

Newsletter 28 – Summer 1



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	<p>WC 9.6.25 – Phonics Screening Check. Please ensure your child is in school every day during this period.</p> <p>Tuesday 24th June 12.40pm – 3.00pm – Reception's Inspire Afternoon</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd July-Nursery Sports Day</p>	
Polite Notice:	<p>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.</p>	

We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Frankie (RA), Pola (RB)

KS1: Joivane (1A), Clayton (1B), Dennis (2A), Sophie (2B)

KS2: Harrison (3A), Kia (3B)

The Hubs

The children in Hub 3 have been learning about the annual cycle of seasons this week. They know that there are 4 seasons in a year and they can order them correctly. As part of their Literacy task this week they had to match a selection of pictures to the correct season. Every child was able to complete this independently and was very confident in their choices.



Nursery

This week we met a farmer in our story world. The children have been working hard to learn more about farming. We have been planting flowers, watering our vegetables, reading non-fiction books and washing farm animals in our water tray!



Reception

This week in Story world, we met Albert who has recently retired. His friends have encouraged him to start an allotment but he does not know where to start. His friend, Lianne, came to visit us to share pictures of her allotment and she answered any of our questions.



Year 1

This week we have been planting seeds to grow some vegetables in our year 1 garden. We started by writing a set of instructions on how to plant the seeds, before planting them in little pots. We then learnt how we can look after them to help them grow, which we will observe over the next half term.



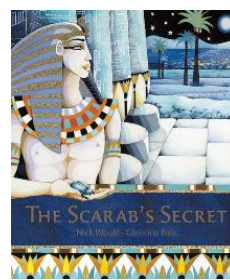
Year 2

To start our new Topic, Let's Grow, Year 2 had lots of fun planting some different seeds. We are hoping to grow carrots as well as different flowers. We also planted some strawberry plants. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking after our growing area and watching what happens.



Year 3

This week in Year 3 Literacy, we have been discovering our new book *The Scarab's Secret*. We started our learning by making scarab beetle amulets out of clay which was lots of fun!



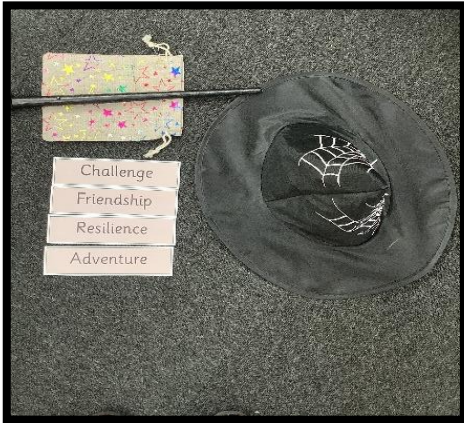
Year 4

This week, we were visited by the Wonderful Wizard of Words who gave us 'immigration', 'hunger' and 'change'. We then opened the clues to our new text, 'The Matchbox Diary'. They were a set of matchboxes, each containing a different object. As a class, we used the words and clues to discuss what our story could be about before reading it together.



Year 5

This week, we have been hooked into our learning by uncovering clues and new vocabulary for our literacy topic: The Explorer. We created tableaux to represent the different parts of Fred's journey.



				
The plane crash	Surviving the rainforest	Discovering the raft	Meeting the explorer	Escape and rescue

Year 6

On Wednesday, we took part in a fantastic workshop that was led by a professional actor. She taught us the basic plot of the famous Shakespeare play, a Midsummer's Night Dream. During the workshop, we were able to bring the story to life using words and actions. At the end of the session, we had a greater understanding of the characters, their traits and the clever way in which Shakespeare created the complex, yet fun, love story. We loved all of the plot twists and left feeling really enthused about our new unit of work.



Art News



Year 5 are still waiting to hear the results from our entries into the Art Bytes Competition. The public vote is still open, so please do go online using this link:

<https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/wistaston-academy-379/>

to vote for one of our three finalists' work: either Harper, Bobby or Harper Li.

Voting closes on Monday, so this time is crucial. All three finalists will attend an award ceremony and the first-place winner could be a national or regional winner also.

Thank you for your support!

Focus on Year 6: Mural for Big Mugs

Year 6 have been working hard to begin our next mural piece for Big Mugs' Café. We are working on fine details of our first board and have now begun our second. We are having a lot of fun!



Performing Arts News

Our Singers and Drummers are due to perform at Crewe Out Loud, on Saturday 17th May at Cheshire College South and West! If your child is in either of these groups, please do encourage them to practise at home and please reply promptly to either the email or the letter you have received.

We look forward to supporting our children as they perform. All are welcome – it is a public event! There will be lots of other performances to see from many other schools too and artwork to view in a collaborative exhibition. Please put the date in your diaries ☺



PE News

Thank you to Pure Pickleball for the fantastic coaching session on Wednesday morning. Our Y5&6 team can't wait to compete in the Crewe and Nantwich School Sport Partnership Pickleball Tournament in July!



Sports Day 2025

Our annual sports day event will take place on Friday 23rd May. The Reception and KS1 event will be starting at 9.30am and the KS2 event will be starting at 1.30pm. As in previous years we will have a parent and carer spectator area available; you are more than welcome to come along to support your children.

