

Newsletter 4 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Y5&6 Quicksticks Hockey Competition at Crewe Vagrants 4pm-5:30pm	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Y1&2 Football Festival at Nantwich Town FC (invite only) 12:30pm-3pm	
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: Tyrren (1A), Nellie (1B), Anthony (2A), Katelyn (2B)

KS2: Gabriella (3A), Dennis (3B), Charlie (4A), Jacob (4B), Caleb (5A), Freya (5B), Alona (6A), Maisie (6B)

The Hubs

In Literacy this week we have been exploring the word 'cosy'. This afternoon we have looked at the items that we used to make our classroom cosy – blankets, cushions and plush toys – and we investigated how they felt. We decided that these 'cosy' items were all soft and we sorted them into a pile of soft objects. We then felt some hard objects such as stones, wood and plastics and sorted these into a different pile. Some of the children were then able to continue working through a selection of hard and soft objects, sorting them independently.



Hub 1

In our wider learning, we've been exploring the word 'soft'. We've been feeling pom poms against our face, soft blankets on our bodies and we've even explored foods that might feel soft in our hands such as cooked peas, carrots and banana mousse.



Nursery

This week the children have been introduced to our Magic Story Box. Our story this half term is 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. After discovering a bag of musical instruments, the children had a go at 'imagined action'. They enjoyed stomping through the mud, tiptoeing through the forest and swimming through the river. They also took part in a sensory walk through the 'swishy swashy' grass.



Reception

This week, we met Wanda in Magic Story World. Wanda is shy and her words get stuck. Her teacher, Miss Cobweb, asked us to help Wanda with her oracy. We used 'Circle packing' to create a potion for Wanda so that it helps her talk.



Year 1

This week, the magic story box arrived to year 1. The children worked together to open the box to find clues to what we were learning in RE. The clues lead us to the tale of Francis of Assisi, we learnt that many Christians believe that Saint Francis of Assisi taught them the importance of looking after nature, then we had a go at pretending to care for our own creature.



Year 2

This week in Maths, we have been looking at place value. One activity we worked as a team to estimate where numbers should go on the number line from 0-100.



Year 3

In Science this week, Year 3 have had lots of fun testing the permeability of different rocks.



Year 4

This term Year 4 are very fortunate to be working with Mr Proctor each week to learn to play the Djembe drums. We have loved playing the different rhythms he has taught us and can't wait to continue our learning!



Year 5

This week, we have been writing monologues as the character Bear from the story 'The Good Bear'. We used ideas from all monologues to create a class version. We then performed this through the drama strategy 'story stick'. We considered the sounds and actions within our scene.



Year 6

We have been learning about animal heroes in Literacy and Reading lessons this week. We used drama to gain a greater understanding of Woytek - the bear who went to war.

We used a rolling drama and traverse to explore why he is deserving of a PDSA medal.



PE News

KS2 parents-would your child like to be a Sports Ambassador?

Sports Ambassadors will be given the chance to become leaders in promoting sports, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle within our school. They will help organise activities, encourage others to participate, and promote values such as respect and fair play.

What will Sports Ambassadors do?

- Encourage classmates to join in sporting activities
- Help organise and support sports events
- Be positive role models by showing teamwork and good sporting etiquette

Sports ambassadors will receive a special badge and will meet with Mrs Adamczyk and Miss Brown each term.

If your child would like to become a Sports Ambassador, please support them in completing the application form given out in PE lessons this week and return it to a member of the PE team by Friday 10th October 2025.

Art News

Focus on Reception

In Reception we have been thinking about Autumn! We drew our autumn leaves and painted them with warm autumn colours, using watercolour pencils. We contrasted these colours with cold colours around our leaves, like the air which is turning colder outside.





We can't wait
to show our
pictures at our
Autumn
exhibition
in November!



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!



From now until Friday 17th October, we are collecting non-perishable food as part of our Harvest celebration. Please bring these into your classroom.

Our Assembly Celebration will be on Monday 20th October—so please bring in as much as you can by then!

We are collecting foods to help support



They have asked for: beans / sausages, juice/ cordial, cereal, meals in a tin, gravy granules, sugar, tea, coffee, sweetcorn, tomato sauce, brown sauce, porridge oats, hot dogs, jam, marmalade, corned beef and oil.

Thank you for your support!



SCHOOL TOURS



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*If you missed our Open Evening or would like to visit
The Oaks Academy before applying for 2026 admission
into Year 7, please scan the QR code and book today -
tour places are limited!*

Tuesday
14th October
9.15am

Wednesday
15th October
9.15am

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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.

TAKEHOME 22nd - 28th September

Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?



In the news this week

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.

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

