

Newsletter 27 – Summer 1



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Y2 Local Walk 13:00-14:00	
Tuesday	28th April Y4B Swimming Lesson	
Wednesday		
Thursday		International Jazz Day
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Y6 Leavers Assembly Friday 17th July at 2.30pm KS1 & KS2 Sports Day Friday 22 nd May Nursery Sports Day Wednesday 24 th June	
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: Taurean (RA), Ellis (RB)

KS1: Mehmet (1A), Joseph (1B), Joivane (2A), Fayvel (2B)

KS2: Khalid (3A), Lexi (3B), James (4A), Oliver (4B), Jacek (5A), Gabriel (5B), Roman (6A), Maisie (6B)

Hub 1

We've been busy getting ourselves ready for sports day in our PE lessons. This week was sprinting! We worked on starting from one point and racing across the outdoor area. We worked hard on waiting for the adult to say GO before running!



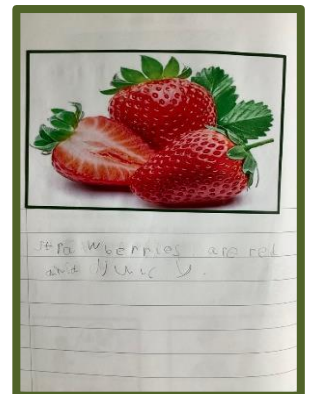
Hub 2

This week, In Science we have planted seeds for our topic 'Growing and Changing'. Children enjoyed filling their own pots with soil, before putting in a seed and watering it.



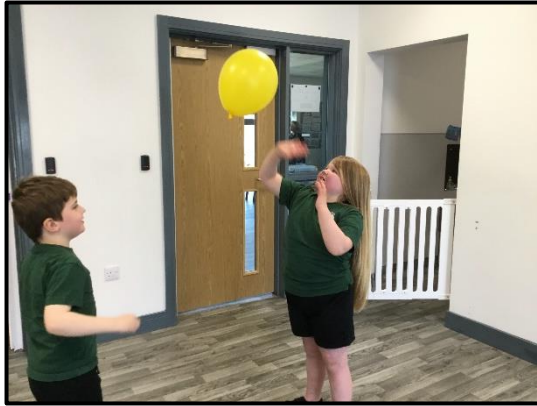
Hub 3

Following this half-term's story of The Gigantic Turnip, the children have had the opportunity to explore the taste and properties of some different fruits and vegetables this week. They will use what they have learned to create sentences which include an adjective in their literacy lessons.



Hub 4

This week, the children enjoyed working with each other in dance. They moved together to the music and followed three coloured cards to add different moves to their routine. They then worked together to pass a balloon between them, without moving their feet. They had a lot of fun.



Nursery 1 and Nursery 2

This week in Nursery we have all had a special delivery. At the start of the week, we were delivered some eggs. First, we watched the eggs. Next, the eggs began to hatch. Then, we saw the chicks. Finally, we discussed how we could look after the chicks and how they have food and water! We have all loved watching the chicks this week.



Reception

This week in our Magic Story Box, we met Albert, a retired man who needs help with his allotment. We created a list of fruits and vegetables that Albert could grow and thought about the tools he might need.

We also planted a variety of seeds outdoors with Miss Roberts. We had a special visitor, Leanne the gardener who told us about her allotment patch in Wistaston, Crewe. We had the opportunity to ask her questions and learn more about gardening.



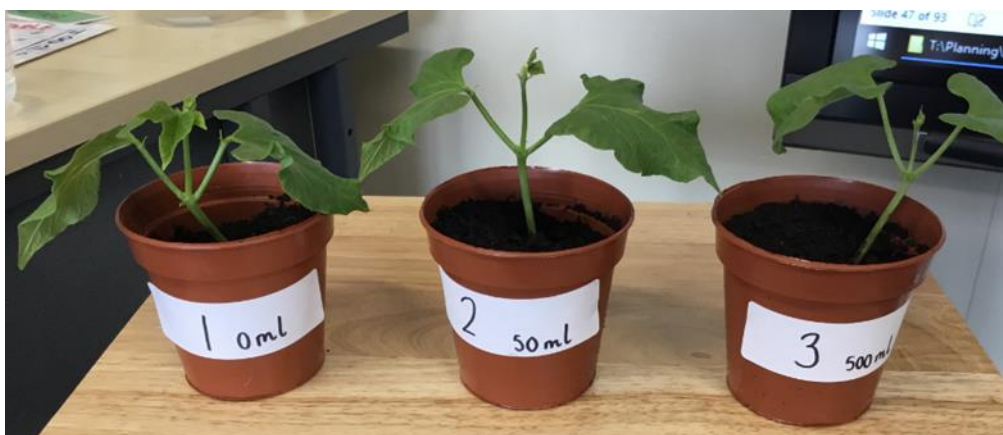
Year 1

This week we have continued to explore plants. We used microscopes to observe the different parts on a flower. Throughout the week we used our knowledge of plants to create observational drawings to show the similarities and differences between dandelions and daisies found on our school field.



