

Newsletter 1 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		World First Aid Day
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		USA Patriot Day
Advanced Notice:	Y2 Thurstaston Beach Trip Monday 14 th September Individual School Photos- Tuesday 15 th September Y6A Swimming Lesson- Tuesday 15 th September	
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

KS1: Poppie (1A), Elyse (1B), Harri (2A), Maeve (2B)

KS2: Carter (3A), Tanatswa (3B), Olivia-Rose Kennedy (4A), Layla Knowles (4B), Reggie (5A), Lennox (5B), Theodore (6A), Clara (6B)

Hub 1

Welcome back! The children have had a great first few days settling in to the school routine and exploring the provision, enjoying stories and getting to know their adults. It's going to be a busy, exciting term!



Hub 2

Wow, what a great few days we've had! The children have had a lovely week, making new friends and meeting their new adults. We have enjoyed playing outside, singing songs and exploring our Hub building.



Hub 3

It has been a delight to welcome the children back after the summer break – both the established children and the new ones. They have all settled into the classroom brilliantly and are already enjoying exploring the resources and environment.



Hub 4

What a wonderful first week! We have loved welcoming the children back after the holidays. They have had a great few days and have settled quickly and happily into their new environments. Our focus this week has been all about connection, trust and friendships and we are excited to start our learning journey next week.



Nursery

Nursery have been settling in or returning to the Nursery this week. We have all had fun exploring inside and outside our Nursery.



Reception

Reception have had a great first few days with us at Wistaston Academy and have been exploring their new environment and learning our routines.



Year 1

This week we started our new topic 'All about Me'. We drew pictures of ourselves and shared different things that make us unique. Throughout the week we have sorted objects by type and colour before counting how many objects there are in each group.

1A have their P.E. days every Thursday and Friday.

1B have their P.E. days every Tuesday and Friday.



Year 2

This week, we started our learning all about the seaside. We had clues to our new topic and read the picture using exciting adjectives. We then created seaside art work for our display.



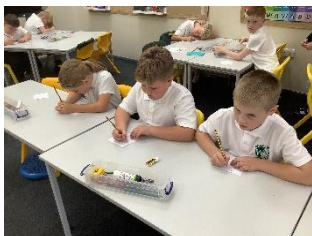
Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the new year! In Science, the children had lots of fun finding out more about rocks and sorting them into categories.



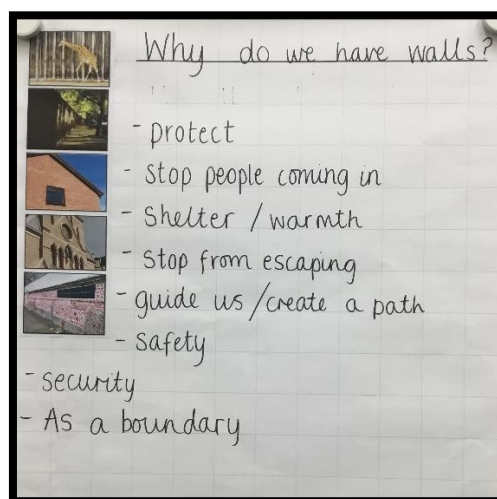
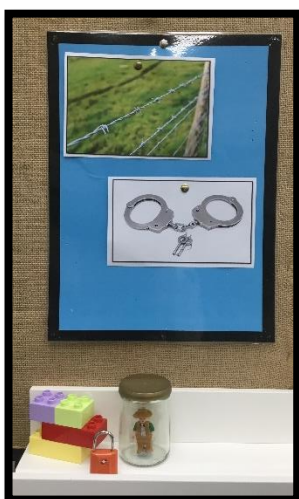
Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic first week back! In our RE lesson we have enjoyed learning about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. As part of our learning, we talked about the importance of reflection, forgiveness and having a fresh start. We thought about things we may have said or done over the past year that we would like to ask forgiveness for, and each wrote a note to place in our class forgiveness box.



Year 5

This week, we have started our new text 'Wall'. We explored clues and vocabulary to reveal what we are writing about this half term. We then read pictures, considering why we use walls.



Year 6

This week in Literacy, we have been captivated by the incredible true story of Mauro Prosperi, who remarkably survived a deadly sandstorm while crossing the Sahara Desert. We used drama to immerse ourselves in the experience, exploring what it might have been like to face such a terrifying and unpredictable sandstorm. We then drew on our dramatic experiences to inspire and develop our writing.



Art News

Focus on Year 5

This half term, Year 5 will be looking at the incredible textile artist, Bisa Butler.



