

Newsletter 25 – Spring 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	13 th April Y6 Shakespeare Workshop 13:00-15:00	
Tuesday	Y4B Swimming Lessons	
Wednesday		15 th April International Wellness Day
Thursday	Y6 Residential Meeting 15:20	
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Summer 1 after school clubs with start on Monday 20 th April Class Photos Friday 24 th April 2026 Sports Day Friday 22 nd May Y6 Prom Thursday 16 th July from 5-7pm	
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

Hub: Archie (Hub 3)

EYFS: Toby (RA), Taha (RB)

KS1: Kaiden (1A) Harry (1B), Freddie (2A), Aurora-Faith (2B)

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

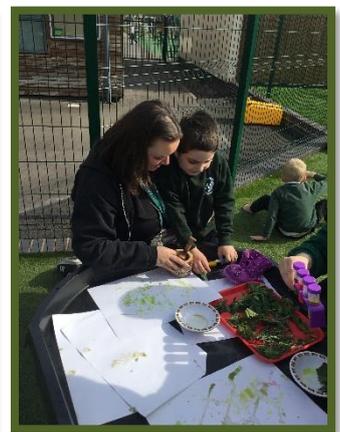
Hub 1

We've been very busy creating Easter art. We requested for specific colours of paint and then used a paintbrush to colour our egg. We then cut it out and added it to our card.



Hub 2

We were in fairyland this week. We made magic potions, by crushing herbs in a pestle and mortar and adding this to coloured water. We mixed in some glitter and used the pipettes to squeeze our potion onto paper. We let it dry in the sun and then stuck down fairy stickers. We also enjoyed dressing up in our fairy props.



Hub 3

After learning about the properties of 4-sided shapes in maths this week, the children in Hub 3 set off around the school to see what squares and rectangles they could find in their environment.



Hub 4

Hub 4 children have started dance lessons on a Tuesday afternoon to replace Yoga. The children are enjoying learning the moves to the new songs and using the ribbons to dance along to the music. They are listening well to instructions and having a great time.



Nursery 1

This week we have been on a shape hunt. First, we looked at the different shapes - circle, triangle, square and rectangle. Next, we went outside to find the shapes. Then, we came back to Nursery and counted the shapes we had found.



Nursery 2

This week we have been learning about dinosaurs. First, we looked at pictures of dinosaurs and listened to what they sounded like. Next, we played a game of 'How many steps to the dinosaur eggs?'. Then, we made fact files about our favourite dinosaurs.



Reception

This week in Reception, the children have been helping to prepare the snail for her journey to the hot desert. They have been completing lots of exciting challenges in provision to help the snail, including writing lists of items she will need, creating a cool and shady shelter for her, exploring which animals live in the hot desert and how they adapt to survive there, and learning all about sun safety.

Have a lovely Easter break!



Year 1

This week Year 1 were introduced to a new topic 'all about growing'. We visited 'Girlguiding Cheshire Forest' and took part in a range of activities. We created trees, worked in teams to make waterproof shelters and explored the forest. We will continue our new topic after Easter!



Year 2

This half term, we recreated the fire of London using the Tudor houses that we had made. We started our fire in the bakery and watched as it spread to the neighbouring houses. We learnt the song 'London's Burning' to sing as the houses burnt down and thought about the rhythm of the song.



Year 3

This week in Geography, Year 3 went for a walk around the school looking for signs of spring.



Year 4

This week in DT, Year 4 had a fantastic time creating their very own seasonal vegetable dishes. The children explored a variety of fresh ingredients and learned how to prepare them safely, developing important skills such as chopping and peeling with care and confidence.

It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic they were as they tried a range of vegetables, many of which were completely new to them. The highlight for many was discovering just how tasty parsnips can be!



Year 5

This week in science, we have been exploring different mechanisms including gears, levers and pulleys. We have learnt how these different mechanisms worked. Using We Do Lego, we have created levers and gears, testing to see how they work.



Year 6

It's been another very busy week in Year 6. We've spent lots of time using drama and oracy strategies to support our learning in science and Literacy. We've also completed our final assessment practises before the real SATs in May. Please keep encouraging your children to attend boosters – they make a huge difference.



PE News

Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics Competition

On Tuesday our Y1 and Y2 gymnastics teams competed in the Crewe and Nantwich schools' gymnastics competition hosted by LS Gymnastics. The children performed gymnastics routines which were outstanding. Congratulations to our amazing gymnasts, Joey, Tyrren, Lilah, Nellie, Nila, Lily, Nancy, Anthony and Lemiala

Art News

Art Bytes

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE for 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

The complex block contains the Art Bytes logo, a "VOTE NOW" button with a hand cursor, and several circular portraits of the judging panel members. The text below the button states that the top 3 artworks from each school have been shortlisted and provides the URL for voting.

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 first-place finalist 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.



In the news this week

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level. Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Who do you find inspiring in sport? Ask someone at home about who they find inspiring.
- What does being a champion mean to you?
- What helps people overcome challenges? Talk with someone about their experiences.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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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





We are pleased to share access to www.togetherness.co.uk, a free online learning platform funded by the Council and NHS for local families. Developed by psychologists and health practitioners, it offers practical guidance and resources to support children's emotional health, wellbeing, behaviour, and relationships. We're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children which are private and available anytime, anywhere.



