



WESTWOOD NEWS

Autumn Term (1) 2022



Dear Families,

What a busy start to academic year it has been!

The school has been a hive of activity and the children have been so engaged in the learning opportunities across the school.

Children throughout the school have enjoyed the learning our woodlands have offered. KS1 have been team building, LKS2 have been exploring science in the woods and UKS2 have been inspired by the natural environment to produce some wonderful pieces of art.

Each phase of the school has had a share session and we are so grateful to all of the parents who attended. It is always so lovely to see families learning with their children. More sessions are planned for next half term as well as Christmas performances! The first week back also sees the return of face to face parent's evenings where teachers will be able to show you examples of your child's work this year so far.

The book fayre was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many children eager to buy books. A huge thank you to all of the families who are regularly reading at home with their children too! Children in KS1 and EYFS love collecting cubes for their class tubes and the children in KS2 are talking with such confidence around books they are reading!

The before and afterschool clubs have been another big hit with the children and so many children are signed up for such a wide range of activities—please speak to Miss Brinded or Mrs Fairweather in the office for details of how to sign up for next half term.

As the weather changes and the dark days draw in, please remember to send your child to school in a warm coat and where possible something bright or reflective so they can be easily seen.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school, it really is our pleasure teaching your children and working with our local community.

We are so Proud to be Westwood!

Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on

Monday 31st October
Mrs Aldous & Ms Creed



Pre-School, Nursery & Reception

This term in Nursery and Pre-school we have been meeting our new friends and teachers and learning the routines of school. We also met our new class mascot Patrick the Panda, he comes home with one of us every weekend.



Our topic is 'All about me', we have been reading stories about lots of different people, we have made new friends and have been learning that we all like different things and that is ok.

We have also been getting messy by mixing different textures, listening walks around the whole school and we even turned our classroom into a hair salon, creating crazy hair styles!



We have been singing songs in Maths as well as counting lots of different objects and beginning to subitise!



In our woodland learning we have explored the changes of the season, making dens and been on nature hunts around the school grounds.

Reception class had a fantastic first term at school! We are very proud of how fast they settled into school life, made new friendships and followed new class routines. We started phonics from day one and it is great to see the children excited about reading and writing daily. Our parents also enjoyed coming in to play and watch our ELS sessions.

Our topic this term was called 'Marvellous Me!' Where we have read a range of books that have sparked conversations about similarities, differences, likes, dislikes and being unique. Together as a team Reception created their own class rules, a kindness jar and discussed the importance of respecting others.

In Maths we have been very busy! From practising the skill to subitise up to 6, counting sets of objects, comparing amounts, ordering numbers and measuring height.

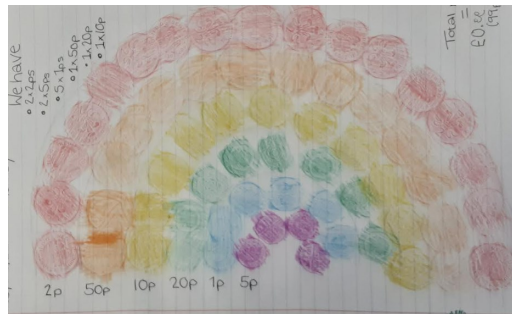


We are looking forward to next term, have a lovely break.

Years 1 & 2

We have had a fantastic first half term in Key Stage 1, we have been learning all about our family history.

The homework the children have produced this half term has been incredible. Thank you for all your support



We have been exploring different drawing techniques in Art and enjoyed creating some fantastic sketches of the 3 little pigs huts using different lines.



Year 3 and 4

This term we have carried out our topic of The Americas with our specific focus on Geography of North and South America. We have also been using different elements of Art to help with our drawing this term. We put all of the elements we had learnt into imagining what the Hippocrump would look like. Here is our work in action.



We were lucky enough to have Storie Storie's Alim Kamara come in to talk to us about Black History Month and listen to stories from African culture.



We went on our Harvest Festival to the church- we all walked very sensibly and our teachers were super proud.



Year 5 and 6

This term we have carried out our topic of Protecting Our Environment. In our Science we have been looking at properties of materials and we sorted mixed materials.



We had a visit from Anglian Water for a drama workshop to teach us about saving water.



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Sporting Success

ALT Tournaments

What a half term for sport at Westwood! It started with The UKS2 tag rugby in which the tournament was aimed at respect over winning games. All of the children showed amazing respect and played some very good rugby resulting in 6th place out of 14! Then we had the UKS2 football event in which both the boys and girls got the opportunity to test themselves against all of the schools in Lowestoft. Both teams were unbeaten and ended up 6th place on goals scored.

