



WESTWOOD NEWS

Autumn Term (1) 2021



Dear Families,

What an action packed half term this has been! The children have fully embraced the learning in their new year groups and have studied so many aspects of the curriculum already - please do keep an eye on our Facebook page for weekly updates of all the learning taking place in each class!

It was so good to be back in the church for our annual Harvest festival this half term. To be all together under one roof, singing and celebrating was a moment we have all looked forward to for such a long time. The donations we received from the local community for the foodbank were truly overwhelming - thank you for all your support!

In September, our academy sponsors, The Active Learning Trust, launched three new hashtags, which underpin their work: #ActiveLeaders #ActiveLearners #ActiveCitizens. We instantly recognised these as being the skills for life we promote in school so we have adapted the awards we hand out in our Friday Celebration Assemblies and will be handing out matching pin badges alongside the certificates.



Throughout the year, we apply for grants to support our activities in school. We are pleased to inform you that we have just been awarded £1000 from Kellogg's to spend on our Breakfast Club as well as £500 from The Ernest Cook Trust to spend on outdoor learning and £1000 from Tesco to spend on our outdoor environment.

We are very pleased and excited to tell you that we will very soon have two new members of Team Westwood! Mr Stent and his wife are expecting their first child at the end of October and Mrs Bayfield and her husband are expecting their second child in early December so she will be starting her maternity leave in November. We wish them and their families all the very best and can't wait to hear of their new arrivals!

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 Autumn half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 1st November**.

Mrs Aldous & Mrs Barnes



Nursery & Reception

Nursery

Nursery have settled in fantastically this term and been very busy! Along with learning the class rules and routines in school, we first shared the story 'Super Duper You'. This sparked conversation about our similarities, differences, likes and dislikes. Which then led to us talking about what we want to be when we grow up.

We read the story 'When I grow up' and within our play we pretended to be firemen, police, doctors, royals, scientists and even astronauts where we practiced flying rockets we built.



When Harvest Festival approached we practiced a new song to help us understand how to grow food. As a class we collected food donations for the local food bank and entered a



scarecrow competition to hopefully win a trip to a farm. Nursery worked well together to make our superhero scarecrow and decided to call him Straw lord. Following on from our superhero theme, luckily Supertato came into Nursery to help us find Evil Pea who was causing lots of mayhem in class.

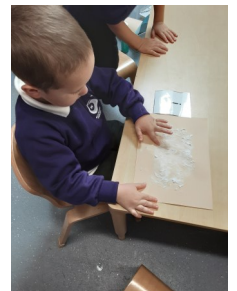


Reception

We have had a fabulous half term in Reception.

The children found a web in the woods and thought a superhero had been to our woods. From this the children helped create a super potion to encourage the superhero to come back.

We have learnt these phonemes s/a/t/p/i/n/m/d/g/o/c/k/ck/e/u/ r in phonics.



In maths we have been using dice, number lines, number fans, and 5 frames to help us recognise number up to 5. We have been exploring using maps, and even made our own ones in the woods and using paper. Lastly we have entered a scarecrow competition, by making our Westwood chickens using hay, tights and feathers.

Years 1 & 2

Key Stage 1 have had the best first half term exploring our local area. We have explored our school grounds and surrounding area.

Year 2 welcomed a mystery reader! What a fantastic surprise.

Our football team were super stars and achieved 3rd and 4th place in their competition.

We have helped Mr Grinling the Lighthouse keeper to get his lunch after finding a ruined picnic in our classrooms due to the pesky Seagulls. We have also written our own stories of the Lighthouse keepers lunch.

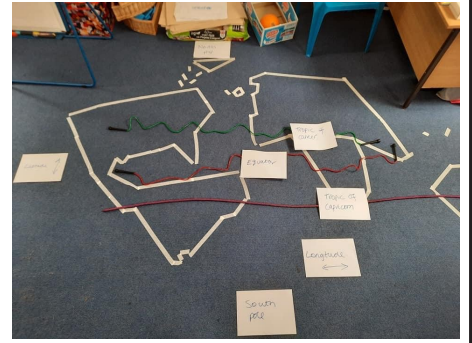
Our fantastic first half term together in Key Stage One has been topped off with our Halloween dress up day. Just look at some of our wonderful costumes.

All of the Key Stage 1 team are wishing you all a restful half term and looking forward to seeing you all after the break for the count down to Chr... Our favourite half term!



Years 3 & 4

This half term Lower Key Stage 2 have studied our Geography topic- Where in The World . We have been collecting our work to give a presentation on all that we have learnt. We have looked at the equator, the tropics and time zones.



Our Harvest Festival was a huge success, with the children walking to and from the church in such a great manner. There was some fantastic reading from Lower Key Stage 2.



The Year 3 Football team took part in the ALT tournament- we can't wait to see more sporting events in the coming term.

Year 3s have begun their whole class ukulele sessions, which have seen them learn to read music on the stave. We can't wait for some performances in the future.

It has been a super start to the year, rest up over half term and we can't wait to welcome you back for the Christmas term!

Years 5 & 6

Firstly, the Upper Key Stage Two team have been so impressed with the mature, motivated and inquisitive learners we have had this half term. They have been such great role models for the younger children in the school and have grasped opportunities with both hands.

Well done UKS2; we are very proud of you all.

Our Science Learning



Our Science unit this half term has been Evolution and Inheritance. The pupils started by looking at animal adaptations and created some fantastic home learning projects. During the unit, we had evolutionary biologist, Ben Garrod, meet with us virtually to tell us so many amazing facts about how animals have evolved over the years. It was fascinating!



