

# Newsletter 10 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 12.40pm – 3.00pm – Reception's Inspire Afternoon	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.</b>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

**Hubs:** Thomas (3) Jack (4)

**KS1:** Gnanvika Punugoti (1A), Lydia Stant (1B), Danila (2A), Joey (2B),

**KS2:** Oskar L (3A), Layton (3B), Leo (4A), Freddie (4B), Evelyn (5A), Phoebe (5B), Imogen (6A), Inga (6B)

### Hub 1

As part of our learning about things we like and dislike, this week we baked some cupcakes together and then got to eat them at snack time. Some of us were a little unsure while others devoured them!



### Hub 2

We have enjoyed some sensory science this week where we observed how colour changes with green paint mixed into shaving foam. We also enjoyed exploring oobleck (cornflour mixed with water).



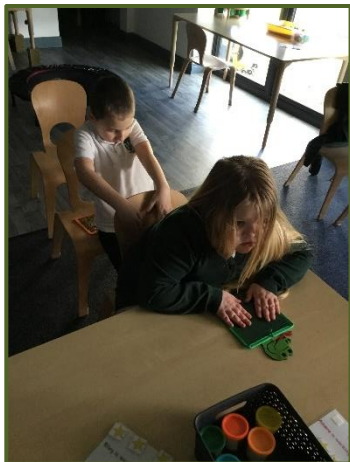
### Hub 3

This week the children have been learning about teeth – why they are important, the job that they do and how to look after them. Every day they have had access to their own toothbrush, toothpaste and mirrors to practise brushing their own teeth so they are clean and sparkling!



### Hub 4

We have had a wonderful week in Hub 4. The children have worked together on many occasions to complete tasks, support each other and enjoy play activities. It has been wonderful to see. The pictures show how the children support each other through sensory massage and emotional regulation.





### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed exploring our concept cat words in the environment. First, we put Tizzy 'in', 'on' and 'under' different objects in Nursery. Next, we looked at pictures of Tizzy and said where he was. Then, we learnt a new word 'soft'. Finally, we looked around the environment to find different 'soft' objects.



### Reception

The children have enjoyed brushing up the leaves in our outdoor area. They then used the litter pickers to pick the leaves up and placed them into the wheelbarrow to take them to the compost bin. They also placed the leaves into the raised bedding area to mulch them which will improve our soil ready for spring.



## Year 1

This week Year 1 were visited by Martyn, an aerobatics enthusiast. Martyn told us all about the Wright Brothers and how they have influenced the aviation industry. We were able to explore a range of different gliders. Martyn explained how they were made. Finally, we watched a glider fly over the school field.



## Year 2

Today, Year 2 looked at some of the houses that they saw on their walk last week and discussed the materials that they could see. The children then explored a range of materials around the classroom and discussed their properties.





### Year 3

This week in Geography we have been learning all about addresses. We used our own addresses to send postcards home so hopefully they should be arriving soon!



### Year 4

This week, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Deva Roman Experience in Chester. It was a fantastic day that helped us discover many fascinating facts about Roman life. The children had the chance to step into the shoes of Roman soldiers, even practising the famous tortoise formation using their own shields and swords!

We also learned all about Roman food and were surprised by how different their meals were compared to what we eat today!





### Year 5

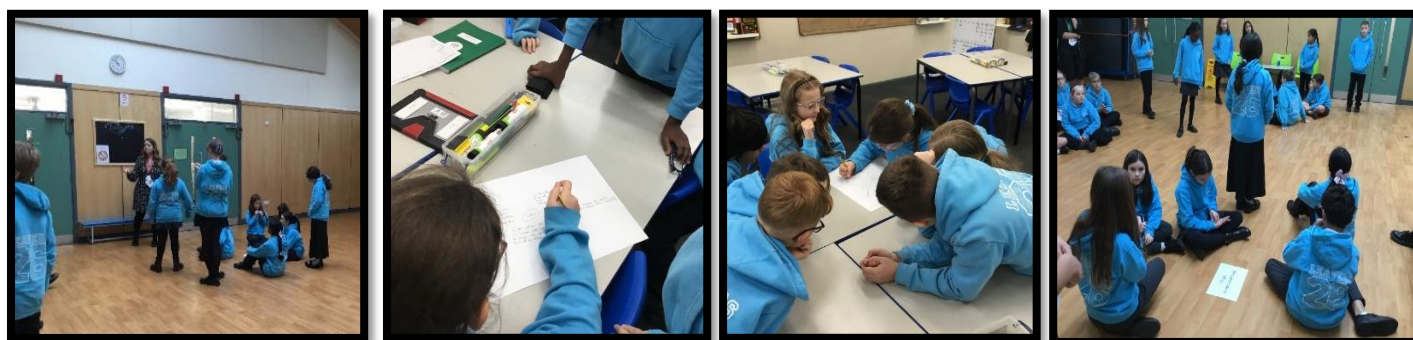
Last week, we walked to Crewe town centre to observe and take photographs of some of the changes that have occurred in our local area throughout the years. We followed a planned map route there and back to school. Whilst in the town centre, we visited: Crewe Market Hall, Market Street, Crewe Bus Station, the ongoing development next to Memorial Square and Delamere Street multi-storey car park.

