Newsletter 11 – Autumn 2

Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events
Monday	
Tuesday	Y6B Swimming Parents' Evening Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday	Reception Walk to Queen's Park Parents' Evening Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday	Nursery Parents' Evening
Friday	NHS Flu Immunisation Team Visit
Advanced Notice:	Tuesday 1st December Y4 Drumming Performance Thursday 17th December Panto Visit Friday 18th December Hub 3 & 4 Winter Wonderland Event
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: Vlad (1A), Poppy (1B), Eadie (2A)

KS2: Ava (3A), Freddie (3B), Ellie (4A), Penelope (4B), Paisley (5A), Isabella (5B), Evalyn (6A), Caleb (6B)

Makaton

This week, our Makaton signs of the week are **'Sister' and 'Brother'**! We will be learning the signs together and practising how to use them in our everyday communication. Why not have a go at home too? Practising together is a lovely way to support your child's communication skills and help them build confidence using Makaton.



Sister – tap nose twice.



Brother – rub knuckles together.

The Hubs

Hub 1

Over the last few weeks, we have been working on puzzles, solving different types and using our spatial awareness skills to twist, turn and flip the pieces. We've been mastering insert puzzles, interactive puzzles on the whiteboard and even larger puzzles with upwards of 35 pieces!










Hub 2

This week in Science, the children have been exploring how fast and slow cars travel down ramps using different materials. They had lots of fun racing their cars against one another, seeing whose car would win! Fun had all round.






Hub 3

Over the week the children in Hub 3 have been learning about different habitats and which animals live there. They understood that some animals lived in wet places and some in dry, some live in hot habitats and some cold. The children then completed a range of activities including sorting animals into the correct habitat and writing sentences about where a range of wild animals live.







Hub 4

In PE this week, we have been working on improving our kicking skills so that we can control a football and kick it into a goal. The children practised controlling the ball at different speeds and aiming the balls in the outdoor area at different sized targets.








Nursery

This week in our Magic Story Box, we helped Floyd the Fisherman to rescue Stick Man from the deep blue sea. First, we sang out new rhyme ‘The waves in the sea’. Next, we went to the deep blue sea and found Stick Man. Then, we wrote a list of how to rescue Stick Man. Finally, we helped Floyd to rescue Stick Man with a fishing net.





Reception

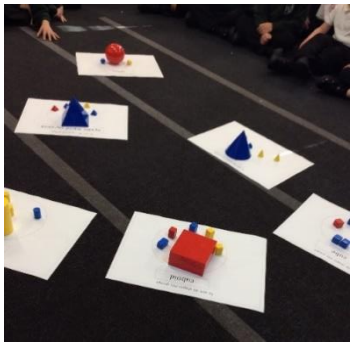
This week in our Magic Story Box, Plop met Betty, an old lady who was preparing to move house to live with her son and grandchildren. Betty shared some special memories from her life and talked about how keepsakes can help us remember happy times and special moments. The children enjoyed drawing and recreating some of Betty's memories, as well as sharing and creating pictures of their own special memories.






Year 1

This week we have been learning to identify and recognise six 3D shapes (cube, cuboid, pyramid, cone, sphere and cylinder). We sorted the shapes into groups, discussed their properties and matched real objects in the classroom to the correct 3D shape. Throughout the week we have used the vocabulary vertices, edge, and face when discussing the properties of our 3D shapes.


Year 2

Continuing with our Topic of Houses and Homes, Year 2 planned a route in our local area so that they could look at the different types house. We saw terraced houses, bungalows, flats and some semi-detached houses.







Year 3

This week in Literacy, Year 3 used 'Role on the Wall' to record everything they knew about the Great Bear, a legendary creature that protects the Arctic Ocean.

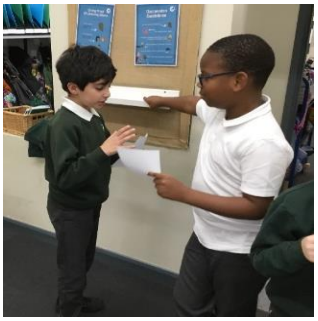




Year 4

This week in PSHE, Year 4 have been learning about the people we share our world with. We have discussed our similarities and differences and the importance of respecting and valuing what makes us unique.





Year 5

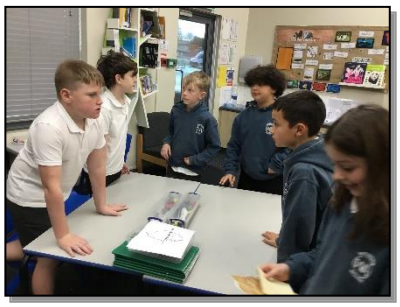
This week, we have been writing dialogue persuading police officers to help protect bears in captivity. We created narrator, action, sound scenes to help show how action and reported clauses should be used.



Year 6

In one of our literacy lessons, our teachers were in role as police detectives, who were trying to solve the mystery of the missing sisters – Sukie and Olive. We were also in role as police officers We began in a gossip circle and shared our thoughts on the reasons for Sukie's disappearance. Police officers then fed back their theories to the detective in charge of the case. We will use this to help us with our writing.







Art News

Focus on Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard on their observational drawings of fish and shells! They have transposed their drawings onto silk, using gold oil pens as a resist and have been painting in their work carefully in warm and cols colours. We cannot wait to show our families at our exhibition next week!













PE news

Our KS2 children have been working incredibly hard this half term in Sportshall Athletics! They have been developing and improving their jumping, throwing and running skills, showing fantastic effort, determination and teamwork along the way.

Good luck to our 40 of our KS2 children who will be representing our school at the Crewe and Nantwich Sportshall Athletics event next Tuesday!

Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fair is coming back and will be held in the Irlam Hall on **Tuesday 24th November** and **Wednesday 25th November**. It was a huge success last year and thanks to your support, we have been able to restock one of libraries.

Picture news

TAKEHOME

16th - 22nd November



In the news this week

Leaders from around the world are meeting in Türkiye for COP31, to discuss how to protect our planet from climate change. They will talk about how countries can work together and whether richer countries should help those affected by floods, droughts and rising seas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you think is the biggest problem facing our world?
- Do you feel it is important for countries to work together to tackle climate change?
- Should richer countries help poorer countries? Explain your view.
- Is there anything families could do at home?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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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://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





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Friends of Queens Park
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Saturday 12th December 2026
Taste For Life Café
11am – 2pm
Christmas in the Park
Visit Santa 11am – 2pm:
£3 per child – small gift
Tombola • Raffle
Face Painter
Creative Crewe
Crafts from 11am
Bowls Pavilion
From 2pm:
Enjoy a free celebration of
Festive Songs with
The Funky Choir
Saturday 12th December

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

NHS
Central Cheshire
Integrated Care Partnership

Parent/Carer online webinar
Supporting a Child with Anxiety



What: This session aims to help you understand the various ways anxiety presents itself and offers ideas on how to support your child to understand and manage their anxiety

When: Wednesday 9th December 2026
11:30am - 1pm

Where: Online via Teams

Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

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ConNEXTions

Jumble Sale and Christmas Fair



Fri 4th Dec

11 AM - 4 PM

St Andrews Church Hall

Bedford St CW2 6LE

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CHRISTMAS BOOK & BALL APPEAL







Give unwanted books and balls a new home!
Please donate any books and sports balls that are in good, usable condition to help us support our chosen local charity and make a difference in our community.

18TH NOVEMBER - 29TH NOVEMBER

YOUR LOCAL LEISURE CENTRE