Week 18



Wistaston Weekly

Friday 24th January 2025

Next week, our whole school assemblies will be celebrating Chinese New Year. Did you know that one-fifth of the world's population celebrates Lunar New Year? Each year is represented by one of 12 animals, and 2025 will be the Year of the Snake. Recognising the many traditions that make up this vibrant festival provides wonderful opportunities to extend children's knowledge and understanding of the world. This week, our EYFS children have already been learning about different customs and even had a Chinese dragon parade through the school!

We look forward to an exciting week of celebrations. *Gung Hay Fat Choy* to everyone!

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

Tuesday 28 th	School Office will be closed 1-3pm today
Tuesday 28 th	Year 5 Road Safety with Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service (Subject to Service Callouts)
Thursday 30 th	Cheshire East Autism Team Parent/Carer Drop-In at Monks Coppenhall Family Hub (10-12)
Friday 31 st	Year 6 – Deadline for informing school if child's first name is NOT to be included on the leaver hoodies
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)
Mon 10 th – Tues 11 th	Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th	Year 1 Chester Zoo Trip
Thursday 13 th	Free SEND Support Event for Parents (See Below for details)
Mon 17 th – Fri 21st	Half Term
Sunday 23 rd	Year 6 – Deadline for placing leaver hoodie orders
Friday 28 th	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day
Friday 28 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
Monday 3 rd	Secondary School Admissions September 2025 Offers Released
Tuesday 4 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3:30pm)
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Friday 7 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
Friday 14 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
Friday 21 st	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind (13:30-15:00)
Monday 24 th	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
Mon 24 th – Tues 25 th	Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
	Year 6 Condover Hall
Mon 24 th – Wed 26 th	Year 6 Condover Hall
Mon 24 th – Wed 26 th Wed 26 th – Thurs 27 th	EYFS/KS1 Parents Evenings
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Week Commencing 27th January will be WEEK 1 for lunches



What's New!

Silver Award – Rail Safe

We are pleased to have been awarded a Silver Level Certificate from Rail Safe Friendly who promote railway safety.



Year 6 Leaver Hoodies

We are very excited to offer the opportunity to purchase a Wistaston Church Lane Academy leavers hoodie for year 6 pupils.

Hoodies are priced at £22.28 each and will be available in a variety of adult sizes in five shades of blue. Each hoodie will have the school logo embroidered to the left of the chest and a large LEAVERS 25, containing first names of the year 6 children on the back.

In the past, leavers hoodies have been given out at the end of the Summer term, a few weeks prior to the children leaving. This is also when the weather is at its hottest and a hoodie is not the most practical item of clothing.

This year, we would like to give the children the opportunity to enjoy wearing their hoodie for the remaining term and a half and have therefore made the decision to offer the range of colours which complement the school uniform which is traditionally worn. In addition to this, an alternative supplier has been used this year to ensure better quality and value for money.

If you wish to purchase a hoodie, we ask that the £22.28 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 23rd February** latest. This will enable us to process the order promptly in time for the children to hopefully be able wear them for our upcoming residential to Condover Hall. Unfortunately, we will not be able to process any orders submitted after Sunday 23rd February 2025. Year 6 will also be allowed to wear the hoodie as a school uniform replacement for the rest of the academic year.

Year 6 Leavers Google Form¹

If you do not wish for your child's first name to appear on the back of the hoodies, we kindly ask that you email the school office at admin@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk before 31st January 2025. If we have not heard anything from you, we will assume that you consent to this. Once the proof has been confirmed we will be unable to make any changes or remove any names.

We are in the process of getting samples of the colours/sizes.

School Office Closure

Please be aware that the school office will be closed from 1pm until 3pm on Tuesday 28th January. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability

The deadline for consent forms for Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability which is due to take place on Monday 24th March 2025 is **Monday 27th January.** If you would like your child to take part and have not yet completed a form, please complete the consent form *in full* (either the electronic form emailed to parents or a paper copy) and return it to school. **Please note that consent for this activity cannot be given on Arbor.** Further details are included in the consent form.

