

Friday Newsletter

9th May 2025

Class News

This week in Nursery, we have been comparing different measurements of items that can be found in our planting area, such as carrots and sticks. We have looked at the length of these items, using new vocabulary of 'longer' and 'shorter.' We have started to read our new class story "Oliver's Vegetables" and have loved making our own vegetable soup!

In Reception, we have started to read our new text, "The Enormous Turnip". The children enjoyed listening to and acting out the story. In maths we been looking at shapes and how we can make other shapes from these. During our RE lesson we learnt all about the creation story and talked about why our world is special. We really enjoyed our PE dance session with coach Shelly. We travelled around the world and learnt dances from different countries. A super week, well done everyone.

This week in KS1, we have learnt more about plants. We have found out how and why they disperse their seeds. We have drawn boats to add to our seascapes in art. In English lessons, we have written character descriptions. Year 1 children have been learning about multiplication by counting sets of objects in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In LKS2 this week, we have been collecting further knowledge on Buckingham Palace in order to write an estate agent listing for it. In French, we have been practising being able to pronounce fruits in French and also say 'the' instead of 'a'. In art, we have been studying monuments of the Byzantine Empire and have been recreating some intricate patterns.

This week in UKS2, we have been learning about the Sahara Desert in Africa. We learnt about the process of desertification and the reasons why it is affecting the Sahara Desert. In English lessons, we have been reading more of our novel, "The Butterfly Lion". We are really enjoying the story so far and lots of us can't put the book down! In maths, we have been learning about perimeter and how to calculate the perimeter of a shape with missing lengths.

★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery/Reception am - Rosalei

Nursery/Reception pm - River

Class 1 - Leo and Tommy Lee

Class 2 - Ivy

Class 3 - Macey

Class 4 - Isaac

Class 5 - Wade

Class 6 - Casey

Class 7 - Elizabeth

Class 8 - Leo

Class 9 - Mason

Class 10 - Remie

Upcoming dates for diaries:

- 12th-16th May - Y6 SATs Week
- 12th-16th May - Mental Health Week
- 19th-23rd May - Walk to School Week
- 20th May - Y6 Rounders Festival, Hungerhill
- 21st May - Y5 Taster Morning, Trinity
- 21st May - LKS2 Cookathon afternoon
- 22nd May - Y6 Transition Day, Nth Axholme
- 23rd May - Sporty Non-Uniform Day
- 26th-30th May - Summer Half-term holiday

Attendance

This week, our attendance percentage across school is 95.1%. This is a drop, again, on last week's attendance.

- 1st place - Flamingos with 100% attendance
- 2nd place - Eagles with 99.1% attendance
- 3rd place - Honey Bees with 98.3% attendance

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

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

Reminders 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

Clothes

Now that the weather is picking up, and we are having warm, sunny days, it is important that children bring a hat to school and have sun cream applied at home.

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.



Headlice

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

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

Farewell

Today, we say farewell to Miss Bissell. She has been a fantastic TA and will be missed by staff and pupils. We would like to wish her well in her new role.

Facebook

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

Our Facebook page is ...



Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

Leavers hoodies
Get ready for your end of school year with our leavers hoodies.
Hoodies come in over 20+ colours, sizes starting from small child to adults with a range of designs available.
Price is £20 each
Order yours today at www.jlcprints.co.uk
JLC PRINTS

All Y6 pupils were given a leaflet containing information and details on how to order their leavers' hoodie. Parents/Carers need to scan the QR code to place

their order and make payment directly with JLC Print. The hoodies will then be delivered directly to school and distributed by staff.



We are excited to announce that B. Ware will be visiting school on Thursday 19th June with 'WARNING: May Contain Dragons' - her second children's book (suitable for all ages). If parents wish to, they can purchase a copy via

linktr.ee/bwareauthor which their child can bring along on the day for the author to sign (it's currently on offer on Amazon for £8.15). B. Ware will also be selling signed copies at the retail price of £8.99 (via cash or card payments) at the end of the school day. Simply

send your child in with cash in an envelope on the day (change will be available), or pop by the stall in the playground at home time.

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

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.

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 the Designated Safeguarding Lead does not get a response from the parent(s) after a home visit, a home visit may well be conducted by the Police. Any child on the Child Protection 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.

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 9:00am.

Nursery Places Available at West Road Primary Academy

Don't Miss Out!
We are now taking bookings for nursery places starting in September through to January 2026.

- 15 & 30 hour funded places available from age 3

The recent Ofsted inspection, February 2025, graded our school as 'Good'. Comments in the Ofsted report, published in March 2025, include: "This is a safe and happy school", "Staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour", "There is a wide range of opportunities that extend beyond the curriculum", "In the early years, the content of the curriculum is carefully considered", "What children learn in Reception builds securely on what they learn in Nursery".

Why not come and have a look around and stay for a play day or, to secure your place contact the school.

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Sporty Non Uniform Day

Friday 23rd May

Come dressed in your favourite sportswear for £1 donation

All proceeds go towards Prom 25

TUCK SHOP

- 20p
- 30p
- 20p
- 30p
- 50p
- 50p
- 30p

NEW Wraparound Care offer at WRPA

We offer wraparound care for our pupils, from 8:00am until 5:30pm, each day.

Our lucky pupils begin the day with Breakfast Club, from 8:00 - 8:30am, where they choose from a selection of cereals, toast or pancakes and juices, served by our friendly and supportive staff. During this time, they are able to participate in activities such as Energy Dance, multi-skills, reading and much, much more!

