

Newsletter 3 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	30 th September - Reception Read, Write, Inc. Phonics meeting (3pm or 5pm)	
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: Rumi (1A), Abbass (1B), Hanna (2A), Jaime (2B)

KS2: Oliver (3A), Aaron (3B), Michael (4A), Penelope (4B), Harrison (5A), Ted (5B), Mia-Ann (6A), Walter (6B)

The Hubs

The children in Hub 3 have been exploring the sights, sounds and smells of woodlands this week. They have been on a nature walk around the school grounds and have gathered natural materials. Some of the materials have been used to create artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and some have been used to print.



Nursery

This week the children visited KS1 for their individual photograph. The children all did fantastic listening and enjoyed our adventure out of nursery.



Reception

In Literacy, we are beginning to learn the Set 1 sounds. We are enjoying our daily speed sound lesson and then completing different activities to develop our fine and gross motor skills.



Year 1

This week, we have been learning about what school was like in the past. We went out onto the playground to play a game of hopscotch, then wrote in the instructions on how to play.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 had a fantastic day at Thurstaston beach. They took part in activities, such as scavenger hunts and exploring habitats, and found out all about creatures that live there. We also made sand sculptures and found out about coastal features.



Year 3

This week in History, we acted out a day as a Stone Age hunter-gatherer and thought about how it was different to modern life.



Year 4

Today, we met Oliver Crisp who told us that his parents were missing. He told us all about the journey he had been on, including meeting a mermaid and an albatross. We have been officially asked to join the Explorer Team alongside Oliver and help to find his parents. It is our mission to record all the details so that people believe Oliver and all that he has seen on his journey.



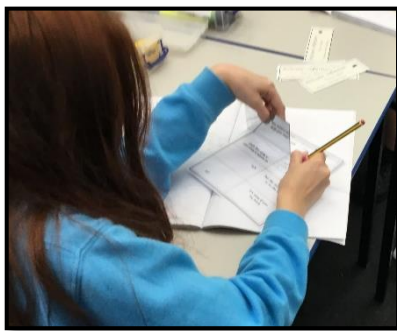
Year 5

This week, the children have been extremely excited to receive their instruments. We have learnt how the instruments are put together and practised blowing into them. The children are excited to practise at home. Please can you ensure your child has their instrument every Monday for the lesson in school.



Year 6

In this week's science, we learnt about reflection. We used torches and mirrors to change the direction of light rays explored how we could use mirrors to see things that were behind us and around corners.



PE News

This term are attending the following after school competitions/festivals. If your child has been selected to represent school, they will bring home a consent form for you to complete. Please complete the consent form and return it to Mrs Adamczyk or Miss Brown.

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>
KS2 Girls Tag Rugby	Thursday 18th September
Y5&6 Hockey	Monday 29th September
Y1&2 Football	Thursday 2nd October
KS2 Mixed Tag Rugby	Wednesday 8th October
Y3&4 Football	Thursday 9th October
Y5&6 Gymnastics	Tuesday 14th October
Y5&6 Basketball	Monday 20th October
Y3&4 Football	Wednesday 22nd October

Art Competition!



Calling every student!

We are invited by the Rotary Club to design a poster on the subject of **LITTER.**

We want to creatively discourage people to drop litter, because it is damaging to environment and spoils our own world.

Your entries must be either **A4** or **A3** size and can be created using **any art medium:** paint, pencils, pens, collage, printing, textiles.

There are separate categories for **KS1**, **KS2** and also **SEND**.

The winner of each category will win a **£10 prize!**

Children need to **complete this at home** and bring it to either Mrs Walsh in the Art Room or Mrs Hall in Hub 3.

Don't forget! Your entry **MUST** be of a **high standard** if you'd like to win. No scruffy posters will be selected. Use your art media carefully and think about a catchy slogan. It needs to be **EYE-CATCHING** and **BOLD**. Think about your **SPACING** when using letters and your use of paint or pencils.

LET'S SHOW WHAT WE CAN DO!

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

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

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 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





SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025

5.00pm-7.00pm

Come along to
our Open Evening!
Take part in classroom
activities and meet
our pupils and staff
**Headteacher's address
at 5.30pm and 6.15pm**

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'Pupils at Shavington Academy enjoy school and settle in quickly. Leaders and staff encourage pupils to revel in their learning and to become socially responsible citizens. Pupils are respectful towards each other, members of staff and visitors to the school' Ofsted 2023

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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 2021 and 31 August 2022, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2026.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from
1st September 2025 at
**[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2025 for secondary

15th January 2026 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

