Newsletter 8 – Autumn 1

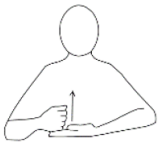
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Advanced Notice:	Y4 Chester Trip – Tuesday 10th November Parents' Evening – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November NHS Flu Immunisation visit – Friday 27th November
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**

Makaton

This week, we are learning the Makaton signs for **'help'** and **'finished'**! These signs support our children to communicate their needs, ask for assistance and let others know when they have completed an activity. We encourage everyone to practise these signs throughout the school day and at home, helping to develop communication skills, independence and confidence. Why not have a go at using them together this week?



Help – move hands in the direction of the person who wants help.



Finished/to finish – open fingers as the hands move downwards.

Hub 1

To complete our food tasting journey, we made smoothies! We added all the different fruits and vegetables we tried in to a blender and watched as it chopped all the food in to a smooth drink. We tried it in cups, in bowls with spoons and with our hands on large trays. We definitely got messy and we definitely had a lot of fun!









Hub 2

This week in Science we have been exploring ‘push’ and ‘pull’. Using an empty box, a box with ‘lighter’ items in and a box with ‘heavier’ items in we pushed and pulled them to feel the effect of the force.







Hub 3

This week the children been taking care of some baby dolls. They have been learning how to change nappies, wash the babies and their clothes, feed the babies, snuggle them in bed and push them in a pushchair.








Hub 4

The children had a wonderful day celebrating how they are unique and special during the Carnival celebrations on Friday. They especially enjoyed making and wearing their colourful head dresses and face masks during the Hub parade. We listened to steel drums during our craft activities and learnt all about how the Notting Hill festival started and has grown over the years.








Nursery

This week, we had a visit from Mr Wilson in the morning. First, he played his guitar and we listened. Next, we listened to him sing some familiar songs. Then, we all got to sing together whilst Mr Wilson played the guitar.




Reception

This week, the children have enjoyed their Bikeability sessions, showing great confidence and skill as they practised riding both balance bikes and pedal bikes.



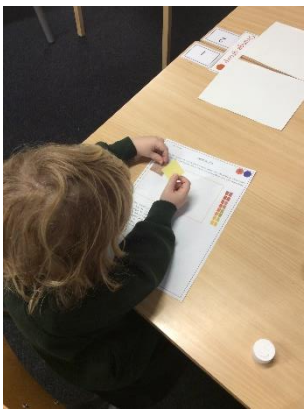


Year 1

This week we have been looking carefully at autumnal colours. We used our knowledge to create autumn trees. First, we ripped brown paper to create the trunk and branches. Then, we used bubble wrap and broccoli to print on the leaves, thinking carefully about the colours that we used.









Year 2

In Topic, we used our story stick to retell the story of What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside. We used our voices and bodies to add in sounds that the animals made. We then thought about what song the mermaid might sing and Mr Wilson taught us the famous song 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' and added the song to our story stick.





Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful afternoon reading with the Year 5 children. It was lovely to share the books that we love!





Year 4

This week, year 4 have been designing and making their own musical instruments. They used different materials and decided which were best and why.






Year 5

This week, the children have enjoyed designing and making their DT bags. They have even had the opportunity to sew using the sewing machine! We hope the children enjoy using these over the half term.







Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time at last week's carnival. They particularly enjoyed the steel drumming and did a great job of making beautiful sounds so quickly.