Miss Valente's KS1 Hub

Miss Valente's KS1 Hub promotes cooperative play and working towards goals. The hub would be grateful of any donations of construction toys, classic Lego, small world toys (e.g. Playmobil, trains, cars, animals, etc).

Free Crewe Library Digital Sessions

Crewe Library are offering FREE coding sessions for pupils and families in Cheshire East. The sessions are run by Mako and take place after school on a Tuesday at Crewe Library. There are still a few spaces left for the 8-11 years session and these can be booked online via Eventbrite They would be perfect for any children that really love computers, coding and STEM activities.

 $https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/free-clubs-for-young-people-in-cheshire-east-\\3914243?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb^2$

¹https://forms.gle/KrcWEK2fdvxc5LkD7

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Healthy Packed Lunches and Break Time Snacks

At Wistaston Church Lane we do our best to encourage healthy eating at break times and lunchtimes.

This is a guide for parents and carers to help them to choose the right foods to send in with their children:

Allergen Information

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL - hazelnut and other nut spreads or butters are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to Nutella. Please ensure that any snacks or lunches DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS IN ANY FORM. Thank you

Breaktimes

At breaktimes we offer free fruit to children in the Infants. We also offer toast to children in Key Stage Two (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 £5.10 per child for each half term. KS2 Snack for this half term shows as *KS2 Snack Spring 1 2025*).

At breaktimes children should not bring in chocolate bars, crisps or sweets—these are not allowed. Healthy snacks are ideally low in sugar and something that can be eaten without assistance, such as: Fresh fruit or vegetables, e.g. apple/banana, halved cherry tomatoes, carrots sticks, mini fruit chunks; Cheese, e.g. bitesize chunks of cheese, cheese sticks; Cereal bars.

Lunchtimes

Our school caterer, Mellors, offers a nutritional cooked meal each day which meets government guidelines for healthy school dinners. Children in the Infants are entitled to a free school dinner every day. In the Juniors, meals offer good value and convenience for a charge (£2.58 per day).

Healthy Lunch Box Ideas

Lunch should supply approximately one third of the daily energy requirements your child needs, as well as a third of protein, carbohydrate, fats, fibre, vitamins and minerals.

Try to include:

- One protein rich food, such as fish, meat, eggs, poultry, tofu, pulses/beans or houmous
- One carbohydrate food, such as wholemeal or granary bread, pasta, oatcakes or rice. Try wholemeal/brown 'complex' carbohydrates as they release sugar much slower to help give children sustained energy.
- One, preferably two, portions of fresh fruit or dried fruit

- One dairy food or calcium rich food, such as cheese, yoghurt or milk
- One portion of salad or vegetables such as carrot sticks, celery or cherry tomatoes, cucumber or a good amount of salad in a sandwich
- 200-300ml or water or unsweetened fruit juice.

We only allow water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice as a drink. Soft/fizzy drinks are not allowed as they are packed with sugar and often colourings, additives, preservatives and aspartame (a sugar substitute) which can become addictive and affect moods.

Unhealthy Lunch Boxes

Try to avoid processed foods in your child's lunch box as they are high in sugar, unsaturated fats, salt and often have chemical additives, preservatives, colourings and sugar substitutes that can change children's behaviour and can prevent them from concentrating. Packed lunches should not include:

- Sweets and chocolate bars
- Savoury snacks high in salt and fat
- Fizzy drinks/sugary drinks
- Sugary cakes
- Nuts, or products containing nuts, nut spreads or butters.

Drinks in the classroom

Children are encouraged to bring in a reusable water bottle which they can drink throughout the day. Children are encouraged to drink during and after PE lessons. We also have water fountains available around the school.

Further advice can be found here:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/eight-tips-for-healthy-eating/

https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes

If preparing lunches for EYFS children, please help reduce the risks of choking by following the guidance below when preparing foods such as grapes or sausages.