Woodland Art Sessions



The children have really enjoyed their Woodland Art sessions over the last few weeks. The focus has been on collage and landscape art. They have explored the work of Andy Goldsworthy and created their own land art silhouettes. Also, they have developed their weaving skills and have used natural resources to create some effective weaving patterns.



Carlton Marshes



To support our Science learning of adaptation and evolution, both classes spent a day at Carlton Marshes. We looked at the journey Charles Darwin took and the things he studied on his voyage across the world, different fossils and how animals such as caterpillars have adapted to suit the environment they live in.



Year 5/6 Bikeability sessions



Developing our Hockey skills



Enjoying our Reading for Pleasure sessions in the library

Sporting Success

During this half term, there has been lots of sporting action from ALT tournaments, North Suffolk Sports Partnership competitions and Sports clubs!

ALT Tournaments

Year 3 Boys football

Amazing behaviour, sportsmanship and friendship saw our Year 3 team come 3rd in this tournament! Even in the rain, they all tried their best! A fantastic first sports tournament for this school year!



Years 1 & 2 mixed football



Both teams worked so hard and demonstrated brilliant teamwork & sportsmanship skills. We managed to secure 3rd & 4th place!



North Suffolk Sports Partnership Competitions

Year 6 mixed tag rugby

Despite the weather, the children showed great respect and resilience throughout all of their games!



Year 6 boys football & Year 6 girls football

Our final competition of the half term saw both teams play some hard fought matches with some incredible results.



Sports Clubs

This half term was very busy with a large number of before school, lunchtime and after school sports clubs on offer. All clubs had a full register with at least 5 children on the waiting list! It was great to see so many children joining in and keeping active.

Upcoming Fixtures

Friday 12th November - Year 4 boys football @ Red Oak

Friday 19th November - Years 5 & 6 mixed basketball @ Red Oak

#BETHEBESTTHATYOUCANBE

Diary Dates

There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!

Friday 22nd October	Last Day of the half term
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half Term Holidays
Monday 1st November	Children return to school
Tuesday 2nd November & Wednesday 3rd November	Parent Interviews – online via School Cloud
Thursday 4th November	Storie Storie sessions in school
Friday 5th November	Carlton Marshes in school to work with Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 9th November	Science Production in school for Year 5
Thursday 11th November	Year 6 at Crucial Crew
Thursday 18th November	Pudsey Bear visiting school!
Friday 19th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 23rd November	Year 3 & 4 at Norwich Castle Trip
Friday 26th November	Non uniform day - PTFA Rainbow Hamper donations
Wednesday 1st December	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 2nd December	PCSO Winn assemblies in school
Thursday 9th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Service at St Mark's Church
Friday 17th December	Last Day of the half term
Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4th January	Children return to school

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Ruby = 867

Sapphire = 864

Emerald = 852

Diamond = 790

Congratulations Ruby, your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE

Each week, our office team calculates the attendance for each class and the winner is announced in our Celebration assembly.

Already, Year 4 have enjoyed a breakfast with their teachers for winning 3 times!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have had a fantastic range of lunchtime and after school clubs available for the children to enjoy this half term: mindfulness, sewing, art, media & fashion, rock choir, board games, Spanish, art & DT, debating, music, chickens, singing & signing and book club..



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

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

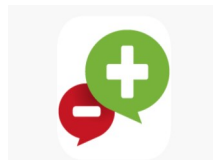
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

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.



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

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



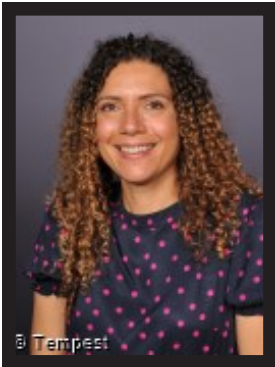
Mrs Lauraine Barnes
Westwood
Head of School



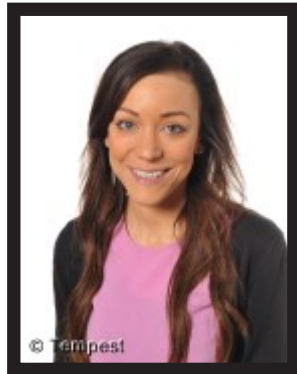
Ms Louise Creed
Grove
Head of School



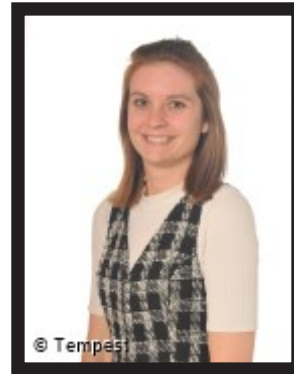
Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors



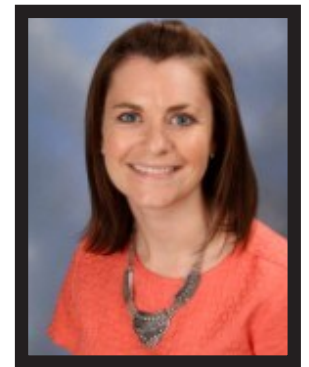
Mrs Danielle Gillings
Assistant Headteacher
EYFS Lead



Miss Beth Jones
Assistant Headteacher
KSI Lead



Mrs Rachel Kounnas
Assistant Headteacher
LKS2 Lead



Mrs Kelly Hough
Assistant Headteacher
UKS2 Lead



Mrs Sarah Bayfield
SENDCo



Mrs Kate Grey
SENDCo



Miss Chloe Mansi
Parent and Pupil
Support Advisor



Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding
Governor