We will be creating stunning self-portraits in her style, which will form our entries for the National Art Bytes Competition. It would really help Mrs Walsh out if parents could send in a photo of their child wearing non-school clothes to aid us in our project. The photograph needs to be:

- **Clear, as it will be enlarged to A2 size.**
- **Have light on the child's face**
- **Doing anything at all!**

The sooner you can send this to Mrs Walsh on:

lwalsh@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk

the better please, to give her time to edit them ready for our project. If you cannot, we can take a picture in school, but for the sake of interest and variety one from home would be better.

Thank you for your support in this!

Focus on Year 3

This half term, Year 3 will be looking at Hindu Rangoli patterns, to link with our learning about Diwali in RE. We will be creating a form of Diwa lamp and need empty, clean jam jars for the project. If you can bring any in to school it would be appreciated! We don't need lids.

Thank you for your help!



Advance Notice



Wizzy Carnival!

As part of our learning in art and for Black History Month in October, we will be holding a special Carnival Day on **Friday October 16th**!

We will have fun with headdresses, steel drums, dancing and more!

Your child is invited to come in dressed in brightly coloured clothes or even carnival outfits, if so desired.

We are hoping to share some Caribbean and African food too, so if any parents have contacts who could provide this (or would like to contribute some traditional food from their country) please let Mrs Walsh, Mrs Shaw or Mrs Griffiths know.

PE Expectations

As we start the new school year, we wish to remind you of the correct PE kit that children should be wearing in school.

Indoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps



Outdoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black waterproof jacket if they wish.



6A Swimming



All Year 6A children will be going swimming this half term as part of the compulsory national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of **Tuesday 15th September and will finish on Tuesday 20th October 2026.**

The children will be travelling, by mini bus, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 6 team. Your child will need to bring in their **swimming costume/shorts and a towel.**

School Clubs

Autumn 1 after-school clubs will run from **Monday 14th September to Thursday 22nd October**. All clubs are **free of charge**. To ensure that every child has a fair opportunity to attend, please remember to sign your child up for **one after-school club only**. All clubs will go live on **Arbor from 4:00pm on Friday 11th September**.

Autumn 1 Clubs

Monday 14th September – Thursday 22nd October 2026

After school clubs – KS1 & KS2

Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Sewing Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	The Sewing Coach (outside provider)	FREE	KS2 classroom
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	1-3	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall/All weather pitch

Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Boys & Girls Dance (max 15)	Y1, Y2	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Reception classrooms
Boys & Girls gymnastics	Y1, Y2	3:15-4:15pm	Alisha Evanson-Cheshire Gymnastics	FREE	Irlam Hall

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If there is a high demand for certain clubs, we will aim to ensure that all children who wish to attend, but are unsuccessful in securing a place this term, have the opportunity to attend the club at some point during the school year.

Below are the conditions we will follow to ensure that our clubs process remains fair and consistent for everyone.

Club Places

- If you would like your child to sign up for a club, we recommend registering on the day that clubs go live, as places can fill quickly. If you are unsuccessful in securing a place, please visit the school office and ask for your child to be added to the waiting list.
- If your child has been allocated a place, please ensure they are aware that the club will run for the **whole half term** and that they are expected to attend each week.
- If your child no longer wishes to attend a club, it is your responsibility to contact the school office to let us know. This will allow us to remove your child from the register and offer the place to another child on the waiting list.
- If your child does not attend the club for **two consecutive weeks without a valid reason**, you will be contacted. Their place may then be automatically given to a child on the waiting list.
- Children attending clubs are expected to follow the school rules and the expectations outlined in our Behaviour Policy. If your child displays disruptive or inappropriate behaviour, you will be informed and their place may be withdrawn.

Weather

The school has worked hard to invest in an **all-weather Astroturf**, allowing children to participate in sports throughout the year. This means that, if it is raining, clubs such as dodgeball will continue to take place on the all-weather pitch. Please ensure that your child comes prepared with appropriate clothing, such as a **coat, trousers/joggers and a jumper**, so that we can continue to provide high-quality sports clubs in all weather conditions. If you do not wish for your child to participate in an outdoor club when it is raining, it is your responsibility to collect them at **3.15pm**.

Sports Clothing

Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing and footwear for their after-school club.

For clubs taking place outdoors, children should have:

- A plain black jumper/zip up
- Black joggers/legging
- A suitable water proof coat
- Appropriate trainers or footwear

Collection

Please ensure that **all children are collected from outside the main reception on time** at the end of their club. If your child is not collected on time, they will be taken to **Wizz Kids**. You will then need to collect your child from Wizz Kids and will be charged for the time they spend there.