Early Years Choking Hazards³

³https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table FINAL 21-Sept-2021.pdf

Educational Psychology Team Drop-In Sessions

Please see below for details of upcoming sessions:



Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind

Mrs Clifford will be starting her 4-session x 1hr weekly programme in conjunction with www.griefrecoverymethod.com⁴ next week to help children deal with losses of any kind - from friendship issues, to the absence, separation or death of a pet, divorce, loss of grandparents right through to everyday experiences such as moving class/school, losing a prized possession or loss of academic hopes, dreams and expectations. This brilliant course delivers top tips and support strategies, designed to give you a helpful toolkit of language choices – including what **not** to say! Loss is an unavoidable part of life and validating emotions, not comparing losses and active listening are just some of the tools that Mrs Clifford will explore with you. For full details and to book a free place please email Nicky Clifford – nclifford@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk⁵.

Location – Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Dates:

⁴http://www.griefrecoverymethod.com/

⁵mailto:nclifford@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk



28th February 2025 - 1:30 - 3pm

7th March 2025 - 1:30 - 3pm

14th March 2025 - 1:30 - 3pm

21st March 2025 - 1:30 - 3pm

Arbor Information

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 of any changes or errors. Thank you.

MYCWA (Cheshire Without Abuse)

Building a community where adults & children can live free from the fear of domestic abuse

Cheshire East Council has confirmed that is will no longer fund this service from 31st March 2025. This means both the Crewe Support Centre and the Macclesfield store and community hub will close, along with services provided from these centres, unless significant funds are raised.

Every donation, no matter how small, could help keep the service running for those who desperately need them.

Please donate via: justgiving.com/campaign/savemycwa⁶

Remember:

If you need help

- Dial 999 if you are in an emergency, you've been threatened or attacked and require urgent assistance.
- If you live in Cheshire East and are looking for support, please call the Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub on 0300 123 5101.
- If you live outside Cheshire East and are looking for support, please call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247
- If you are a current client of MyCWA, please contact your case worker directly. We are contacting all of our clients individually, but please get in touch if you need emergency support.

Cheshire East Autism Team Parent/Carer Drop-In

Please see below for details of the next drop-in session scheduled for January.



Free SEN Support Event for Parents

The Witherslack Group have just developed a new calendar of *free* SEND advice, support & CIPD sessions On **Thursday 13th February** parents in Cheshire are invited to join them for advice on the EHCP process, emotional health, and sleep. Please see the link below for more details and to register for the event:

Sports Coaching Group February Half Term Holiday Club

Please see below details of the holiday club Sports Coaching Group will be running at half term:



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-8

⁷https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https:%2F%2Fwww.witherslackgroup.co.uk%2Fresources %2Fhelping-your-child-thrive-sleep-social-and-emotional-health-and-ehcp-

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⁸ https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https:%2F%2Fwww.easyfundraising.org.uk%2Fcauses%2F wistastonchurchlaneacademy%2F%3Futm medium%3Demail%26utm campaign%3Dpmc%26utm content%3 Demail-

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If you sign up as a new supporters before midnight February 2nd, you'll earn the school a chance to win a share of a huge £1,000 donation in their Jumpstart your January giveaway.

Shavington Rangers Wildcats Football Sessions

Shavington Rangers FC are starting their newest Wildcats football sessions on 10th February for girls aged 5-11.

Dates: 10th February - 24th March

Time: Monday evenings, 6-7 PM

Location: Shavington Leisure Centre

Cost: £3 per session

Spaces are limited and should be booked using the link below:

https://book.englandfootball.com/Book/bb7607f1-8f11-4ca6-b4c4-dee267e717e2?venue=shavingtonrangersfootballclub0⁹



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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=Hyperlink¹⁰

¹⁰ https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https:%2F%2Fwww.yourschoollottery.co.uk%2Flottery% 2Fschool%2Fwistaston-church-lane-academy%3Futm campaign%3Dcause-page-social-share%26utm source%3Dcause-



Payment Due Dates

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes – Final Balance OVERDUE

KS2 Snack Spring 1 - Payment now due

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 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop - Payment due by 18/02/25

Cygnet & Reception Dinosaur Workshop – Payment due by 10/03/25

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