

# Newsletter 29 – Summer 1



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

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Y6 SATs Grammar and punctuation Y6 SATs Spelling	
Tuesday	Y6 SATs Reading Y4B Swimming Lesson	International Day of Plant Health
Wednesday	Y6 SATs Maths: arithmetic Y6 SATs Maths: reasoning paper 1	
Thursday	Y6 SATs Maths: reasoning paper 2	
Friday	Y6 ST Thomas More Transition Meeting Y6 Water Fight	International Day of Families
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Y6 Prom Thursday 16th July from 5-7pm. Y6 Leaver Assembly Friday 17th July at 2.30pm	
<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

**EYFS:** Aurora (RA), Effie (RB)

**KS1:** Jamie (1A), Jude (1B), Jeremy (2A), Mollie-May (2B)

**KS2:** Layla (3A), Rhys (3B), Paisley (4A), Alex (4B), Rachael (5A), JJ (5B), Charlie (6A), Hendrix (6B)

### Hub 1

We've been working hard on life skills this half-term and this week we've been washing up! After snack time, we filled a bowl of warm soapy water and washed up all the plates and cutlery. We then dried them before putting them away. By Friday, we were experts!



### Hub 2

Linking to our topic of growing and changing, we have explored different living creatures through a bug hunt. Children had a check list and magnifying glasses and were encouraged to search for the hidden insects.



### Hub 3

The children in Hub 3 have been learning how to draw realistic representations of familiar objects this week. They have enjoyed exploring the shapes and colours of apples, oranges and bananas.



### Hub 4

This week, the children have been learning all about Sir David Attenborough. We received a special delivery to class which included an invitation to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday. The children were delighted to receive so many surprises and have been given the very important task of baking him a delicious birthday cake and organising a wonderful birthday party



## Nursery 1

This week in Nursery, we have been practising our team work. First, we made a plan to build a bridge. Next, we got the blocks ready. Then, we built a bridge. Finally, we tested the bridge.



## Nursery 2

This week in Nursery, we discussed eggs. First, we read the non-fiction book about Eggs. Next, we found different eggs in the outdoor provision. Then, we discussed with our partners what we thought was inside the eggs. Finally, we drew a picture of our prediction of what was in the egg.



## Reception

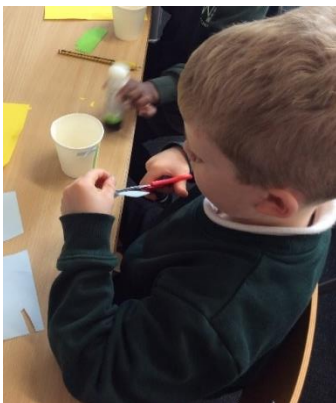
This week in our Magic Story Box, we welcomed Albert back, who was feeling upset after discovering holes in the plants on his allotment. Together, we explored ways to help Albert care for his plants using natural methods. The children shared ideas such as building fences, using netting, creating bug houses, and making scarecrows to protect the fruits and vegetables.

During Free Flow, the children enjoyed making a scarecrow for our outdoor Nature Spot. They worked collaboratively, using a variety of materials, and showed great creativity throughout the process. Our scarecrow will help to keep birds away and protect the fruit and vegetables we are growing.



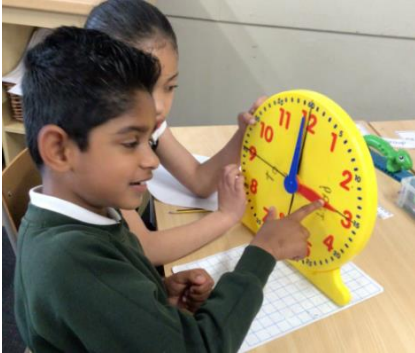
## Year 1

This week Year 1 created a floral cup inspired by the British designer Rachel Bishop. We explored lots of products and designs that Rachel created. Then, we created our own design.



## Year 2

This week in Maths, we have been learning to tell the time. We've looked carefully at the minute and the hour hand to help us tell the time to o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to.



## Year 3

This week in Literacy, we met Professor Pyramid, Chief Egyptologist. She informed us that a new pyramid had recently been discovered and asked us to investigate immediately. We began by visiting the site of the newly discovered pyramid. We then thought about all the things that we could see inside one of the hidden chambers. We then took our partners on a guided tour of the hidden chamber, before using mind parts to voice all the questions and thoughts that we had running through our minds.



## Year 4

This week in PSHE, we have been exploring different ways to care for the environment. We worked together to share ideas about how small changes in our everyday lives can make a big difference to the world around us.



## Year 5

This week, we have practised following a recipe to make different strawberry dishes of our choice. We tasted and evaluated these and decided what we like and what we would change ahead of making these again in a couple of weeks.



## Year 6

As part of our David Attenborough celebrations, we planted a Himalayan birch tree in his honour – that will grow up to 50m tall.



