

Newsletter 6 – Autumn 1



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events
Monday	All week (Mon-Fri) National Walk to School Day
Tuesday	Y6A Swimming
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Wizzy Carnival – Friday 16 th October
Advanced Notice:	Parents' Evening – Tuesday 24 th & Wednesday 25 th November Nursery Christmas Singalong – Monday 14 th December Reception Inspire Event and Sing Along – Wed 16 th December Y2 Christmas Show – Wednesday 16 th December Panto Trip – Thursday 17 th December Christmas Dinner – Friday 18 th December
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: Victoria (1A) Jacob (1B), Cody (2A), Bella (2B)

KS2: Hanna (3A), Annie (3B), Austin (4A), Ching (4B), Franciszek (5A), Mia (5B), Millie (6A), Isabelle (6B)

Makaton.

This week's Makaton signs are '**yes**' and '**no**'! Using these simple signs alongside spoken words can help children communicate their choices, express their needs and make themselves understood, particularly when they are finding words difficult.



Yes – bend wrist.



No – move hand in front of chest.

Hub 1

We've been exploring preferences again this week, this time through baking! We added flour, butter, banana and cocoa powder to a bowl and worked together to mix it in to a smooth batter. We then baked them for 15 minutes and then ate them for snack. The cookies got mixed reviews!



Hub 2

This week we had Mr Wilson for song time. The children loved singing to songs, dancing and even strumming the guitar. Music is good for the soul.



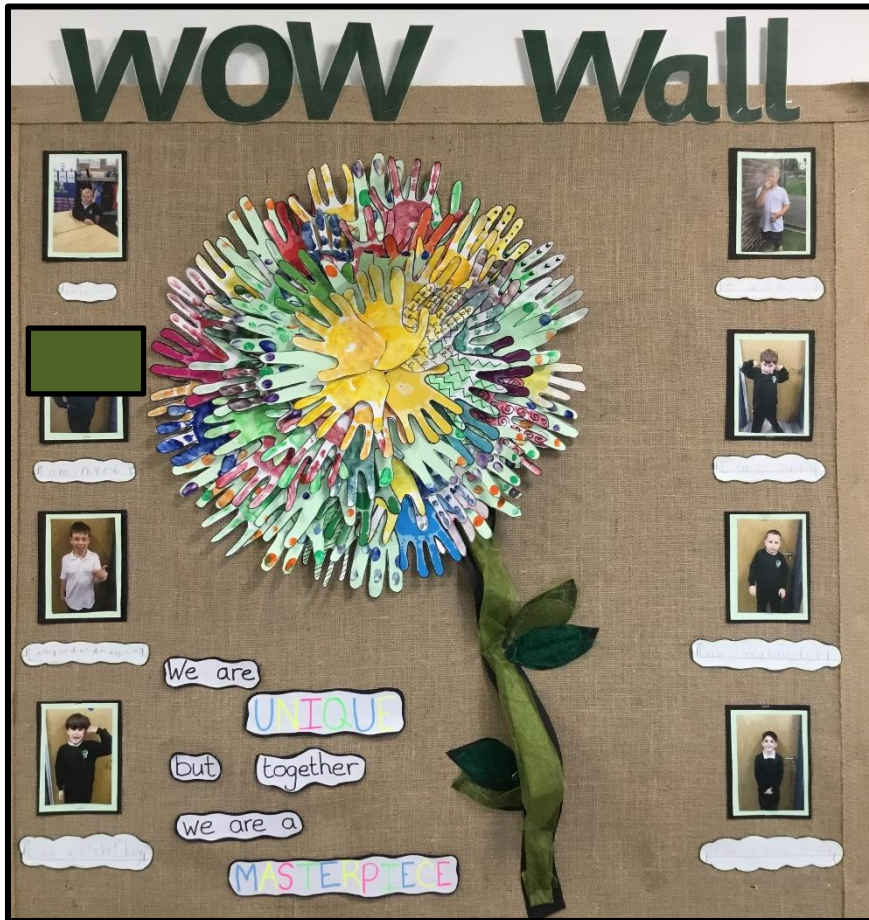
Hub 3

It is Goldilocks week in Hub 3 this week and the whole classroom has turned yellow! One activity that the children have taken part in is a yellow object hunt around the school. The children used visual markers to follow a trail and find each of the yellow objects hidden around the school.



Hub 4

We have finished our 'I am Unique' class display. The children have been thinking about and exploring how they are unique and what they have in common with their peers. Our display is all about us – what we like, our favourite colours and patterns and it includes our unique fingerprints. The children did a little drama and used adjectives to describe themselves.



