

Friday Newsletter

31st January 2025

Attendance

Due to the high volume of child absences on Mondays and Fridays, we will now be implementing home visits on both of these days.

This week, our attendance percentage across school is 95.2%. This is a drop for the second week running!

- 1st place - Giraffes with 100%
- 2nd place - Turtles with 97% attendance
- 3rd place - Eagles with 96.9% attendance

Giraffes have a non-uniform day next Friday, and will be treated to some sweets.

New Changes to Fixed Penalty Fines

Any holidays from September will be under new guidance from Doncaster Council. This guidance is available online, on our website and in the link sent out last week. Also, those who will be fined are:

- all natural parents, whether they are married or not
- all those whose have parental responsibility for a child or young person
- those who have day to day responsibility for the child (i.e. lives with and looks after the child).

It is important to remember that any fine issued by Doncaster Council does not benefit the school, financially. The school is accountable by Ofsted and Doncaster Council to raise the profile of attendance and decrease the number of persistently absent children, and we will continue to work alongside parents to do that.

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance further, or express any concerns about our

attendance procedures, please feel free to contact Ms Woodward.

★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery/Reception am - Mackenzie

Nursery/Reception pm - Eden

Class 1 - Thomas

Class 2 - George

Class 3 - Zara-Mae

Class 4 - Isaac

Class 5 - George P

Class 6 - Casey

Class 7 - Benji

Class 8 - Kai

Class 9 - Millie P

Class 10 - Rebecca

School Procedures for Absentees

First Day of Absence:

The Attendance Officer (AO) will review registers on a daily basis, between 9:00am and 9:30am, noting any children absent without a reason being provided. At 9:30am the AO will ring parent(s) on the contact list. If they have still not heard from the parent(s) or contacts on the list, the AO will send a text message to the parent(s) explaining if they do not contact the school within the next 30 minutes, to explain their child's absence, a home visit may well be conducted by the Designated Safeguarding Team.

If still the Designated Safeguarding Lead does not get a response from the parent(s) after a home visit, a home visit may well be conducted

List, that is absent and we have received no explanation from a parent after ringing every contact on the contact list, will have a visit from the Designated Safeguarding Team. Should

there be no response from the home visit, a call to Social Care and the Police will be made.

Parents' Legal Responsibilities:

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child/ren attend school and are responsible for the consequences of non-attendance.

Support will be offered. This will be communicated to parents through the school prospectus, Home/School Agreements, regular items on school newsletters and Friday letters. Meetings will be arranged with those parents whose child/ren have a pattern of absence or attendance falls below 95%.

These will all develop your understanding of parents' legal responsibilities along with involvement in the School Attendance Panel process where attendance shows no sign of improvements.

For more information, please refer to the attendance policy on our school website.



Nut Free School

We would like to remind parent/carers whose children have packed lunches that we are nut free school. This means packed lunches should **not** have any food items which contain nuts.

Hand Sanitiser

Now that we are coming to the season where there are colds and other viruses and bugs are doing the rounds, we are ensuring that hand sanitiser is in every classroom, office and toilet area for all to use. Parents are asked to make school aware if their child has a skin condition/allergy which prevents them from using the school sanitiser.

Email Addresses

Should you wish to contact your child's class teacher you can do so by emailing the class email. However, this should not be used to report a child absent. All absence calls should be made to the school office.

Nursery nursery@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 1 class1@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 2 class2@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 3 class3@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 4 class4@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 5 class5@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 6 class6@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 7 class7@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 8 class8@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 9 class9@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Class 10 class10@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

Safeguarding, SENCO/Inclusion

safeguarding@westrd.Doncaster.sch.uk

Please remember that we also have an email directly linked to Mrs Lambert and the inclusion team. Please use this for any safeguarding, SEND or inclusion messages that may not be relevant for the class email. Many thanks

Important Notices

- Parent/Carers and those collecting children at the end of the day need to remain behind the cones. A member of SLT and/or a TA will be available to speak to if you have any concerns.
- Now that the icy weather is upon us, it is important to stick to gritted paths, for H&S reasons, when entering and leaving the school site.
- For H&S and safeguarding reasons, playgrounds will be open from 8:35am.
- To keep children and others safe, parents/carers must ensure their child/ren do not run around, ride their bicycles/scooters, etc whilst on the school site. Again, this is for H&S reasons.

Class News

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about the job roles of palaeontologists. We have 'found' our own class dinosaur fossils in the sandpit. In maths, we have been recognising number four. We have discussed our favourite movies to watch, just like Harry from the story 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs.' In Reception, pupils have had the opportunity to retell their key text 'Look Up' using their phonics knowledge. They have been recognising 6, 7 and 8 in Maths. Continuing the space theme

this term, the pupils have impressed us by ordering the planets!

