

# Newsletter 1 – Autumn 1



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Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	After school clubs will start on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>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.</b>	

## We are Brilliant Winners

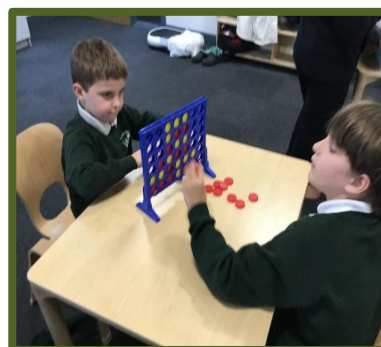
**KS1:** Maeve (1A), Esme (1B), Lola (2A), Aubrey (2B)

**KS2:** Clara (3A) Declan (3B), Yuet (4A) Jenson (4B)

Alexia (5A), Kaja (5B), Samuel (6A), Theadora (6B)

## The Hubs

It has been wonderful to welcome the returning Hub children in school this week. They have all missed the school routine and have been happy settling back into their classes with huge smiles on their faces!



### Nursery

This week it has been lovely to welcome new children into our nursery class. The children have been exploring the Nursery environment and learning our new routines. We have enjoyed playing in the home corner and construction area and painting on the easel.



### Reception

Reception have had a great first day 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 enjoyed working in pairs to complete different activities. In R.E. we created our own origami dog. It made us feel very proud and we wanted to look after them.

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

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



## Year 2

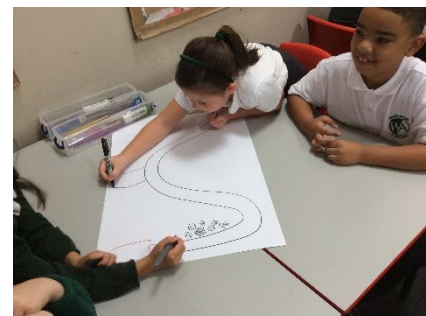
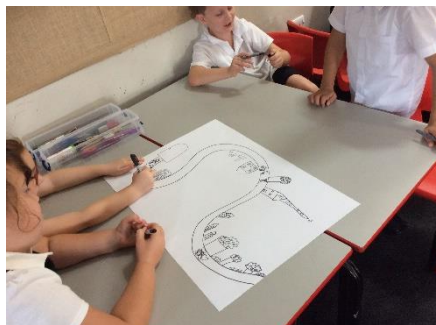
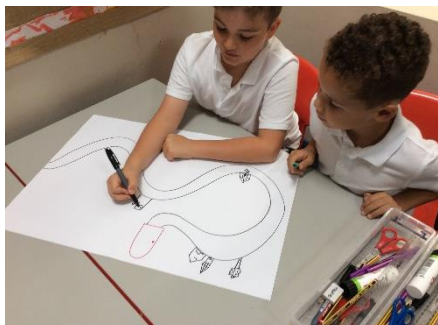
This week, we were introduced to our new topic, 'The Seaside'. We recapped the work of sculptor Andy Goldsworthy, who we learnt about in Year 1 and working in groups, we used some shells, pebbles and fabric to create our own beach themed sculpture.





### Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic first week back. In Literacy we were introduced to our new book *The Journey* by Aaron Becker. We created maps to show where we thought the journey might lead.



### Year 4

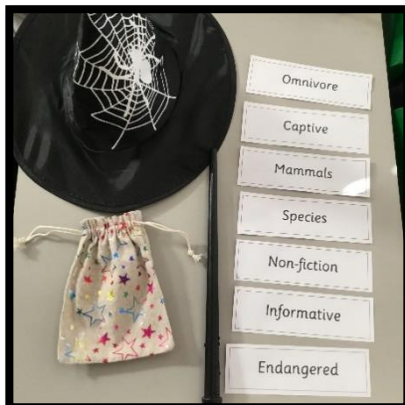
This week, we were introduced to the concept of natural disasters and specifically looked at earthquakes. We explored how earthquakes can occur and described the variety of effects they can have on areas and people.

For the final part of the lesson we used our drama skills to create a BBC News Report to provide a warning to the locals of Crewe about an earthquake that could impact the local area. We had to explain what an earthquake is and how they are measured using the Richter Scale. Finally, the reporters explained what devastating impacts can be had on areas if they are hit by an earthquake.



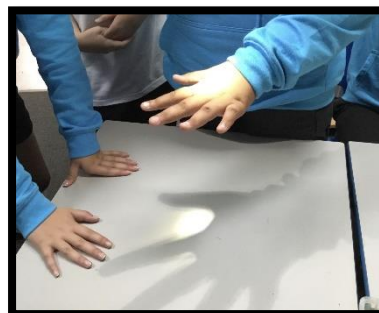
### Year 5

We have enjoyed delving into our new story 'The Good Bear' whilst exploring clues and words to uncover what we will be writing about first. The children are excited to take their new stories home to continue reading.



### Year 6

In this week's science lesson, we had time to explore how to make a shadow. Through this, we learned that shadows do change size and it is distance of light source and angle of light source that affects it. We also discovered that opaque objects cast the best shadows. Next week, we will be completing a formal, fair test to see the impact of making one change.



### Reading News

Reading at home can be a great way to calm the mind and form close bonds.

Take a look at this week's top tips for reading at home.

- Don't force reading together – it is okay to leave it if the child is losing interest
- Read with expression – try out different voices etc. You may feel silly, but the child won't think so
- Use books as part of daily routines - bed time, bath time, nap – whenever fits



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> September and will finish on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.**

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

This half term clubs will run from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. Invite only Djembefola club will cost £2 per session. All other clubs will 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 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 4pm.**

**Please note that sewing club will not start until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

## Autumn 1 Clubs

**Week Commencing - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

### Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

#### Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls Djembefola club (max 20)	4-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Graham Proctor (Outside provider)	£2 per session	Classroom
Boys and girls Football (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch/playground

#### 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
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch



### Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall/All weather pitch
Boys & Girls football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground

### Friday

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

### 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.**

## Art News

### Focus on Year 4

Our new Year 4s have come back to school ready for action! In our first art lesson they completed some outstanding prints from bird studies they had made in Year 3. They made a practise print in sketchbooks, then printed a second edition on their collaged backgrounds, adding leaves if they desired. The results are amazing!



Artwork by: Vivaan, Jenson, Julia, Caitlyn, Alex M, Lena, Freddie, Ella, Kia, Uzra, Evalina, Cole, Firdaws, Hardie-Rose and Summer.

Well done everyone!



## Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.



## In the news this week

In a recent survey, 600 parents and 400 children, aged six and seven, were asked to name the everyday things around them that they find incredible or awe-inspiring. The list included things like sunflowers, diggers and puddles. The survey took place as part of eye care company, Specsavers', 'Wonder' campaign, which hopes to raise awareness of the importance of eye health.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about the Seven Wonders of the World. Are they familiar with them? Would you like to visit any of them? If so, which ones and why?
- > Can you make a list of what you and others at home consider to be wonders of the world, or wonders of your world?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)





### Maths News

All children from Reception through to KS2 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/times tables skills.

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](https://strapi.trockstars.com/uploads/numbots_parent_guide_554ecf5cb5.pdf)





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# OPEN EVENING

4-7pm on:

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

With Headteacher Talks at 4:45pm and 5:30pm

# OPEN MORNINGS

9.30am - 11am on:

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Our events are packed with in-class  
demonstrations, displays and activities