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have explored the season Autumn. First, we went on an Autumn Walk and looked at the different signs for Autumn. Next, we explored different Autumnal objects. Then, we learnt a new rhyme called 'Autumn Leaves'.



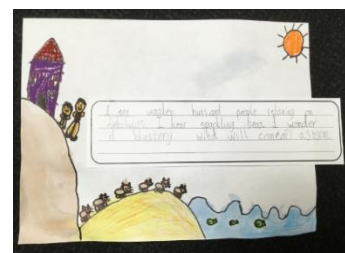
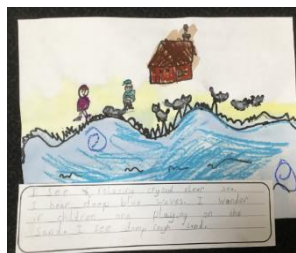
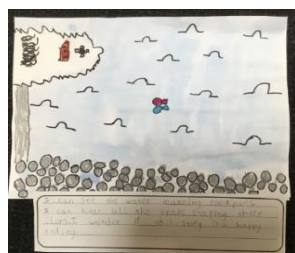
Year 1

As part of our learning about maps, we have been on a local walk. Year 1 planned a route and thought about if they needed to turn left or right to follow the route on the walk. On the way looked at what the different symbols meant from our maps like the shop and bus stop.



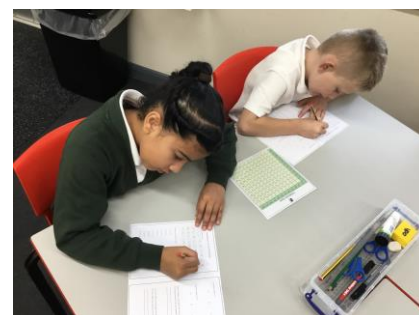
Year 2

To start our learning about our new book in Literacy, we listened to the first line of the story. *'Noi lived with his dad and six cats by the sea.'* We then drew what we could see in our mind's eye to illustrate the sentence and annotated the painting.



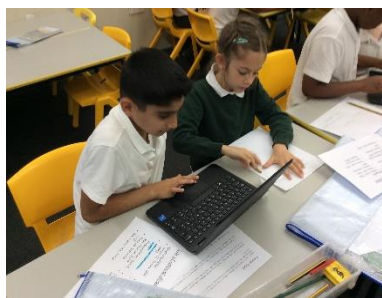
Year 3

This week in year 3, we have been learning our times tables. We practised our 2s, 5s, 4s and 10s, before answering a range of questions.



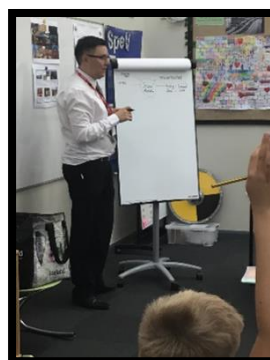
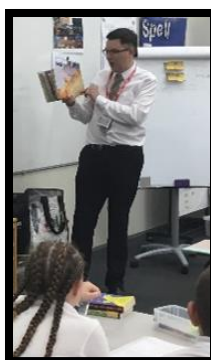
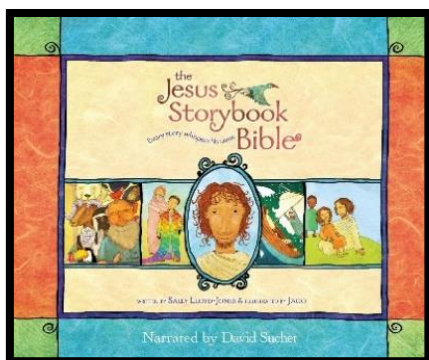
Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been creating our own PowerPoint presentations about the world's major earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Next week we are going to present them to the rest of the class to show what we have learnt.



Year 5

Last week, we were pleased to welcome Pastor Tim from Wheelock Baptist Church, who taught us about why Christians believe Jesus died and the significance of his death. He shared what the Bible teaches alongside his own personal thoughts and beliefs as a member of the church, giving the children an opportunity to learn about different perspectives within Christianity.



Year 6

This half term, Year 6 have been enjoying getting stuck into rugby during their PE lessons. They have been developing their passing skills, improving their ball control and working brilliantly as a team. They have shown fantastic enthusiasm and determination as they put their skills into practice and battled it out to score as many tries as possible!



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WIZZY CARNIVAL!

Come in bright clothes and get ready to celebrate!
Steel drums, dancing, Caribbean food



THE EVENT



Friday 16th October



Wistaston Academy



All day

Everyone welcome!



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Colourful performances and dancing
- Steel drums filling the school with music
- Delicious Caribbean food
- A fantastic celebration of our community, culture and diversity!



