

# Newsletter 33 – Summer 2



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

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Y3 Chester Zoo Trip 9am-4pm KS2 Town Sports Field Events 5-8pm	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Tuesday	Y4A Swimming Lesson	International Day for Countering Hate Speech
Wednesday	KS2 Town Sports Track Events 5-8pm	
Thursday	Guinness Drop In 9am-10am	
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Y6 Prom Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm Y6 Leavers assembly Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 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:** Jacob (RA), Mason (RB)

**KS1:** Gnanvika (1A), Ronan (1B), Freddie W (2A), Freddie H (2B)

**KS2:** Clara (3A), Max (3B), Diana (4A), Archy (4B), Kelvin (5A), Elect (5B), Maryam (6A), Caleb (6B)

## Hub 1

We've had a very exciting delivery this week. We've got a brand-new parachute!

We introduced the parachute and encouraged the children to run underneath it, join in throwing it up in to the air and try hard to get the balls off the top. As you can see from their smiles, we had a great time!



## Hub 2

Continuing with our learning of materials in Science, this week, we have focused on metal and categorised items as either metal or not metal.



### Hub 3

#### Emergency rescue!

The children have been learning about the emergency services this half term, and this week they got to carry out their own emergency rescue. Each child received a message on the walkie talkie asking them to help rescue a baby. Most of the children were able to send their own reply using the walkie talkie, before heading outside to complete a series of obstacles and find the baby. They then used the walkie talkie to let everyone know that the baby was safe and rescued, just like the real-life emergency services would do.



### Hub 4

Following our learning about our changing planet, our class pledged to become Planet protectors and accepted the challenge of litter picking in our school playground. This links well with our life skill learning and PSHE of helping others. We discussed safety and hygiene before working together in small teams to collect every item of rubbish found outside. The children were able to collect this litter with their hands, a litter picker and/or a black bag. They were proud to have filled a bag per team and enjoyed playing with the equipment once our environment was clean and tidy.



## Nursery 1 and Nursery 2

This week we had a visit from Peter who came to sing songs and rhymes with us. Nursery 1 First, we listened to him play his guitar. Next, he spoke to us about his guitar and how it makes sound. Then, we learned some new rhymes and songs with him. Finally, we sang some songs and rhymes we already know.



## Reception

This week, we have continued to explore numbers beyond 10 and have had many opportunities to build numbers to 20. We have been focussing on the pattern of ten and one more, ten and two more, ten and three more, and so on. We have used different resources and contexts such as putting a given number of counters of a ten-frame or a given number of blocks in a tower. We have also been verbally counting beyond 20 and noticing the counting patterns involved.



## Year 1

This week we have worked really hard on writing sentences to form a narrative. We used a range of drama strategies to re-enact different parts of the story 'This Zoo is Not for You'. Then we re-wrote the story in our books.



## Year 2

This week, we have set up a science experiment to show how important washing hands is for hygiene. We have touched one piece of bread with washed hands, one with unwashed hands and one has been wiped on an iPad. One piece of bread is also the control. We will observe what happens to the bread over the next few weeks.



### Year 3

This week in French we created our own picnic baskets with our partner containing the foods we would like to take on a picnic, after listening to a story in French.



### Year 4

This week in science, we learned about bacteria and germs. As part of our investigation, we used a special UV glow gel to help us identify where germs can hide on our hands. The activity showed us that some areas are easy to miss when washing. We discovered that fingernails were the most difficult area to clean thoroughly! We learned the importance of washing our hands carefully with soap and water to help prevent the spread of germs and keep ourselves healthy. We are now all making a special effort to wash our hands properly every day!



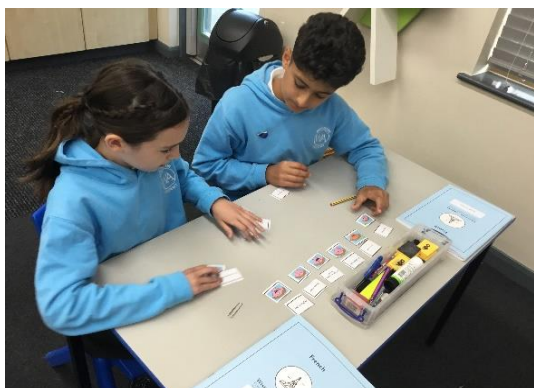
## Year 5

In our history lesson, we have completed a range of drama strategies to develop our initial understanding of the Maya Civilisation and how they lived.



## Year 6

In French this week, we looked at different emotions and feelings. We thought about happy, sad, hungry and thirsty. We acted out the emotions, discussed them and then challenged ourselves to match the faces to the feelings. Some of the pronunciation was a little tricky but we kept trying. We ended the lesson by playing a game of charades with the feelings



## PE News

### Competition kit

If your child has represented the school in a sports competition this year, we kindly ask that they return the competition T-shirt that was provided to them as soon as possible.

These shirts are needed for future events, and we would appreciate your support in ensuring they are returned promptly.

### Year 3 and 4 Football Festival



On Tuesday our Year 3 and 4 football team took part in the Crewe and Nantwich schools football festival. The aim of the festival was for the children to experience competitive match play against other schools. The team were fantastic, we won one, drew two and lost 2. The determination and resilience shown by the team was brilliant. Well done team!

## STEM Club

This week, we had our first STEM club session, where the children made wind turbines. They worked well with their partner and were able to follow the instructions carefully to successfully build a wind turbine that spun! We had lots of fun and are excited for our future sessions. Reminder that there is no STEM club on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, but it will run every Monday following this until we break for summer.