As the UEFA European Women's Championship is taking place this year in Switzerland, we thought it would be nice for the children to be in teams which represent some of the countries taking part. These countries have been selected by our Sports Ambassadors. Children have been divided into the following teams to encourage a small element of competition. The team names are **Switzerland (red)**, **Wales (green)**, **Belgium (yellow)** **Italy (blue)**. Children should come to school in Sports Day Kit (black shorts, teams coloured t-shirt).



Switzerland



Italy



Wales



Belgium

In the case of hot, sunny weather your child must wear a sun hat and sun cream. Please also ensure that your child has a bottle of water to take out with them onto the field. If sports day has to be postponed because of bad weather we will inform you asap.

Nursery sports day will take place on the morning of Wednesday 2nd July.

School Clubs

This half term clubs will run from **Monday 28th April – Thursday 22nd May**. All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will continue to be free of charge. **Please remember to only sign your child up to one after school club so that each child has a fair chance of attending.** If your child attends an invite only club then they can also sign up to one other club. **All clubs will go live on Arbor on Friday 25th April from 4pm.**

Miss Brown's morning dodgeball club will continue to run each day from 8:20-8:40am on the all-weather pitch. Year 4&5 children can take part on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Year 5&6 children on Mondays and Tuesdays. There is no need to book onto this club, children can join in when they arrive at school.

Please note there will be no invite only Town Sports club on Friday 23rd May.

Summer 1 Clubs

Week Commencing – Monday 28th April 2025 – Thursday 22nd May 2025

Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground/field
Boys & Girls Drumming (max 20)	4-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Graham Proctor (Outside provider)	FREE	Classroom

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 Football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch/playground
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls STEM Club (max 20)	3-5 INVITATION ONLY	3:15=4:30pm	Ms Hall and Mrs Merrill	FREE	The Hub building

Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
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Gymnastics	Year 1	12pm-12:30pm	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
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Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	3-4	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall/All weather pitch
Boys & Girls football (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Gymnastics	Year 2	12pm-12:30pm	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls STEM Club (max 20)	3-5 INVITATION ONLY	3:15=4:30pm	Ms Hall and Mrs Merrill	FREE	The Hub building

Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls Town Sports Club (max 20)	5-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Boys & Girls Dance (max 15)	1 - 2	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys & Girls Town Sports Club (max 20)	3-4 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch

Club places

If there is a high demand for certain clubs, we will look to ensure all children who wish to go to the club, but do not get a place this term, have the opportunity to attend the club at some point across the school year.

Below are the conditions that we will be following to keep our clubs process fair and consistent.

- If you would like your children to sign up for a club we recommend that you sign up on the day that the clubs go live. If you have been unsuccessful please make sure you pop in to the office and place your child on the waiting list.
- If you have been successful, please ensure your child is aware that the club will run for the whole half term and they are expected to attend each week.
- If your child no longer wants to attend it is your responsibility to contact the office to inform them that your child no longer wants a place. This way we can remove your child from the register and add someone from the waiting list.
- If your child does not attend for **2 consecutive weeks** (without reason) you will then be contacted and your child will be automatically removed to allow someone from the waiting list to attend.

- If your child has a space, we expect them to follow the school rules outlined in our behaviour policy during club. If your child displays disruptive behaviour you will be informed and their place will be removed.

Weather

The school has worked hard to invest in an all-weather Astroturf so that your children can participate in sports all year round. This does mean that if it is raining during clubs such as football and dodgeball that clubs will continue to run on the all- weather pitch. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing i.e. coat, trousers, jumpers so that we can continue to offer high quality sports clubs.

If you do not wish for your child to participate 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 for their after-school club. If the club is run outside then jumpers, joggers and coats are needed. If your child participates in football we are asking if they can bring trainers as well as football boots (if they have them). Football boots will only be worn if the club is taking place on the field as we are no longer able to use studs on the all-weather pitch.

Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception on time. If children are not collected from clubs on time they will be taken to Wizz Kids and will need to be collected from there. You will be charged for their time in Wizz Kids.



In the news this week

Singer, Ed Sheeran, has written a letter to UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, asking for more money to support music education in schools. In the letter, Ed asks the government to increase funding for instruments, training, and teachers, among other things. Many famous musicians, including Sir Elton John, Coldplay, Harry Styles, and Stormzy, have signed the letter to show their support.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What type of music do you like to listen to? Ask someone at home – do you listen to the same type of music?
- How do music lessons make you feel? What parts do you enjoy/not enjoy?
- Do you think enough time at school is spent on music lessons?
- Have you ever learned, or would you like to learn to play an instrument?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Maths News

Fancy winning a **£50 gift voucher**!? Take part in the **Number Heroes competition**.

When you grow up, how will you use numbers in your life? Maybe you would love to be a firefighter, fashion designer, or footballer? Or do you see yourself as a scientist or a secret agent? Let your imagination run wild, and **create a picture of how you will use numbers in your dream job or hobby**.

You can draw, paint, collage, use a computer, or use any other way you'd like to create your picture!

Prize categories are for: EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and SEND/EHCP

Give your picture to Mrs Martin by **2nd June**. Find out more: <https://youtu.be/jmCKqcn4Gyw>



TTRS and Numbots

All children from Reception onwards will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://ttrockstars.com/parents/>