HOPES & BEAMS

Charity No. 1201764

Good Friday FUN DAY!



A fun and **FREE** session for children aged **6-16 years** with disabilities and/or additional needs **and their siblings** to try:

- Girls rhythmic gymnastics
- Indoor sports & games
- Easter crafts
- Lego building
- Biscuit icing
- ...and more!

Plus a visit from Crewe Kings Scooter Club with an **Easter treat** for every child!

**Places MUST be booked in advance by calling
01270 255355**



Hopes & Beams, Broad St, Crewe, CW1 3UD



**FRIDAY
3rd April
10AM - 12PM**

PLAY JUMP DODGE PARTY!

WE'RE PUTTIN' THE FUN IN **FULLY FUNDED!**

We've teamed up with your Local Authority to give eligible children **FREE** access to **4 hours of BIG-TIME FUN** at their favourite Oxygen Activeplay park this school holiday!

Think action-packed activities, awesome experiences, and a tasty meal included — all on us.

Spaces are limited, so book early and lock in the fun!

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

We are delighted to be working in partnership with many Councils and Local Authorities to deliver the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme to provide BIG-TIME holiday fun to children who receive Free School Meals (FSM).

This school holiday, we have secured funding to offer eligible children free places to have some BIG-TIME FUN in our parks!

This fantastic opportunity supports families, with at least four-hours of engaging activities and tasty meals over the break.

Benefits for children include

- ✦ Staying active during the holidays
- ✦ Enriching activities that support development
- ✦ Enjoying yummy and healthy meals
- ✦ Socialising safely and making new friends

To see if your child is eligible, speak to your local council or school, or visit the Free School Meal Eligibility Checker: fsm.lgfl.net

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT! BOOK TODAY.

🌐 OxygenActiveplay.co.uk

☎ 020 8050 1315

😊 Speak to a member of staff

📱 @OxygenActiveplay

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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.

YMCA | Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

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!**



Her-Place Charitable Trust
Community Share Hub March 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our February edition of the Community Share Hub newsletter!
Please share this information with any families you may work with who would benefit from any of the support our community share hub offers.

Easter Holidays Hub Pop-up Event 11th April



Our Community Share Hub is excited to announce our Hub Pop-Up Event at Her Hub, 64 Beech Drive, Crewe, CW2 8RG on Saturday 11th April from 10am to 2pm.

This free community event is open to everyone and offers families the chance to access a wide range of pre-loved essentials, including:

- School uniform (branded and unbranded)
- Baby clothes (up to age 2 years)
- Prams, cots, Moses baskets, baby baths, high chairs etc.
- Toiletries for mum and baby
- P.E kit & football boots

No booking, referral or eligibility criteria is needed to access the hub, the pop-up is part of Her-Place's ongoing commitment to reducing waste, supporting families, and promoting dignity through sustainability. All items have been kindly donated by the

local community, checked for quality, and made freely available to those who need them.

Visitors can drop in at any time during the event to browse, collect items, and find out more about the other services available through the Community Share Hub, including information about the healthy start scheme.

Fairy Prom Mother Event



Our upcoming *Fairy Prom Mother Event* offers a practical and meaningful solution to the rising cost of prom season while championing environmental responsibility. Taking place on Saturday 16th May (11am-3pm), the event will provide access to pre-loved prom dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories for a small donation, ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to attend their prom feeling confident and prepared .

More than just a clothing exchange, the event also includes styling advice and guidance on hair and make-up, helping attendees build confidence and celebrate an important milestone. Importantly, the event operates on a no referral, no booking basis, removing barriers and making it fully accessible to the local community .

Winsford Community Launderette



Our Winsford Hub offers free washing and drying facilities for anyone in the community who needs them. You'll find detergent and softener provided, and no referral is required, simply pop in during opening hours.

HER Hub Winsford, 15-17 Finsbury Walk, CW7 2YA
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30am-2pm
Thursday: 11:30am-3pm

This project aims to relieve financial pressure, promote dignity, and reduce isolation by giving people a welcoming place to do their laundry and connect with others.



Volunteer for us

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our community share hub, whether you can spare a couple of hours or more, we would love to hear from you! Our volunteers are crucial to our mission of supporting families, so if you would like to boost your C.V, build skills, or just want to give back to the community, please contact us.



“More and more people are facing dangerous levels of loneliness — a couple hours of your time could genuinely change someone’s life.”

BECOME A BEFRIENDING VOLUNTEER

- Support with accessing healthy online services and interests
 - Lunch & Coffee Out
 - Outings
- Own home visits for chats
- Make a weekly phone call
- Shopping & collecting prescriptions
- Access pre-existing clubs or events

Crewe, Sandbach & Surrounds
(including rural locations)

Contact Us or Scan the QR code to register your interest

befriending.coordinator@gmail.com
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a Week**

**Expenses Paid
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