pleased to provide this valuable resource for all students. However, we would greatly appreciate voluntary contributions from parents to help cover the costs. If you wish to contribute, you can do so through Arbor when giving consent for your child's participation. Arbor is now open for year 5 and year 6 consent and will close on Monday 4th November so that the timetables can be arranged in advance of lessons commencing.

Please note that to use the pool, children must wear a swim cap. These will be available for purchase from the school closer to the time if your child does not already have a cap.

Sports Hall Athletics

Please be aware that the date for this event has been changed to Thursday 28th November. The team selection has been made from 8 weeks of Sports Hall Athletics PE Lessons. The children have worked hard, strived to improve and had fun along the way.

In preparation for the event, there will be some after-school practice sessions on 6th, 13th and 20th November. Further details of these have been emailed to the parents of relevant pupils. Consent should be confirmed via *Clubs* on Arbor.

School Lottery

Please see details of the School Lottery organised by the Friends below. You can buy a ticket at: https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/. Your support is much appreciated.





Go to: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk And search for: Wistaston











School Applications

Please see below details of the application process for admissions to Reception and Secondary School in September 2025: Please be aware that secondary school applications for current Year 6 pupils close on Thursday 31st October 2024.



Staff Vacancies

We have some vacancies for Midday and After-School Staff. If you know anyone who could be interested, please see the links below for details:

https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/midday-assistant-cheshire-east-2128910 Midday assistant
https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/midday-supervisor-cheshire-east-2128913 Midday Supervisor
https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/before-and-after-school-club-play-worker-cheshire-east-2128917
BASC

Please note that all applications need to be submitted online via this link.

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

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.

Sports Coaching Group Holiday Club

This half term SCG multi-sports clubs have a spooky Halloween twist with themed games, challenges and crafts, as well as their usual sports offerings. They are also excited to host a Halloween party day on Thursday 31st where children can go dressed up in the spookiest costumes and take part in trick or treat treasure hunts, party games and a glow in the dark disco. Please see below for more details:

WCLA Holiday Club: https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/263





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.



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.

Wistaston Community Fireworks

Please see below details of the Wistaston Community event:







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 OVERDUE

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes - Final Balance OVERDUE

Year 3 Sea Life Centre Manchester - Now OVERDUE

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

KS2 Swimming – Year 5 & 6 Donations close 04/11/24

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