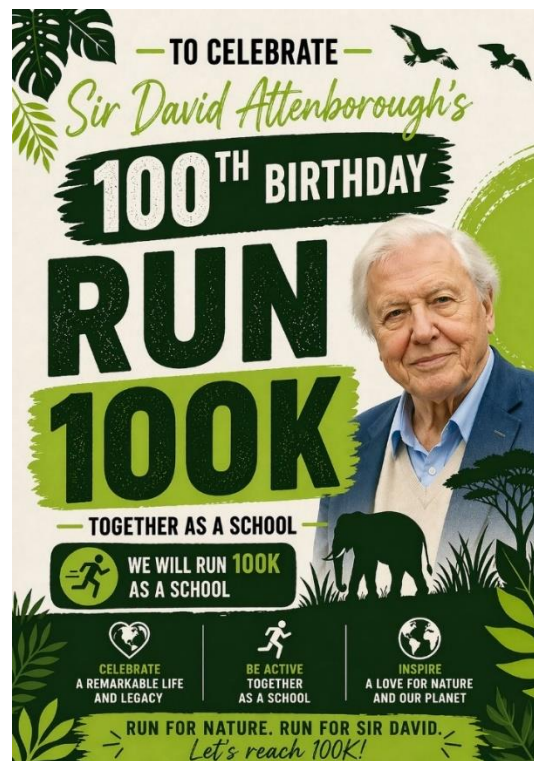
This week, Year 6 have worked their socks off in preparation for next week's SATs. We are proud of their efforts and feel confident that they will all do their very best, despite their nerves and worries.

As we head into SATs week, we'd like to remind families that a calm, restful weekend can make a big difference. We would strongly encourage children to relax, get plenty of sleep, enjoy some fresh air, and take a break from screens where possible.

A balanced weekend will help them feel refreshed and ready to do their best next week!



PE News



Today we have been celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Collectively the children have ran/walked 100 kilometres. We did this by running around our Wizz-A-Mile and Hub tracks. The children loved spending time outside together whilst being active. Happy Birthday Sir David Attenborough!



### Key dates

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

## Art News

### Art 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June.



The poster features a vibrant background with geometric shapes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and orange. At the top, the title "LOGO COMPETITION" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below the title, the text "Design a Logo for Cheshire East Eat Well Move More Partnership" is displayed in white on a dark blue background. A central white box contains the main announcement: "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." Below this, a table provides details about the competition. At the bottom, the logos for "everybody HEALTH & LEISURE" and "Cheshire East Council" are shown.

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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.

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

## 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.



### Why do some people become so important to the world?



## In the news this week

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

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

- > Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- > What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- > How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- > Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- > Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://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](https://strapi.trockstars.com/uploads/numbots_parent_guide_554ecf5cb5.pdf)





Cheshire College  
South & West

community

# FUN DAY

CREWE, ELLESMERE PORT & CHESTER

Saturday

# 9 MAY

11am-2pm

Hands on  
Activities

Bouncy  
Castle

Food &  
Drink

Games

and Much  
More!

**No need to Book!**  
The more the merrier.



**CHILDRENS FREE**

# **CRAFTS**

**THIS MAY HALF TERM**



**10:30am - 3:30pm**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Coat of Arms @ Grosvenor  
Museum, Chester**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunset Scenes @ Lion Salt  
Works, Northwich**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Jellyfish @ Weaver Hall Museum &  
Workhouse, Northwich**



## Free Self-Defence session for Unpaid Carers



**Do you feel confident when out in public?  
Do you feel unsure how to respond when situations  
become challenging during your caring role?  
Do you want to learn practical techniques to stay safe and  
feel empowered?**

The session is aimed to improve confidence and awareness when caring in challenging situations and when out in public.



The session will look at:

- Holds and Grabs
- Effective Strikes
- Knife defence
- Pins to the floor



**Delivered by Cheshire Police**

**Join a free 1-hour self-defence session designed to help  
unpaid carers feel safer and more confident.**

### **Dates & Locations:**

- 10 June – Macclesfield Town Hall (Assembly Rooms), Market Place, Macclesfield. SK10 1EA
- 12 June – Salinae Day Centre, Lewin Street, Middlewich. CW10 9DG

### **Session Times:**

10:30–11:30am, 12:00–1:00pm and 1:30–2:30pm

**Book your place here:**

**[Macclesfield Bookings](#)**

**[Salinae Middlewich Bookings](#)**

**The session is suitable for all abilities.  
Please wear trainers and bring a drink!**

# Carer Catch-Up Calls

Are you a carer who is:

- Looking for a friend?
- Living in a rural area?
- Socially isolated or know somebody who is?

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](mailto:enquiries@cheshireeastcarershub.co.uk)

You do not need to have received any previous support from us to have a chat with our team. You can easily sign up with the hub by calling the number below or emailing us.

**Cheshire  
East**  Carers'  
HUB

  
**making space**  
Kind hearted care and support



# Con**NEXT**ions

**Addiction Recovery Support Hub & Drop In**

**Monday 12noon—3pm**

**Motivational Monday**

**Wednesday 10am —5pm**

**Gardening Club All Day**

**Recovery In Cheshire East (RICE) 12noon — 1:30pm**

**2pm—3:30pm Arts & Crafts**

**Friday 10am—5pm**

**10:30am—11:30am Mindfulness & Meditation**

**Recovery In Cheshire East (RICE) 12noon —1:30pm**

**2pm—3:30pm Music Club**

**Saturday 10am—12noon**

**Mutual Aid Breakfast Club**

**St Andrews Church Hall,  
Bedford Street, Crewe, CW2 6LE**

**Tel: Liz 07870565224**

**Website: [www.connexions.org.uk](http://www.connexions.org.uk)**

**Email: [liz@connexions.org.uk](mailto:liz@connexions.org.uk)**

**[thesupportdirectory.com](http://thesupportdirectory.com)**



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