GET INVOLVED

- Come in bright, colourful clothes (think Caribbean vibes!)
- Bring your smiles and energy!
- Let's make it a day to remember!

All are welcome!

Food • Music • Community

Together we celebrate!

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Gates will open at 2:30pm in case parents would like to come and watch our carnival procession, which will begin from the Irlam playground. Children will be collected from classrooms after our parade.

Delicious Caribbean food can be purchased from the Sunshine Food Van which will be in the carpark, if families desire. Please see the available menu below:

Jerk chicken and halloumi wrap

An exotic food fusion with a tortilla wrap jam packed with jerk chicken breast marinated in exotic spices and grilled halloumi slices with spicy rice (Jollof), shredded lettuce and salsa

£10

Jerk Chicken Wrap

tortilla wrap with jerk chicken breast marinated in exotic spices, spicy rice (Jollof), shredded lettuce and salsa

£7

Plain Gourmet Steak Burger

2.7 oz Steak mince patty serviced on a white bun with or without cheese

£4
Double £7
Triple £10

Grilled Halloumi wrap

Tortilla wrap garnished with humous and filled with grilled halloumi slices with spicy rice (Jollof), shredded lettuce and salsa

£7

Jerk Chicken Slider

Jerk chicken breast served on a bun with mayo and shredded lettuce

£4



Wistaston Academy Carnival menu

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
SERVING FROM 2:30PM



For customers with celiac and other gluten-related dietary concerns, the menu is gluten free (except the tortilla wrap and bun)

Harvest News



From now until Thursday 15th October, we are collecting non-perishable food as part of our Harvest celebration. Please bring these into your classroom.

Our Assembly Celebration will be on Thursday 15th October so please bring in as much as you can by then!

We are collecting foods to help support



They have asked for: beans / sausages, juice/ cordial, cereal, meals in a tin, gravy granules, sugar, tea, coffee, sweetcorn, tomato sauce, brown sauce, porridge oats, hot dogs, jam, marmalade, corned beef and oil.

Thank you for your support!



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PE News

Year 5 and 6 T1 Rugby Festival

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic time competing in a T1 Rugby Festival against schools from across Crewe and Nantwich.

The children represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating **determination, teamwork and resilience** throughout the festival. They showed great skill on the pitch, supporting one another, making excellent decisions and never giving up, even when faced with challenging opposition.

It was wonderful to see the children encouraging each other and working together as a team. Their positive attitude, sportsmanship and commitment made us incredibly proud.

Well done to all of our Year 5 and 6 rugby players, you were fantastic!

Walk to school week



Next week, we are celebrating **Walk to School Week**! It's a great opportunity for children and families to get active, enjoy some fresh air and make a positive difference to our environment.

Walking to school can be a fun way to start the day. It helps us stay healthy, reduces traffic and pollution, and gives us time to chat with friends and family along the way.

Whether you walk the whole journey or park a little further away and walk part of the way, **every step counts!**



Who should decide what we have for school lunch?

In the news this week

The government has announced plans to make food served in schools across England healthier from September 2027. Under the proposed rules, schools would serve more fruit, vegetables and fibre-rich foods, while deep-fried foods and foods containing lots of fat, sugar or salt would be restricted. Schools would still offer familiar meals, but they would use healthier ingredients and cooking methods.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Who usually decides what your family eats at home? Do you take turns? Does everyone help choose meals?
- What are some of the things you think are important to consider when choosing what we eat?
- If you could suggest one new school meal, what would it be?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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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.

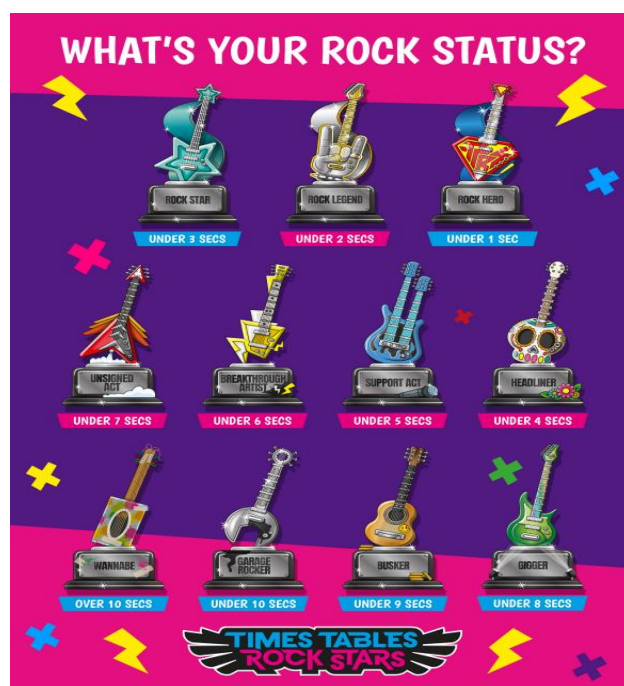
In school we award top 3 certificates and prizes to those children who are accessing Numbots and TTRS each week. We also recognise children who pass the different levels in Numbots and who gain new Rock Status' in TTRS! In TTRS they also gain a plectrum which is added to the Rock Star board next to Mrs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



Starting Primary School September 2027

Applications are now open for children starting primary school.