## 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

8th June is World Oceans Day, a time when people around the world think about how to care for seas, oceans and the creatures living in them. Dutch inventor, Boyan Slat, first became worried about ocean pollution as a teenager after seeing huge amounts of plastic while diving. He created the organisation The Ocean Cleanup, which designs special systems to remove rubbish from oceans and stop more plastic entering rivers and seas.

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

- Why do you think oceans are important to people and animals?
- Have you ever seen pollution near a beach, river or park? How did it make you feel?
- What small changes could families make to help protect the oceans?
- Should countries work together more to protect the environment?

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

A huge **WELL DONE** to all of year 4 who completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this week. The children tried really hard to complete their 25 questions and had a really positive attitude towards it.

As maths lead, I felt particularly proud of each and every one of them – well done again. From Mrs Martin, Assistant Principal.



**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.

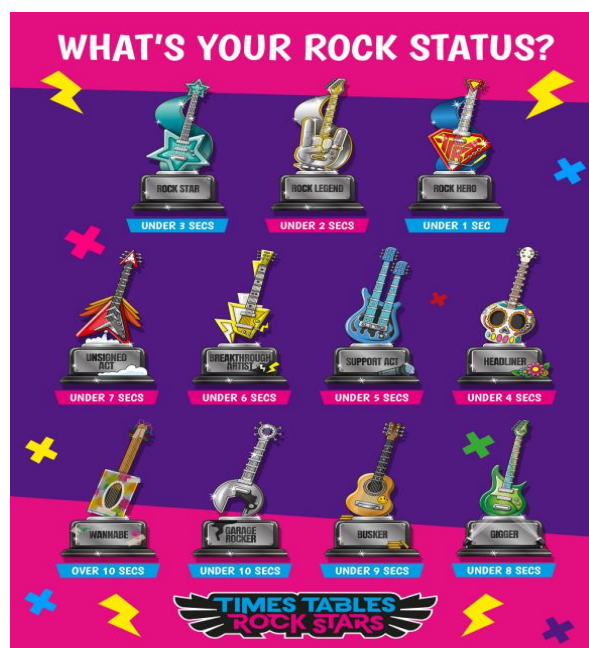
In school we award top 3 certificates and prizes to those children who are accessing Numbots and TTRS. We also recognise children who pass the different levels in Numbots and who gain new Rock Status' in TTRS!

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)



# READ to the BEAT

## Join the Summer Reading Challenge at Cheshire East Libraries!

Sign up for **free** at your local library from  
**Saturday 4th July**

Earn stickers for reading over the summer and visiting  
the library to talk about what you've been reading.

Finish the challenge and earn a medal and certificate!

It's completely free to take part, all you need is a  
library card (and that's free too!)

Ask your library for more  
information and find out about  
the fun events going on all  
summer



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PRIDE OF ROMANY  
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# ROMANY ROOTS & FUTURES

*A Celebration of Romany Heritage, Culture & Community*

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

6:00PM – 8:00PM

PLATFORM, CREWE



**OUR JOURNEYS**

Honouring our history, resilience and identity



**OUR CULTURE**

Music, language, food, stories and a way of life



**OUR HERITAGE**

Passed down through generations, kept in our hearts



**OUR PRIDE**

Proud of who we are. Proud of our roots.



**OUR COMMUNITY**

Stronger together, celebrating unity, respect & belonging

A WARM AND WELCOMING EVENING CELEBRATING ROMANY IDENTITY, HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY

**OUR HERITAGE. OUR PRIDE. OUR FUTURE.**



# ROMANY WEEK

CELEBRATE ♥ CULTURE ♥ COMMUNITY ♥ PRIDE

## ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES



MONDAY  
15TH JUNE



10AM - 12NOON  
OR 1 - 3PM SESSION

FREE

- ♥ GET CREATIVE ♥ HAVE FUN
- ♥ EXPLORE ROMANY HERITAGE THROUGH ART! ♥

3 CHESTER BRIDGE,  
CREWE, CW2 7EF

ALL AGES WELCOME!



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# PICNIC IN THE PARK

QUEENS PARK, CREWE

## 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

12-6pm

**FREE live music, entertainment and fun for all the family!**



**BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC!**

**FOOD AVAILABLE TO BUY**

Scan me for more info



TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT:  
[WWW.CREWETOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK/PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK](http://WWW.CREWETOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK/PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK)

### FREE SHUTTLE BUS!

Circular route between Crewe Bus Station and Victoria Avenue entrance to Queens Park. Buses running from 10:30 to 7pm.



# Sport *activity* days

For 8-15 year olds

Middlewich

Alsager

Nantwich

Sandbach

Crewe

Scan the QR Code for dates  
and to sign up





# Inspire Award workshops

Join us this summer for a series of workshops designed to help you complete our Inspire award and get a certificate.

The Inspire award is designed to encourage, inspire and empower young woman and girls to try new things, build skills, confidence, and aspirations!



**At the Her-Place  
Women's centre:  
Victoria St, Crewe  
CW1 2PU**

## Session 1:

**Wednesday 22nd July  
The media and me & Body  
image  
12-3pm**

## Session 2:

**Wednesday 29th July  
Physical activity  
12-3pm**

## Session 3:

**Wednesday 5th August  
Campaigning & Fundraising  
12-3pm**

## Session 4:

**Wednesday 12th August  
Money management &  
Influencing  
12-3pm**

## Session 5:

**Wednesday 19th August  
Aspirations & Mindfulness  
12-3pm**

## Session 6:

**Friday 21st August  
Awards certificate day  
1-3pm**



**#BeYourOwnInspiration**

*Come Meet  
Michelle!*



*Monday  
10am-11pm*

Wishing Cafe  
Eagle Bridge  
Dunwoody way  
Crewe  
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BREW  
CLUB