Our ALT events this half term were some of the most successful that we have had. This half term we have had 2 1st places, one 2nd place, one 3rd place and a 5th place! Our two trophies were in Year 3 football and KSI football, at these tournaments they award players of the tournaments and we had Faith, Jake and Stanley win these awards for their football ability but also their desire to be the best that they can be!



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Diary Dates

31st October	Children return to school
1st & 2nd November	Parents Evenings
2nd November	Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Year 6)
8th November	Dodgeball competition LKS2
9th November	ALT Year 4 Football tournament
10th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew
11th November	EYFS and KSI Diwali Workshop
15th November	Year 2/3 Matball tournament
16th November	Odd Sock day
17th November	Happy Smiles workshops Reception, Year 3 and 4
22nd November	EYFS Rocket Share Session
23rd November	KSI Rocket Share Session
24th November	LKS2 Rocket Share Session
25th November	UKS2 Rocket Share Session
2nd December	Bedtime stories
8th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
12th December	KSI Christmas Performance
13th December	Reception Christmas Performance, Church service for Main School
14th December	LKS2 Christmas Performance
15th December	UKS2 Christmas Performance
16th December	Last day of term –Santa visit and Elf day

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Diamond = 1344

Ruby = 1232

Emerald = 1712

Sapphire = 1172

Congratulations Emerald your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE.

Our new attendance policy is available on the school website. Please ensure holidays and appointments are made out side of school hours and where possible in the school holidays

READING

A new reading newsletter will be published in the Autumn term—Watch this space!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have had a fantastic range of lunchtime and after school clubs available for the children to enjoy this half term.. Please take a look at the offer for Autumn 2 and sign children up at the office.

Autumn Term (2) Clubs 2022 P.E SHED/MR SYED/ SCHOOL STAFF

Day	Breakfast 8.00am - 8.30am	Lunch 12pm - 1pm	After School 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Monday	Basketball - Years 1 to 6	Tournament Prep - 12-1.00	Friends, Feathers & Fun - Miss Bow & Mrs Eccleston Years 1, 2 & 3 Give it a Go (Multi-Sports) - Years 5 & 6
Tuesday	Hockey - Years 1 to 6	Tournament Prep - 12-1.00	Board Games - Miss Thompson - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Games - 1 & 2
Wednesday	Give it a Go (Multi-Sports) Years 1 to 6	Tournament Prep - 12-1.00 Rock Choir - Mr Syed - 12-1.00 Years 1 to 6	Friends, Feathers & Fun - Miss Bow & Mrs Eccleston Years 4, 5 & 6 Construction - Miss Willeard - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	Dodgeball - Years 1 to 6	Tournament Prep 12-1.00 Computing - Mr Taylor - 12-12:30 Years 1 to 6	Horrible Histories Terrible Tudors - Mr Moore Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Table Tennis - Mr Taylor - Years 4, 5 & 6 Football & Tchoukball - Years 3 & 4
Friday	Football - Years 1 to 6	Tournament Prep - 12-1.00	Basketball - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website as we update this regularly. The address is:

www.westwoodprimary.org



You can also follow us on:



Twitter: @Westwood School
Facebook: Westwood Primary School



Instagram: westwoodprimary

CONTACT DETAILS

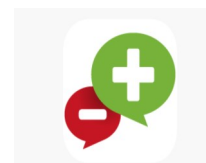
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

We MUST have two contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.



PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you sign up to ParentMail, this is how you will receive ALL means of communication.



ALLERGY INFORMATION

As you will already be aware, we are a nut-free school - we have children who have allergies to a variety of different nuts as well as peanuts—and ask that parents check the ingredients of items in packed lunches, avoiding anything that states it contains nuts.

Please speak to the school office, if you have any problems - paper copies may be available upon request.



SEND News



Is your child coping at school?

The new school year is now well under way and our children have settled into their new classes.

However, if you feel that your child needs extra help with their school work or wellbeing, then please call in to see the SEND/ pastoral team either by making an appointment with the class teacher, emailing myself or SEND team directly or making an appointment at the main office.

Here are some examples of the concerns that you may have about your child:

- difficulties with reading, writing, spelling or mathematics work,
- a medical or health problem;
- emotional or behavioural problems;
- a problem with sight, hearing or speech;
- a physical disability;

These are just examples. Your child may have more general difficulties with schoolwork. It can seem quite scary and daunting to admit to ourselves as parents that our children may have additional needs, but the sooner we are aware of problems, the sooner we can deal with them. We strive to make ALL of our children feel special. Having Special Educational Needs or additional support does not mean that your child will be singled out or made to feel different in any way.

We strive to improve our communication with parent and carers.