This week in KS1, we have been inspired by our science learning about the moon and stars. Please encourage your children to look at the night sky. This is an amazing website to find out which stars and planets you might see: <https://stellarium-web.org/>. We have continued to develop our understanding of nouns, adjectives and prepositions and used our teamwork skills to create a collaborative collage of the gingerbread house. We have played the glockenspiels in music lessons, learning about tempo and pitch.

This week in LKS2, we have continued our hard work across all subjects with the children showcasing their skills to various visitors and impressing anyone who comes to see them. In Maths the children must be praised endlessly for their amazing MTC scores and continue to strive for more which is commendable. Furthermore, the pieces of writing produced in our English work which saw so many young writers being developed across all three classes. Continue the amazing work LKS2!

Online Safeguarding Age Restriction

We have had a number of incidents in school where children are accessing inappropriate websites and APPs, sharing personal information. Please see age restrictions posters below:-



Dear Parents/Carers, it is with sadness that we say 'farewell' to Miss Latham, one of our fabulous Teaching Assistants. We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Miss Latham for all that she has done, and to wish her well for the future.

Apply for Pupil Premium

For parents in EYFS, use the link below to see if your child is eligible for pupil premium funding. The webpage is: <https://www.gov.uk/get-extra-early-years-funding>. For parents across school, follow the link below to see if your child is eligible for pupil premium funding: [Pupil premium: overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-overview). Alternatively, ask a member of the admin team at the main school reception desk. You will need to bring in a mobile with internet access and have your government gateway log-in details (if you have one).

All new pupil premium applicants will receive a £20 Amazon gift voucher from school.

Staff shout outs

Everyone for working hard and supporting each other this week. Mr Watkins for keeping school looking great.



Headlice

Parents/Carers are advised to check their child's hair regularly for head lice. If found, please treat accordingly.

Facebook

Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with events happening in school.



Our Facebook page is ...

Upcoming dates for diaries:

- 3rd - 7th February - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- 4th February - Y1 Dance Festival at Hungerhill
- 17th - 21st February - Spring half-term holidays
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 6th March - UKS2 Careers event at YWP
- 12th March - Great Athletes Para-Olympian Day
- 15th March - Doncaster UTC Open Day (follow the link for more information: <https://westroadprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/UTC-Open-Day.pdf>)
- 19th March - Road Safety Day
- 21st March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Parent Governor

Apply to be a parent governor at WRPA. If you feel you have the passion and commitment to be a parent governor, please contact Julie Woodward, Headteacher, via the admin email address: admin@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk



Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor, to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in applying, please contact the admin office for an application form. Full details, and an application pack, are also available on the school's website. The closing date is Friday 7th February 2025 (09:00).

Reminder for Parents/Carers

- Gates are locked at 8:50am
- Morning registration closes at 8:55am
- When dropping off/collecting children, parents/carers are asked not to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school front gates

Meditracker

Reminder to parents/carers that Meditracker is our online first aid reporting system that automatically alerts parents/carers of any first aid incident in school via parents' personal email. Bumped head incidents will still require a member of staff to phone home to ask a parent/carer to come to school to check their child.

It is imperative that parents check that their email service is in working order. Please contact the admin office with any updated contact information.

Pitstop

A gentle reminder that the charge for the afterschool provision has increased to £6 per session, per child. In addition, any parent/carer wishing to book their child/children into Pitstop need to do so 24 hours in advance. This is to ensure that we have enough staff and resources for each session. In addition, if parents/carers are late in collecting their child from Pitstop, the £5 penalty will also be chargeable.

Toddler Group

If you are interested in coming along to join in the fun, please message Sheraleigh or just turn up on Monday morning at 9:30am.



TUCK SHOP



20p



30p



50p



10p



let's party!

WEST ROAD

NEON VALENTINE'S SCHOOL DISCO

JOIN THE PARTY

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

3.30PM YEAR 1 TO 3

4.30PM YEAR 4 TO 6

£4 ENTRY FEE

(INCLUDING A PARTY BAG AND FOOD)

Prom '25

The Prom '25 Parent Group are looking for volunteers to support with fundraising for this year's Y6 leavers' prom. If you are able to help, please contact Sheraleigh Clarke via the email admin address: admin@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk (add in the subject bar "Prom '25").

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MAIN DISH	Hot dog served with wedges	Traditional cottage pie	...
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Veggie sausage hotdog with baked wedges	Vegetarian cottage pie	...
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	...
DESSERTS	Chocolate &...	Chocolate &...	...

"Pupils at West Road Primary Academy are proud to be part of the school community."

We are proud of some of the comments Ofsted said about our school.

West Road PRIMARY ACADEMY

Ofsted
Good
Provider

Throughout the school, there is a strong sense of togetherness among pupils.

The school ensures that reading is at the heart of the curriculum.

There is a respectful culture in the school.

Children in the early years get off to a strong start to their education.

Pupils know the importance of being tolerant and treating others with respect.



West Road
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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to commit to the following pledges which will take less
learning, helping them widen their school experience
will also ensure that all young people can benefit from
help them have a rewarding and fulfilling life.

The pledges will enable children to participate actively

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which