Parents with a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by:

- 15 January 2027 for pupils starting primary in September 2027.

Parents still need to apply even if the child has a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school. Some faith schools may also require parents and carers to submit a supplementary information form/confirmation of baptism. Further information about this will be available on the school's website.

Parents should consider how their child will travel to school when making preferences. Parents can find out about school transport at support for [home to school transport \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/home-to-school-transport).

To apply online and for further information please go to [Application process for starting school in September \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/application-process-for-starting-school-in-september) or call 0300 123 5012.

For up to date information please direct parents to follow The Family Information Service – @FISCheshireEast or [Family Information Service \(Cheshire East Council\) - Home | Facebook](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/family-information-service)

Apply Online

For a school place

It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027.

If you do not have web access

Call 0300 123 2012



You can apply from 1st September 2026 at
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2026 Secondary

15th January 2027 Primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged



Sessions
are
FREE

Ages
5-18

Energise

by Endorphins

October Half-Term SEND Sessions



Crewe

Join us these holidays for our inclusive Energise Spooktacular, group-based sessions. Activities will include: pumpkin carving, potion creations and monster mash slime making with optional fancy dress.

Thursday 29th 13:00 - 15:30

Crewe Lifestyle Family Hub, Moss Square, CW1 2DQ

Booking is essential!

For more information or to book a place today
please contact our team:

E: bookings@endorphins.uk





Friends
Queens of Park

Children's Halloween Event
Saturday 31st October
11am – 3.00pm (approx)
Queen's Park Taste For Life Café:

Fun Trick or Treat Trail
(last starters at 1pm)
£2 per child – goody bag prizes.

Face Painter
Halloween Games & Stalls

Free Fancy Dress Parade at 1.30pm
Children's Entertainer (free): 2pm

Bowls Pavilion
Creative Crewe Crafts from 11am



(any of the above subject to change in unforeseen circumstances)



CREWE
TOWN COUNCIL

Design a Christmas Card for the Mayor of Crewe

If you are aged between 4 - 18, we would love you to design a special Christmas Card that will be used by the Mayor of Crewe.

It must include a theme of helping other people.

Send your design on A4 paper to us by
7 November 2026.

The winner will enjoy the opportunity to accompany the Mayor on stage at the Christmas Lights Switch On which takes place on 28 November and see their card in print!

Email your design to:

Mayor@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk
or post to Crewe Town Council,
1 Chantry Court, Forge Street,
Crewe CW1 2DL

We will need the original artwork if your card is selected. Please ensure you put your name, age, address, phone number and email contact on your design.





YMCA CHESHIRE

CREWE 10K

FAMILY FUN DAY

Run the Race, Stay for the Fun!

📅 Sunday 25th October 2026

🕒 10am - 3pm

📍 Crewe Town Centre

FREE Entry & Activities for All Ages:

Fire Truck

Climbing Wall

Crewe Alex Gaming Bus

Gaming Zone

Activities Zone

JDL Markets

If you have any questions contact us at
tammi.mcclure@ymcacheshire.org.uk



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Here for you



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COFFEE

Morning



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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS – NHS 0-19+ SERVICE –
CEAT – SALT – SPECIALIST TEACHERS – SPOTTS

Oakenclough Family Hub

Colshaw Drive, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ

Monday 19th October 2026

Monday 8th February 2027

Monday 24th May 2027

Wesley Place Methodist Church

Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2AF

Monday 2nd November 2026

Friday 26th February 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Nantwich Methodist Church

Hospital Street, Nantwich, CW5 5RP

Friday 6th November 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Macclesfield Town Hall

Marketplace, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA

Friday 20th November 2026

Monday 22nd February 2027

Wednesday 9th June 2027

Book a place today



Did you know that Cheshire East Libraries have a Home Library Service for the housebound?

If you're unable to leave the house or carry heavy bags, we can bring the books to you. Tell us what you like to read and we can choose, pack & deliver you a bag of books or audio books on CD once a month.



The service is free and each library branch operates a delivery service for their local area. Call your local library branch for more information and to register with the scheme.

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