Please do not hesitate to seek help and reassurance from myself or any other member of staff, even if you feel that the issue may be quite trivial. We are more than happy to share your worries, and will treat any issues that you bring to our attention in the strictest of confidence.

Spotlight on sensory support

A sensory support or sensory strategy is any equipment or technique that increases or decreases sensory input to help a student to focus and learn. Lots of children benefit from a movement break, and we make them a part of our day across school using various resources .

If your child needs a bit more help in the classroom, these are some of the strategies that we might use.

Fiddle toys, move 'n' sit cushions, chew toys, resistance bands on chair legs, movement break cards, ear defenders, calm spaces, time outside etc.



We also run a daily sensory circuit for children who may need help to increase or decrease their alertness ready to start the day. We will contact you if we feel that your child would benefit from this activity which is run by trained teaching assistants.



Safeguarding and Mental Health News



Lowestoft F.I.S.H provides a hot, 2 course meal for the whole family, not just the child. Please send a private message to be booked in.

<https://www.facebook.com/lowestoftfish>

HALF-TERM: OCTOBER 2022				MENU	
DATE	MEAL	VENUE	VENUE ADDRESS	MAIN	DESSERT
Monday 24 October	Lunch (Eat in)	Christ Church	Whapload Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1XD	Sausages, Potatoes and Veg	Fruit Crumble and Custard
Tuesday 25 October	Lunch (Eat in and takeaway)	St Luke's Church	62 Homefield Avenue, Lowestoft, NR33 9BX	Sausage and Vegetable Stew with Cheesy Potatoes and Peas	Tray Bake
Wednesday 26 October	Breakfast (Eat in)	Beresford Road Evangelical Church	(Rear of 51) Beresford Road, Lowestoft, NR32 2NQ	Bacon rolls, cereals etc	
Wednesday 26 October	Lunch (Takeaway)	All Saints and St Margaret's Church, PAKEFIELD	Causeway, Pakefield, NR33 0JZ	Chicken Pasta Bake	Chocolate Chip Muffins
Wednesday 26 October	Lunch (Takeaway)	Gunton Baptist Church	Montgomery Avenue, Lowestoft, NR32 4DZ	Chicken and Butternut Squash Casserole and Jacket Potato	Cake
Thursday 27 October	Breakfast (Eat in)	Whitton Life Community Hub	4 The Green, Whitton, Lowestoft, NR33 9AZ	Bacon rolls, cereals etc	
Thursday 27 October	Lunch (Eat in)	St Andrew's Church	Roman Road, Lowestoft, NR32 2DQ	Sandwiches and Toasties	Yoghurt or Cake
Friday 28 October	Lunch (Eat in)	Salvation Army	9 Carlton Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0RU	Sausage, Mash and Beans	Apple Crumble and Custard



**SUFFOLK
PARENT
HUB**

The Suffolk County Council Website has a specific section for parents that includes advice and guidance on topics such as online safety, young carers, SEND and a whole host of other useful information.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childcare->

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Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

M

Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A

Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

T

Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you are worried about a child, talk to your Safeguarding Lead within your own organisation to discuss your concerns at the earliest opportunity.

You can also seek advice from the MASH
Professional Consultation Line: 0345 6061499



People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of contact, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



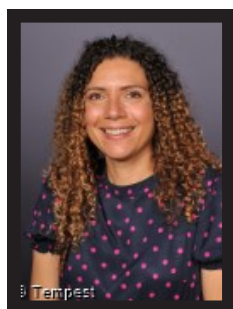
Mrs Rae Aldous
Executive
Headteacher



Ms Louise Creed
Executive
Head of School



Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors



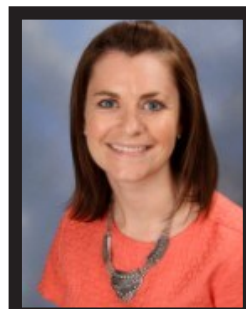
Mrs Danielle Gillings
Assistant
Headteacher
EYFS Lead



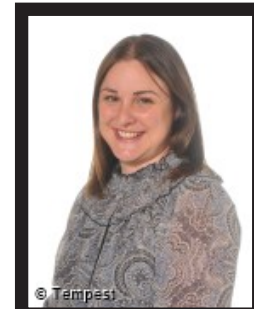
Miss Beth Jones
Assistant Headteacher
KSI Lead



Mrs Rachel Kounnas
Assistant
Headteacher
KS2 Lead



Mrs Kelly Hough
Assistant
Headteacher
Teaching and



Mrs Kate Grey
Assistant Headteacher
SENDCo



Mrs Natalie Taylor
Parent and Pupil
Support Advisor



Mrs Sarah Bayfield
SENCO



Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding
Governor