

Newsletter 24 – Spring 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Y1&2 Gymnastics competition- LS Gymnastics Crewe Academy at 10am-12pm	World Tuberculosis Day
Wednesday		
Thursday	Y1 Girlguiding Cheshire Forest Trip	
Friday	Y4 Eid Celebration	
Advanced Notice:	Sports Day 22 nd May 2026 KS1 9:30am KS2 1:30pm Nursery Sports Day TBC Summer 1 Clubs will run from Monday 13 th April-Thursday 21 st May	
Polite Notice:	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.	

We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Poppy B (RA), Daisy (RB)

KS1: Freya (1A), Pola (1B), Durin (2A), Stephanie (2B)

KS2: Grace (3A), Oscar (3B), Kiera (4A), Kia (4B), Michael (5A), Saya (5B), Elijah (6A), Yushi (6B)

Nursery 1

This week we have been looking at the word 'little'. First, we looked at little and not little rectangles. Next, we looked at little and not little objects. We have also enjoyed exploring our outdoor environment in the sun.



Nursery 2

This week we have been making Iggy the Iguana a salad. First, we discussed the different salad ingredients we may need. Next, we wrote a shopping list. Then, we sampled the different salad items. We tried tomato, avocado, lettuce, grapes and cucumber.



Hub 1

We've made the most of the great weather this week and we took our music lesson outside. We sat on our mat and each chose an instrument before singing nursery rhymes and playing along.



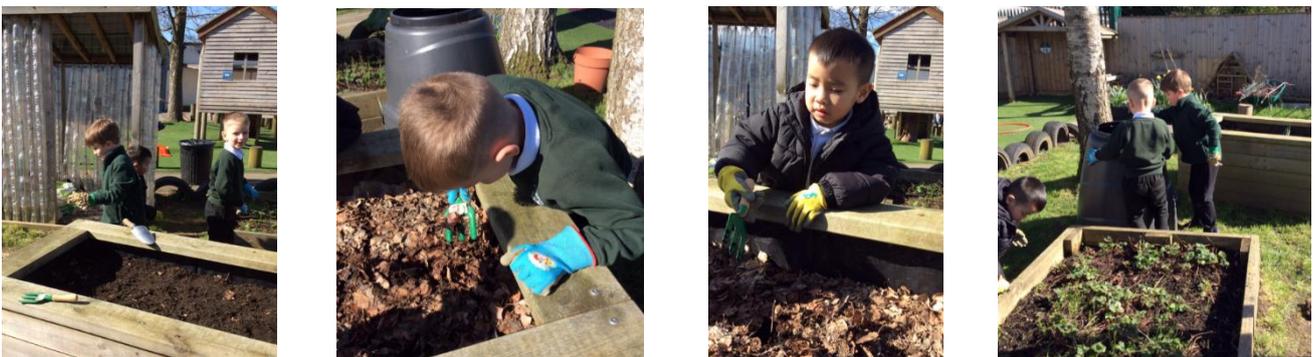
Hub 2

Continuing with our book, 'The magic Train Ride', we had a spaced themed afternoon as in the book the train stops in outer space. The children made space themed pictures using glue and glitter and enjoyed sensory toys in a space themed tuff tray.



Reception

This week, we have been starting to get our growing area ready by taking part in weeding activities. We are excited to start growing a range of different plants and observe the changes over time.



Year 1

This week we learnt about the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. We looked at some of the sculptures that he has created and then had a go at making small scale sculptures ourselves. In pairs we collected natural resources including sticks, leaves and rocks. We used the natural resources to create a spring tree sculpture in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



Year 2

This week, we had a fantastic day learning all about the Great Fire of Nantwich. We toured the town and saw Tudor houses. We learnt about what life was like for people in Tudor times and how they escaped the fire. Back at the museum, we dressed up and looked at lots of different artefacts and did some art work. We also re-enacted putting the fire out using leather buckets and found out about a fire pump and how it was used.



Year 3

This week, Wheelock Baptist Church came in to tell us more about how Christians celebrate Easter. Year 3 helped act out the story.



Year 4

In our Year 4 classroom, we recently worked together on a wonderful project called the "Positivity Tree." The idea was to create something bright and meaningful that would remind us of the importance of kindness, encouragement, and positive thinking.



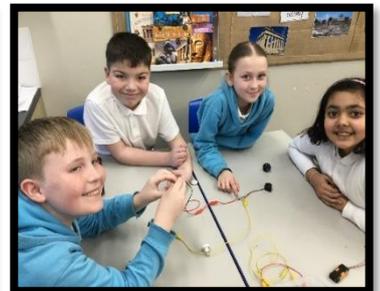
Year 5

This week, Becky and Jim from All Saints church visited us. We have been understanding the Christian beliefs about life after death. We listened to their beliefs as Christians around creation and how God intended for the world to be perfect. Many Christians believe that Easter is a time that shows that death is not the end and life will continue with God once we have died. We asked insightful and excellent questions to help us learn further.



Year 6

We've had another busy week. We learned about Greek battles in history, investigated circuits in Science, continued to write our extended pieces of narrative in Literacy and started our final practise assessments.



PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 23rd March. We would love to see as many children as possible walking, cycling and travelling on their scooters to school. If you normally drive to school, what about parking a bit further away from school this week and walking part of the way?



For every day your child is active travelling to school this week and next week they will receive an achievement mark on Arbor, which you will be able to see on your school gateway.

Remember to leave your bikes and scooters by the bike area on the KS2 playground!

School will not accept any responsibility for bikes which are left unlocked.

Year 5&6 Trophy 75 Football Tournament

Our Year 5&6 football team competed in the Trophy 75 Football tournament on Wednesday afternoon. The tournament was held at Nantwich Football Club with 9 schools from Crewe and Nantwich taking part.

We competed 8 fast-paced matches, showcasing impressive skill, determination, and collaboration. Our results were as follows:

Wistaston Academy 1 Brierley Primary school 0

Wistaston Academy 2 Sound and District Primary School 1

Wistaston Academy 1 Stapeley Broad Lane Primary 0

Wistaston Academy 1 Weston Village Primary School 1

Wistaston Academy 1 Beechwood Primary School 1

Wistaston Academy 0 Acton CE Primary School 1

Wistaston Academy 3 Hungerford Primary Academy 0

Wistaston Academy 2 Gainsborough Primary School 0

Well done Miran, JJ, Cassius, Carter, Bobby-Ray, Kelvin and Michael

Art News

Art Bytes

We are very excited to announce our three finalists for the national Art Bytes Competition!! They are Sam and Millie from Year 5 and Oliver from Hub 4! CONGRATULATIONS!



art bytes

VOTE NOW

The top 3 artworks from each school have been shortlisted by the judging panel.

It's now time to VOTE!
artbytes.co.uk/browse-schools

We now need your vote!

Please scan this QR code:

Or: search Art Bytes in google, then select “Browse Schools”, then “W”, then “Wistaston Academy”. You can then vote for one of our three candidates. You will be asked to verify your email to confirm your vote – please do this as otherwise your vote won’t count! We need as many votes as possible. Not only will this encourage our young artists, but we could win a community engagement award, which will mean art supplies for all of our pupils to use.



The three finalists will attend an award ceremony on June 18th at The Harris Museum and Gallery in Preston



The artist who gains the most votes will win first prize from our school and may become a regional or national winner!

Well done to all our wonderful artists who took part. You can see all of our entries when you browse the website. Good luck to Sam, Millie and Oliver!

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

16th - 22nd
March



In the news this week

This week's news is about Pokémon, which is celebrating 30 years since it was first created. First released as a video game in 1996, it has since grown into TV shows, films, trading cards and apps enjoyed by millions of people around the world. Today, both children and adults continue to enjoy Pokémon in many different ways.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think Pokémon has stayed popular for 30 years?
- How do games, stories, or hobbies bring people together at home?
- Do you think something can be fun for both children and adults? Why?
- What are some of the things you find fun to do?

What makes something fun?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Maths News

All children from Reception through to KS2 have access to an app called **Numbots**. This fantastic app supports children with their number fluency, allowing them to use efficient mental calculation strategies to add/subtract, so they don't rely on using their fingers!

If your child is in Years 2-6, they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**, which supports knowledge of times tables and therefore builds confidence in multiplication and division.

Evidence tells us that logging on for **just a few minutes each day** will make a massive difference to their number fluency/times tables skills.

In school we award top 3 certificates and prizes to those children who are accessing Numbots and TTRS. We also recognise children who pass the different levels in Numbots and who gain new Rock Status' in TTRS!

Check out the dedicated website for parents to answer any questions on TTRS:

<https://trockstars.com/parents/> , and the factsheet of FAQ's for Numbots:

<https://static.numbots.com/data/pdf/NumBotslaunchparentguide.pdf> and

https://strapi.trockstars.com/uploads/numbots_parent_guide_554ecf5cb5.pdf



Join Us For An Open Minds Chat

Open minds is for people who have lived experiences of mental health services in Cheshire East, either directly yourself or as a carer for someone else

If you want to shape how services are run then this is an invite for you

The group will have a close connection to mental health services in Cheshire East, giving you the chance to share your experiences of services and influence how you would like to see them run. You will have the opportunity to input into service improvement, feedback into consultations and find out more about mental health services across Cheshire East



22nd April
18:30 - 20:00

We believe that everyone deserves good mental health, if you do too, then please join us

Online



To sign up, email:
communities@cheshireeast.gov.uk

For more information: communities@cheshireeast.gov.uk

YMCA CHESHIRE

Bunny HOP RUN



Sunday, 29th March 2026 | From 11AM

Queens Park, Crewe

Adult 5K (Ages 16+) | Family 2K (Ages 4+)

Hop into spring at our Bunny Hop Run, a joyful, non-competitive event for runners and walkers of all ages!

Choose between a 5K or a shorter Kids/Family Hop, featuring a festive Easter egg hunt along the course with chocolate prizes for finishers. Costumes are highly encouraged, and every pound raised directly supports local life-saving services and community wellbeing.

SIGN UP



Adults (16-64): **£10**

Under 16s: **£5**

Family Ticket: **£16** (2 Adults
+ 2 Kids OR 1 Adult + 3 Kids)

Over 65s & Under 2s: **FREE!**

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