TAKEHOME

31st August
- 6th September



Is it important
to explore the
unknown?

In the news this week

NASA is preparing to send a powerful new telescope into space to explore some of the universe's biggest mysteries. The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope will search large areas of the sky for distant planets and study galaxies, dark matter and dark energy. Scientists hope it will help us learn how the universe has changed and why it is growing faster.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Are you interested in space?
- Why do you think some people are fascinated by space and the wider universe?
- What mystery about space would you most like to know the answer to?
- Have you ever discovered something because you asked a good question?

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 Year 6 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 KS2 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 and times tables skills.

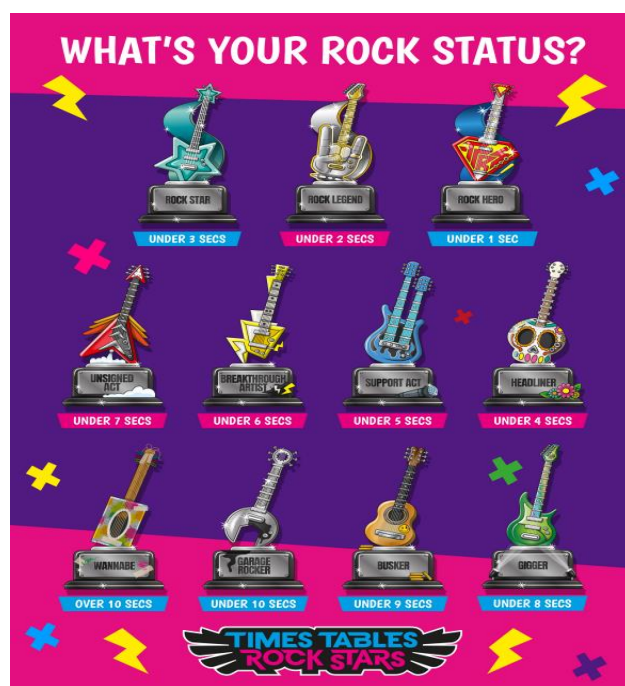
In school we award top 3 certificates and prizes to those children who are accessing Numbots and TTRS each week. We also recognise children who pass the different levels in Numbots and who gain new Rock Status' in TTRS! In TTRS they also gain a plectrum which is added to the Rock Star board next to Mrs Martin's office.

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



Diabetes support group for people in Cheshire living with Diabetes

Our meetings are open to anyone over 18 years of age, living with diabetes and in the Central Cheshire area.

We are the CCICP Diabetes Support Group, and we are here to support you.

We look forward to welcoming you!!



Why Come along?

- Meet people living with diabetes in your local area and learn from each other.
- Talk with diabetes health care professionals.
- Free, friendly and informal.
- Our venues offer free parking.



Meeting Date, Time and Venues

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 5.30PM - 7.30PM
Trinity Church Hall, Winsford, Station Road, Winsford, CW7 3GP
(access car park via Rookery Rise)

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2026, 6PM - 8PM
Symphony Suite, Sandbach Rugby Club 124 Bradwall Rd,
Sandbach CW11 1RA

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2026, 5.30PM - 7.30PM
Trinity Church Hall, Winsford, Station Road, Winsford, CW7 3GP
(access car park via Rookery Rise)

TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2027, 6PM - 8PM
Symphony Suite, Sandbach Rugby Club, 124 Bradwall Rd,
Sandbach CW11 1RA

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2027, 5.30PM - 7.30PM
Trinity Church Hall, Winsford, Station Road, Winsford, CW7 3GP
(access car park via Rookery Rise)

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 2027, 6PM - 8PM
Symphony Suite, Sandbach Rugby Club, 124 Bradwall Rd,
Sandbach CW11 1RA



Central Cheshire
Integrated Care Partnership

MULTI-SPORTS FUN DAY!

For Neurological Charities & Community Groups

Bringing People Together Through Sport, Friendship & Fun!



Tuesday
13th October 2026



1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Crewe Lifestyle Centre
Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB



BOCCIA

ARCHERY

BEAN BAG THROWING

★ PLUS MORE CHAIR-BASED ACTIVITIES! ★



TEAM INFORMATION

- Teams of 6–8 participants
- Supported by friendly volunteers
- Meet new people and make connections
- Fun, inclusive and accessible



OUR AIM

- Bringing together charities and community groups across Crewe and surrounding areas.
- Helping reduce social isolation.
- Building stronger connections for people living with neurological conditions.
- Encouraging friendship, confidence and wellbeing.



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

- Tea & Coffee
- Sweet Treats
- Biscuits
- Time to Chat & Socialise



FURTHER INFORMATION



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