At the end of the school day, we provide after-school care with our Afterschool Club. Daily sessions run from 3:15pm to 5:30pm (from June). Pupils attending Afterschool Club will enjoy fun activities and a light tea - with meals ranging from Spaghetti Bolognese, chicken wraps, jacket potato or sandwiches. During the warm, light evenings, activities will take place outside, like netball, football, rounders, art activities, film club, story time, dance and much, much more!

The cost of Breakfast Club (from June) will be £2.00 per child, per day, and the cost of Afterschool Club (from June) will be £7.50 per child, per day.

Why not take advantage of our 'Wraparound Care' offer at **£8.50** per child, per day, if booked a week in advance. All payments must be made via ParentPay.

To book your child into one or both clubs, please contact the school office.
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Going places in South Yorks.

Get there with cheaper travel on Bus, Tram and Train with a Zoom U16 pass.

Apply now at: travelsouthyorkshire.com/zoomU16

Zoom

Travel

Week 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN Option	Vegetarian pasta Bolognese bake	Beef Burger (with or without cheese) Potato wedges	Roast chicken Yorkshire Pudding Mashed potato and gravy	Chicken Korma And rice	Fish fingers and chips
Vegetarian Option	Meat free Ragu With pasta	Quorn burger (with or without cheese) Potato wedges	Vegetarian Quorn fillet Yorkshire pudding Mashed potato And gravy	Stirfry with chicken Style pieces With noodles	Vegetable fingers
 Vegetables	Peas carrots Salad bar	Corn on cob Baked beans Salad bar	Carrots Broccoli Salad bar	Peas sweetcorn Salad bar	Mushy peas Baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Chocolate Brownie And Custard	Sprinkle Cake	Ice Cream	Sticky Toffee Pudding and Custard	Whip and fruit
	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
	Cheese Sandwich Jacket Potato	Ham Sandwich Jacket Potato	Tuna Sandwich Jacket Potato	Cheese Sandwich Jacket Potato	Ham Sandwich Jacket Potato



"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



There is a respectful culture in the school.

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

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

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

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



Trust Pledges

Our Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (BFLPT) Pledges have been co-constructed with our schools to support the development of the whole child. We want our students and pupils to leave our Trust with the knowledge, confidence and skills to be successful in the future so they can access high quality careers and fulfill their dreams and ambitions.

We have high expectations of our children and young people in terms of their behaviour and attitudes, with a strong focus on good manners, reliability, and punctuality. We also expect them to commit to the following pledges which will take learning beyond the boundaries of traditional learning, helping them widen their school experiences and become active citizens. Our pledges will also ensure that all young people can benefit from the same experiences and opportunities to help them have a rewarding and fulfilling life.

The pledges will enable children to participate actively, lead by example and commit to the service of others.

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Our Pledges:

1. **Fully participate in the life of the school** – this could mean being part of the school leadership, making a difference to other pupils in the school, leading on an initiative such as ECO schools, leading a reading group, leading a debate, writing a school play, taking on an ambassadorial role either in school or out, learn to ride a bike or lead a healthy school's initiative.
2. **Participate in at least 3 assemblies** or contribute to organising a class activity or key event in the school.
3. **Engage in an activity / participate in a community-based project.**
4. **Attend an experience/ visit that extends beyond the curriculum** and that is outside of the child's familiar context or Doncaster.
5. **Take part either on stage or behind the scenes in a school production.**
6. **Be an advocate for the environment and sustainability of the school and beyond** – this could include completing regular litter picks, improving the school environment, help organise a recycling scheme, lead a gardening/environmental project.
7. **Plan, organise and participate in a fundraising event** which is pupil led.
8. **Represent the Trust in a sporting, cultural or academic event.**
9. **Take part in a residential trip.**
10. **Visit a place of significant cultural difference within the UK.**
11. **Take part in a formal presentation to an audience-** this may include learning a group dance, reciting poetry, singing a song in assembly, playing a musical instrument.
12. **Be enterprising** – this may include selling something you have made, opening and run a school shop, raising money for charity, taking part in service outside the school such as scouts, police cadets.

Online Safety Newsletter

Jan 2025

Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

What should I be concerned about?

Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further information

<https://swgill.org.uk/topics/social-media/>

Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 due to moderate violence, meaning it is not suitable for children under the age of 12.



What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Fortnite Battle Royale, which is free to play (although it contains in-app purchases). In Battle Royale, up to one hundred players compete against each other until one winner remains.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting and inappropriate language:** Fortnite includes voice and text chat, which may mean your child encounters strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report/block any players that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **In app purchases:** Players can purchase V-Bucks so make sure you restrict purchases and do not store your card details.

Parental Controls

Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:

- disable voice chat
- filter language
- manage which experiences your child can access based on their age
- set a PIN to add friends
- set a PIN for purchases
- set time limits
- set appropriate privacy settings.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Reporting/Blocking Features

As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

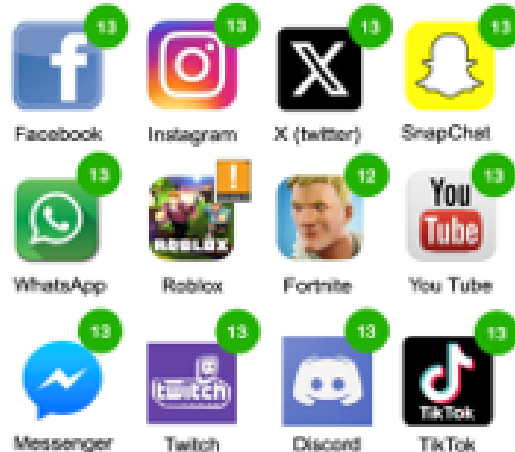
Further information

You can find out more here:

- <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite>

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGL have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swgl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>