Year 2

In Topic, we have been learning about the basic needs of plants. We have set up an experiment to investigate how much water a bean plant needs to grow healthily. We are going to give one plant no water, one plant 50 ml of water and one plant 500ml of water every day. We will measure the height of the plants each week to see which grows most healthily.



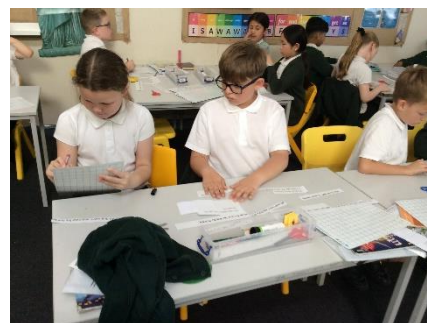
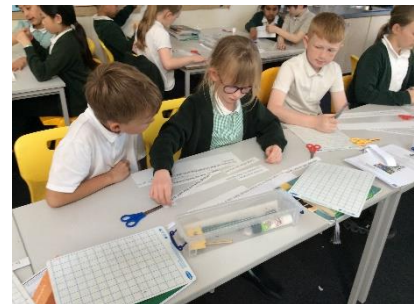
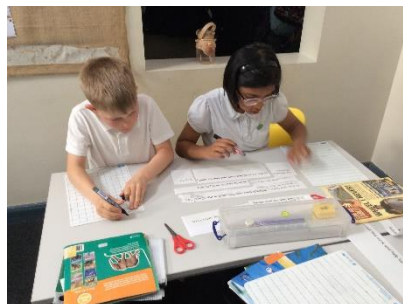
Year 3

This week in History, we have learnt the Egyptians beliefs about the afterlife. We looked at artefacts and tried to work out what they were, and what they could tell us about the afterlife



Year 4

This week in Literacy, we learned about main and subordinate clauses. We explored how subordinate clauses can appear at the beginning, middle, or end of a sentence by rearranging examples. We then wrote our own sentences, experimenting with moving the subordinate clause to make our writing more interesting.



Year 5

We have been visited by a team of fire fighters from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. We watched a range of informative videos which helped us to understand what to do in the event of a house fire. We discussed many different scenarios and strategies to escape in each situation. We recognised that fire alarms are essential to escaping quickly and safely and we talked about how often to test they work. After the presentation, we went outside where we explored the different parts of the fire engine and the equipment they carry.



Year 6

In Thursday's Literacy lesson, we used drama as a tool to gather ideas about the main characters Oberon and Titania. We had teachers and children in role to solve the midsummer mystery of the seasonal disturbance. We used hot-seating, role on the wall and gossip circle.



PE News



Key dates

EYFS/KS1/KS2 Sports Day	Friday 22 nd May
Y6 Top up swimming	Monday 1 st -Friday 14 th June
KS2 Town Sports field events	Monday 15 th June
KS2 Town Sports track events	Wednesday 17 th June
Nursery Sports Day	Wednesday 24 th June

Competition kit

If your child has competed for school in a sports competition or festival and you still have competition kit at home, please can you return it to Mrs Adamczyk or your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Girls football opportunity



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FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL TASTER SESSION (AGES 5-9) WILDCATS FESTIVAL



Have Fun!

DATE:
Saturday 25th April 2026

Time:
9:00am – 10:00am: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
10:00am – 11:00am: Year 3 & Year 4

LOCATION:
Crewe FC Hub, King George Community Hub
(3G pitch) West Street, Crewe, CW2 8SJ

New to football?
This is the perfect place to start.
Try football, have fun, and find your team, with opportunities to connect to a local club.
Completely FREE session!

Participants will need football boots.
A limited number of pairs will be available to borrow if required.
If you have any questions or queries, please email: Laura.holmes@cheshirefa.com



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Art News

Competition!