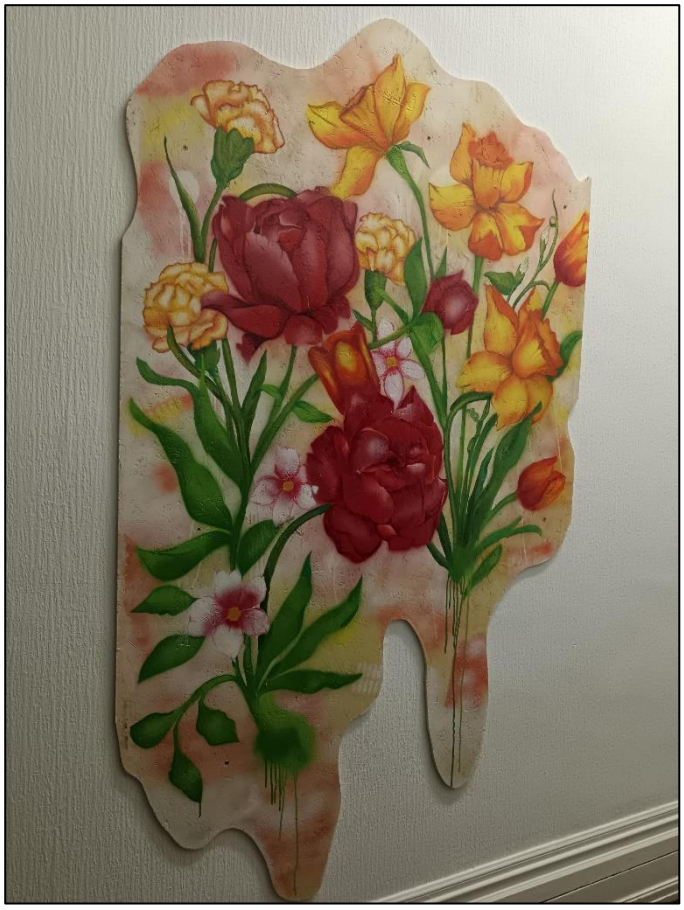




Art News

School Mural

We are delighted to say that the Rachel Ruysch-inspired mural, collaboratively painted by Year 6 and 5, which we created for Big Mugs' Café, has found a new home after the closure of Big Mugs. It has been installed on the wall of Nantwich Elim Church, situated within the Regents Park business park on London Road, Nantwich. Many of our pupils may see the artwork as they attend dance classes, drama classes or Thai boxing on the same site. As always, we are delighted to give back to our communities!





National Arts and Culture in Education Awards

We are delighted to have been selected for the finals of the national Arts and Culture Awards, in the category of Arts Leadership in Education! It was an honour to join with so many other cultural organisations, who also champion arts opportunities for our children! Well done Everyone!



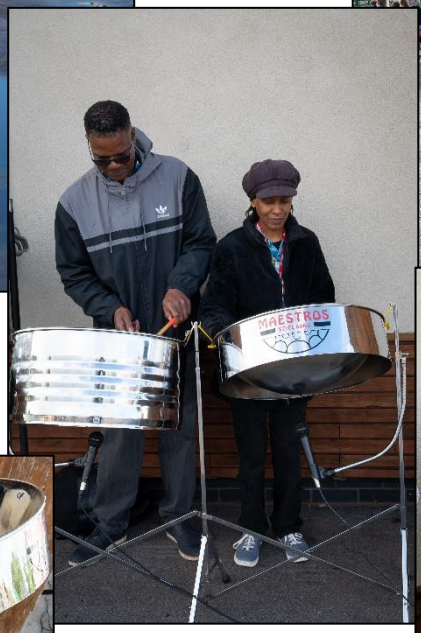
School Carnival!

Last week, we enjoyed our grand finale to our learning for Black History Month, culminating in our whole school carnival! We had a fantastic time, singing, dancing and wearing our carnival clothes and headdresses. We loved the steel drums from Solid Steelband, dancing with Diane Wye from Together We Dance and enjoyed sharing it all with our parents too!