In the coming weeks, children will be creating a questionnaire all about the developments in Crewe. They will bring these home with them and ask you to fill in your answers. Please remember to send the completed questionnaires back into school.



### Year 6

In one of our Literacy lessons this week, our teachers were in role as police detectives and neighbourhood wardens, who were trying to solve the mystery of the missing sisters – Sukie and Olive. We were also in role as police officers and nosey neighbours. We began in a gossip circle and shared our thoughts on the reasons for Sukie's disappearance. Police officers then fed back their theories to the detective in charge of the case.



## PE News

### KS2 Sportshall Athletics CHAMPIONS!

On Wednesday our KS2 children competed in heat 3 of the Crewe and Nantwich sports hall athletics competitions at South Cheshire College. We won both the Y3&4 and Y5&6 events and are now through to the finals which take place in January 2026. The children were fantastic and we are so proud of all of them!

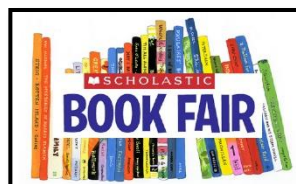
Thank you to our parents and carers who came and supported us.

### Y5&6 Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday morning our Y5&6 girls football team took part in the Crewe Alexandra PLPS U11 Girls Cup. The girls were fantastic throughout and played brilliantly. Well done girls!

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## Reading News

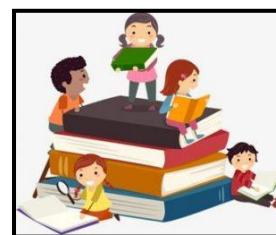


Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. Your purchases raised over £650, which means that we can purchase free books to update our school libraries.

Watch this space for more news about another book fair in the new year.

Please encourage your children to read at home to help them meet their target on AR.

If you have any books at home from our school, please return them to class teachers. The library for Years 5 and 6 is looking a little empty.





## Art News

### Visit from Nigel Marchant and Jason Kirk

This week has been an exciting one that began on Monday with a visit from Executive Producer and Managing Director of Carnival Films, Nigel Marchant. Together with his husband, Jason Kirk, actor and Production Manager, Nigel shared his experiences of breaking into the film industry after attending a normal comprehensive high school. He told us how hard work was key to success, that teamwork played a huge part in everything he did and that resilience was an important factor when faced with critics both positive and negative. They travelled to Wistaston Academy on their way back from the Scottish BAFTAs and even brought the BAFTA award Carnival Films had just won to show us - some of our Year 3s even got to hold it! We found our time with Nigel and Jason incredibly inspiring and we feel so grateful to have been able to host them. It has encouraged us all to dare to dream big!



If you would like to see more of his answers to our questions, please scan these codes to access our two YouTube videos 😊



Part 1



Part 2

## Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.

**TAKEHOME** 17th - 23rd November



**Can technology ever help us too much?**

## In the news this week

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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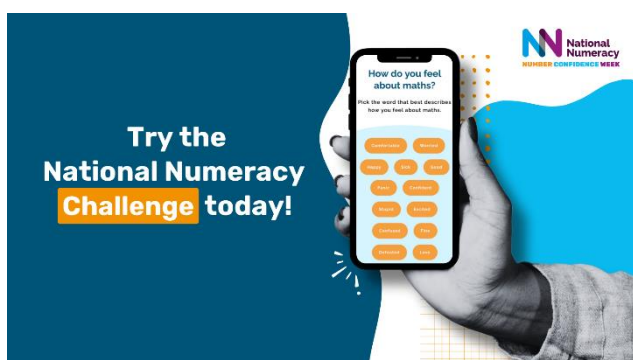
## Maths News

Over the last few weeks we have been completing a range of activities linked the National Numeracy 'Number Confidence Week'. We have had a visit from Charlie Bucket, the owner of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory, and also from Matt Bentley who shared his experience of maths.

Parents/carers – does this sound familiar?



The charity National Numeracy want to help. They have a fantastic app to support adults with number confidence. Download the app or find the website and **boost your number confidence**.



**“I have three credit cards but don't understand APR...”**

If this sounds like you, you're not alone. 43% of people believe their finances would be stronger if they had better number skills.



**WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY, CONFIDENCE COUNTS!**

Get free resources and advice by scanning the QR code or searching 'Number Confidence Week'.





## Christmas Swap Shop

We want your unwanted  
Christmas clothing & accessories

Please bring in unwanted Christmas  
clothing & accessories for our swap  
shop to be re-used in preparation for  
Christmas jumper day

There will be a donation box located by  
Reception from  
24th November until 1st December

Christmas Swap Shop will be available  
on 4th & 5th December for all to  
rummage through- free of charge



**CREWE**  
TOWN COUNCIL

# CREWE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**SATURDAY  
29  
NOVEMBER  
2025**

**2PM - 7PM  
CREWE TOWN  
CENTRE**

**Free!**



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