We all know we should eat well and move more! "Everybody Health and Leisure" invite us to design a new logo for their campaign. All children have the opportunity to take part in this competition at home. The best entries will be selected and entered to represent our school. If a child from our school wins, their logo will become the new "Eat Well, Move More" official logo and their year group will receive a fun, active session from "Everybody Health and Leisure". Please see the poster below for details and tips. All entries to be given to Mrs Walsh by Monday 22nd June.





The poster features a colorful background with geometric shapes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and orange. At the top, there is a decorative banner with horizontal lines. The main title 'LOGO COMPETITION' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, the text 'Design a Logo for Cheshire East Eat Well Move More Partnership' is displayed. A central callout box contains the main invitation. Below this, five key information boxes are arranged vertically, each with a dark header and a light body. At the bottom, the logos for 'everybody HEALTH & LEISURE' and 'Cheshire East Council' are shown.

LOGO COMPETITION

Design a Logo for Cheshire East Eat Well Move More Partnership

Calling all Primary Schools in Cheshire East! We need YOUR creativity to design a brand-new logo for the Eat Well Move More Partnership – promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles.

Who can enter?	All primary school students in Cheshire East. Schools are invited to run the competition within their classes and submit their best entries.
Prize:	The year group of the winning student will receive a FREE fun activity session delivered by Everybody Health & Leisure!
How to enter?	Students design a logo that represents healthy eating and moving more. Submit entries through your school (Stating your age) to: hayley.antipas@cheshireeast.gov.uk Deadline: 26/06/26
Design tips:	Make it colourful and fun! Think about fruits, vegetables, sports, and movement. Keep it simple so it works as a logo.
Contact details:	For queries, contact: hayley.antipas@cheshireeast.gov.uk .

Art Bytes Results

The results are in from all of our voting on the Art Bytes Website! We are delighted to announce that this year's winner from our school, is Oliver Williams from Hub 4!



Oliver Williams
From
Hub 4!



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OUR SCHOOL WINNER



UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
School of the Arts

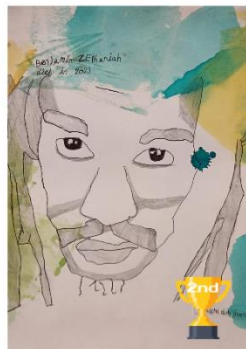


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Artiste Tumble
Oliver Williams
Mixed media, 66cm, 45cm



People's Poet
Millie Cantrell
Mixed media, 30cm, 42cm



Skull in Flowers
Samuel Wilkins
Mixed media, 30cm, 42cm

Well done also to Millie Cantrell who came second and to Samuel Wilkins in Year 5 who came 3rd!

Fantastic achievements for our talented artists!

More details to follow.

Focus on Year 6

Year 6 have been making practise prints of the designs they have etched into Styrofoam, inspired by the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We looked at his organic, fantastical pictures and drew our own linear versions. These we etched deeply to create negative prints. Our final pieces will be printed onto textiles that we have painted in bright colours to emulate Hundertwasser's love of colour.



Incoming: Creative Fun!!

Save the date of Saturday 6th June! This is the first ever Cheshire-wide Afro-Fest, that is taking place in Queen's Park. Entry for the event is free and there will be many creative ways to celebrate Afro-Caribbean culture and our unity as a community. If you would like to be involved in designing or creating the costume for the carnival queen, please contact Crewe Makes at the Platform Art Gallery or by messaging them at "CreweCreates" on Facebook. There are many opportunities to help if you are interested in volunteering. Please see the information below.

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EVENT VOLUNTEERS CALLOUT

QUEENS PARK
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CW2 7SJ

SATURDAY
6TH JUNE 2026

11AM TO 9PM

**BE PART OF A VIBRANT EXPERIENCE THAT
CELEBRATES HERITAGE, MUSIC, AND UNITY.**

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

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first? What helped you keep going?
- Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?
- Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life? What have they done?
- Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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





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Our volunteer team are ready to welcome you and your little ones with a range of activities and a dedicated baby zone.

Every Tuesday in Term Time

10:30am-11:45am



St Andrew's Church,
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- Healthy snack

Contact Us:

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- Looking for a friend?
- Living in a rural area?
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Then our team are here for you to chat to.

If you'd like to chat to our team, or find out more information about our Carer Catch-Up Calls, you can contact us on:

0300 303 0208

enquiries@cheshireeastcarershub.co.uk

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