

Friday Newsletter

6th June 2025

Class News

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about the job role of astronauts as part of our new curriculum unit about adventurers. In maths, we have been recognising when a group has more than the other. The pupils have impressed all their teachers in phonics with their writing of our new sound 'r.' Excellent work!

In Reception this week, we have enjoyed learning about our new story 'The Hare and the Tortoise'. The children have produced some brilliant story maps. In maths, we have enjoyed learning about repeating patterns. In curriculum, we have been learning about temples in Ancient Greece. Well done Reception for a super week.

This week, KS1 have written non-fiction reports based on their science learning last half term. Year 1s have learnt more about fractions in maths and now know how to find quarter of a shape or quantity. Year 2 children are working hard to improve their arithmetic scores. The children have begun their learning about electricity in science.

This week in LKS2, we have had a fantastic first week back, working really hard across many different areas. We have started our new book, 'Leon and the Place Between', which has had the children really hooked on learning all about the circus. We have also moved onto multiple different topics including The Stuarts, Electricity and Japan in Geography. Keep up this hard work throughout our summer term LKS2.

This week in UKS2, we have been learning about our Human Rights in History and as part of our RE too. In maths, we are learning about shapes and particularly turns and angles. We have begun learning about Evolution in science and are continuing to learn about the Impressionists in Art.



Star of the Week



Nursery/Reception am - Arthur J

Nursery/Reception pm - River

Class 1 - Nick

Class 2 - Francly

Class 3 - David

Class 4 - Jaxson

Class 5 - Maisie

Class 6 - Dahlia

Class 7 - Tia

Class 8 - Thomas

Class 9 - Deacon

Class 10 - Roarke

Upcoming dates for diaries:

- 9th June - Alright Charlie Workshop
- 9th-13th June - Healthy Eating Week
- 9th-13th June - Y2 Phonics Screening Checks
- 12th June - Breakfast Club and Pitstop Taster Sessions for Parents (see poster)
- 19th June - B.Ware author visit
- 23rd June - Drown Prevention Day
- 25th June - KS2 CAST Trip
- 1st July - UKS2 Sports Day
- 2nd July - EYFS Sports Day
- 3rd July - KS1 Sports Day
- 4th July - LKS2 Sports Day
- 4th July - Y6 Graduation
- 4th July - Y6 Prom

- 7th July - Big Top Day Circus Skills Workshop
- 8th-11th July - Y5 Bikeability
- 9th-11th July - Y6 Transition Days at Trinity
- 21st-23rd July - Staff Training Days
- 24th July-29th August - Summer Holidays

Attendance

This week, our attendance percentage across school is 94.3%. This is a significant drop on the previous school week's attendance.

1st place - Giraffes with 99.3% attendance

2nd place - Sharks with 98.8% attendance

3rd place - Bunnies with 96.55% attendance

Giraffes have a non-uniform day next Friday and 15 mins extra playtime across the week.

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



Facebook

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



Y6 Leavers' Hoodies



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.

Does your child have additional needs?

Are you worried about them transitioning to secondary school?

Solihull Online have put together short courses for parents who have children with additional needs, and who will be transitioning from primary to secondary school this September. There are only 2 modules to it, but it has good information and points for parents to consider. It is called 'Moving up to Secondary school for children with additional needs'. It can be accessed the usual

way: www.inourplace.co.uk using the free code **STGEORGE**.

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.

Wraparound Care Offer












From 2nd June, we are offering 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. 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. However, 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.

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Come along and enjoy fun activities with friends whilst enjoying ...			
... breakfast at Breakfast Club , 8:00 - 8:30am, every day.			
Monday	Selection of games/activities and reading		Spaghetti on Toast or Cereals
Tuesday	Film morning		Cheese on Toast or Cereals
Wednesday	Energy Dance		Fresh fruit on pancakes or Cereals
Thursday	Selection of games/activities and reading		Cheesy Scrambled Eggs or Cereals
Friday	Multi-skills with Mr Cooke		Beans & Sausages on Toast or Cereals
...and fun activities and a meal with friends at After-School Club , 3:15 - 5:30pm, every day			
Monday	Preparing and washing our tyres to design		Homemade Pizza
Tuesday	Decorating our tyres and preparing to plant		Shepherd's Pie
Wednesday	Planting our flowers/seeds		Chicken Curry
Thursday	Making bird feeders and picnic on the field		Teddy Bears picnic
Friday	Multi skills with Mr Cooke and gardening		Chicken Goujons and salad
The Wraparound Care Offer costs just £8.50 per child, per day if booked a week in advance			

**Free tastar session
for you and your child
Breakfast club and
Pitstop**

Thursday 12th June
8:00 - 8:30 / 3:15 - 5:30

NEW Wraparound Care offer at WRPA

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To book your child into one or both clubs, please contact the school office.
admin@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
01405 812734

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.

WEST ROAD ACADEMY PRESENTS

PLAYGROUP

*Painting *Messy play * Crafts * Toys
And so much more.

**EVERY MONDAY
(TERM TIME)**

9.00 - 11 am

Suitable from birth to 5 years

Refreshments available for a small donation

West Road Primary Academy
West Road
Moorends
DN84LH

TUCK SHOP

20p

30p

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West Road
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Pit Stop Afterschool Club 3:15 - 5:30pm (w/b 9th June 2025)

(Pre-book and pay via ParentPay)

Come along and enjoy fun activities with friends whilst enjoying a meal.

Coming up.....

Designing and painting cards	Making and decorating gifts
Gardening	Baking cakes and biscuits/ Rugby
Multi skills with Mr Cooke, and decorating cakes/biscuits	

Menu for the week

Monday - Homemade Tomato Soup

Tuesday - Pasta in Sauce

Wednesday - Chinese Stir Fry

Thursday - Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans

Friday - Spaghetti Bolognese

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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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

NUTRITIONIST
APPROVED ✓

"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.




West Road
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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 fulfil 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://www.ifl.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

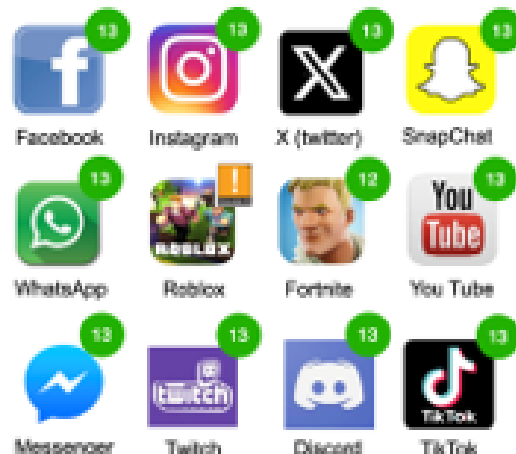
You can find out more here:

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

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
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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://eeegamesmart.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 [SWGFL](https://www.swgfl.org.uk) have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

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