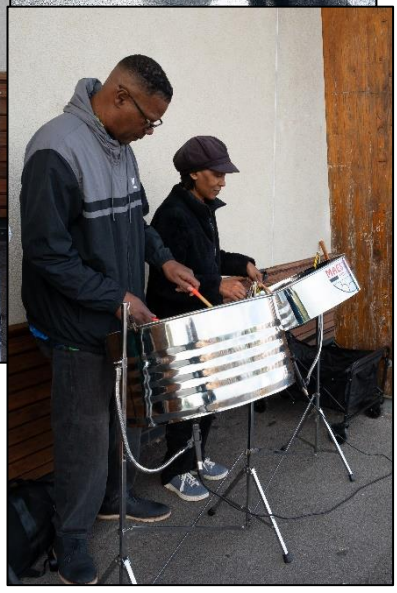























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PE News

Year 6 Basketball champions!

On Wednesday, our Year 6 boys' basketball team competed in the Crewe and Nantwich Basketball Competition at Malbank High School.

The boys showcased fantastic basketball skills, accurate shooting and excellent teamwork throughout the competition. They represented our school brilliantly and were unbeaten. We will now represent Crewe and Nantwich in the County Finals in March 2027

Well done, boys!

Sports Ambassadors

Our 2026/27 Sports Ambassadors have been chosen and will be announced during our Celebration Assembly in the first week back after half-term. We look forward to celebrating and sharing the exciting news with everyone!

6B Swimming



All Year 6B 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 3rd November and will finish on Tuesday 8th December 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**.

Clubs

Autumn 2 after-school clubs will run from **Monday 2nd November to Friday 11th December**. 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 4pm on Friday 23rd October**.

Please note, invite only sports hall athletics club will end on Wednesday 18th November.

There will be no dance club on Friday 13th November.

Autumn 2 Clubs

Monday 2nd November to Friday 11th December 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

Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & girls sportshall athletics	3-6 INVITE ONLY	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall/All weather pitch

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	Miss Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Y2A classroom
Boys & Girls gymnastics (max 15)	Y1, Y2	3:15-4:15pm	Alisha Evanson-Cheshire Gymnastics	FREE	Irlam Hall

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.

Picture news



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://ttrockstars.com/parents/ , and the factsheet of FAQ's for Numbots: https://static.numbots.com/data/pdf/NumBotslaunchparentguide.pdf and https://strapi.ttrockstars.com/uploads/numbots_parent_guide_554ecf5cb5.pdf





The Brain Tumour Charity

Before the Summer holidays, the Year 6 children worked incredibly hard on their end of year project. They decided they wanted to bake cakes and hold a cake sale in memory of our lovely friend, Acacia. The children should be incredibly proud of themselves; the event was a huge success and they raised an amazing £292.74 for a very worthy charity.



RSPCA



Christmas Fair

A fun-packed festive family experience

Sunday 29 November 2026, 11am to 3pm

Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre, London Road, Nantwich, CW5 7JW

- Christmas craft activities and games
- Festive stalls
- Grand Christmas raffle - fantastic prizes to be won!
- Hot food and licenced bar
- Yuletide carols
- Visit our cattery and enjoy a wildlife tour

Admission
Pay on the day

Adults: £5
Under 18s: £3
Under 2s: Free



Visit Santa's Grotto!

£5 per child. Enjoy a memorable experience with Santa and Mrs Claus.

- **A Festive Welcome** by our elves
- **A Christmas Story with Mrs Claus**
- **Write to Santa**
- **Meet Santa**
- **And a Christmas Gift**





Santa's Magical Experience

Book a magical Christmas experience at RSPCA Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 November, from 4pm to 7pm

Cost is £10 per child and booking is required.

Your special 30-minute Santa Experience will include:

Christmas Refreshments - Complimentary drink and mince pie/ snack for children. Refreshments for adults will be available to purchase.

Elf Trail - Explore our festive Elf Trail through the meadow.

Write to Santa with your Christmas list and post it in Santa's special post box.

A Christmas Story with Mrs Claus - Gather your group together for a special Christmas story told by Mrs Claus.

Meet Santa - Your family will have time in Santa's Grotto for a special chat with Santa.

A Christmas Gift - Every child will receive a beautifully wrapped Christmas book, suitable for all ages.

Book today

Scan this QR code to book your visit
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