



WESTWOOD NEWS



Summer Term (1) 2021

Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to the Summer term we have had. The children have had an excellent attitude to learning and are clearly enjoying being back in the swing of school life. We would also like to thank you all for your support throughout this half term both in returning to normal routines and in following the Government guidelines. We will continue to review our practices to ensure that we keep meeting the guidance from the DfE to reduce the risks of COVID-19 in school. Our risk assessment is updated regularly and can be found on our school website.

As you will have seen, we have planned lots of exciting events for the last half term of this school year and are hoping to invite families to join us for some of these, such as Sports Days. As we approach each event, we will review the current situation, both locally and nationally, along with the latest guidance from our Academy Trust, the government and the DfE and will confirm the arrangements with as much notice as possible.

The reopening of our Tuck Shop has been a big success with lots of children (and families) enjoying a sweet treat, despite the weather, after school on Fridays. Our wonderful PTFA have organised this and can be found selling a wide range of items through the window of the Year 6 breakout classroom at the back of the school. They are able to take payments by cash or card.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our virtual parents evenings. The feedback we have received from parents about the School Cloud system, from booking an appointment to logging on and meeting with the teacher, has been extremely positive.

Each High School makes their own transition arrangements for our current Year 6 children so please do check the details with the school that your child is moving to next year to make sure they attend on the correct dates and at the correct times. We will be having two transition afternoons where the children from Reception to Year 5 will move up into their new classrooms and spend time with their new teaching team.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Stay safe over half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 7th June**.

Mrs Aldous & Mrs Barnes



Nursery & Reception

Nursery have had a super busy start to the summer term, we found a beanstalk in our room and linked it to the story of Jack and Beanstalk. We received letters from Jack and replied, we planted runner beans and sunflower seeds.

In phonics, the children have really enjoyed listening to and making up rhyming words and listening to the first sound in words.

In the role play area, the children have acted out and shared resources and ideas in our hairdresser salon, shop, doctors and police set up.



For our Mini Maths sessions, we have looked at shapes, capacity, measuring and number recognition, as well as counting!

Each week, we have visited the library, woods and taken part in PE.

Reception have had a super half term, in Phonics we have been focusing on blending sounds in words when trying to read. The children have been creating their own version of Lowestoft and Westwood primary using messy maps in Geography.



In Religion and World Views, the children were fully involved in a real life adaptation of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf', when Mrs Eccleston played tricks on them. They soon realised the moral of the story was to tell the truth as it can upset others.

We have loved being able to do PE again, and have played team games such as: stuck in the mud, catch the eggs from the nest and safe house.



We have tried fruit tasting, been able to visit the library and even become illustrators for a day.

We have been very busy and have lots of exciting activities planned for next half term too.



Years 1 & 2

This half term, in Key Stage One, we have had the most amazing time learning all about different areas of the world. We boarded our planes and visited the Amazon rainforest, Sahara desert, Antarctica and even explored our local area too.

In Literacy, we have been working hard to collect evidence for or against Boy (from Lost and Found) going to jail for stealing Penguin. We presented our evidence to Detective Inspector Clarke over zoom! We had so much fun.



As part of our Religion and World Views unit, we recreated the Jewish festival of Shabbat in our classes and made some tasty Challah bread too.



Key Stage One teamed up with Year 4 to hear their amazing knowledge about volcanoes to help us with our learning in Geography. We prepared questions for them to answer and they really helped us understand more about this topic.

Our fabulous Key Stage One have worked so hard this half term!
We are so proud of them all.

Years 3 & 4

This half term Year 3 and 4 have studied volcanoes. We kicked off the term with a visit from Eleanor Dunn a volcanologist; it was great to have her inspiring the children. She set us a challenge to send her our learning from the term.



We have really enjoyed the learning of volcanoes and created some excellent pieces of writing sharing all our geographical knowledge. We are now learning about Mount Vesuvius and spent a day in the Pompeii market place.



The children had a video call with Years 1&2 at Westwood and Grove to share all of our fantastic learning about mountains and volcanoes. The Key Stage One children thought of some really interesting questions for us to answer. They also asked whether we could help them by creating knowledge organisers about mountains and volcanoes to send to them. We are going to use all of our learning about Microsoft Word from our Computing unit to begin to create these.

In Art, we have looked at Andy Warhol's Pop Art to create some of our own pieces using volcanoes as our theme.



We have also had visits from One Life Suffolk who spoke to us about Healthy Eating and understanding portions of food we should have.

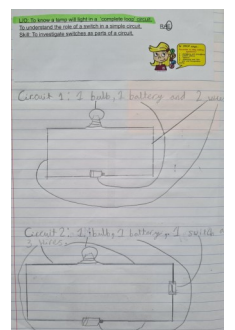
We really enjoyed a virtual visit from writer and illustrator Alex T Smith. Alex taught the class how to draw Claude, a character from some of his books. The children's drawings were brilliant.

In Year 4, as part of our Religion and World Views unit of Buddhism, the children have learnt all about how Buddhists try to live a good life by following the eightfold path. The children had a zoom call with a local buddhist and asked him lots of interesting questions about how he applies this to his life.

Year 3 have been exploring Hinduism and looking at the question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? The children represented this through an experiment. They dissolved sugar in water and discussed that even though they could no longer see the sugar did not mean it was not there anymore.

In Science, the children have been learning all about electricity and are having a visit from an electrician to understand what it is like to work with electricity and how electricians keep themselves safe.

We have had such an exciting half term with so much fantastic learning. We can't wait to build on this next half term.



Years 5 & 6

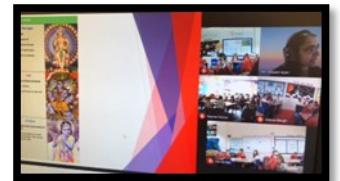
It's been a brilliant couple of months back in the classrooms and we have had many purposeful learning experiences. The pupils have really impressed us with their motivation, resilience and depth of understanding. It has been great to see so many of them participating in the after school clubs too and being able to socialise with their friends.

Literacy Highlight: Earlier this half term, the pupils really got stuck in to an important and relevant discussion surrounding 'Are Our Oceans Dying?' They got the opportunity to speak virtually to a range of different viewpoints on this matter, including the manager from the RSPCA in East Winch, a fisheries scientist from CEFAS, a local fishing merchant and a representative from the oil and gas industry. The children posed questions to them, wrote their own balanced argument and then collaborated with their peers to create a YouTube video to raise awareness on this issue.



Off to Space: Our pupils had the wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in an out of this world experience as part of their Science learning of Earth and Space. There were plenty of moments of awe and wonder as the children found out more about the planets and constellations. We have had some fantastic examples of learning at home projects too. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Religion and Worldviews: As part of our Hinduism learning, Mrs Mita Arjan kindly gave up her time to share her faith and develop the pupils understanding of Karma, Moksha and Samsara.



As **Geographers**, the pupils spoke to George Bolan, a town planner, who gave the pupils an overview of things to consider when developing a town and re-generating certain areas.

Well done Upper Key Stage on a fantastic half term - we are all so proud of you and can't wait to see you deepen your learning even further next half term!

Diary Dates

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

Friday 28th May	Last day of the half term
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June	Half Term Holidays
Monday 7th June	Start of Summer Term 2 - pupils & staff return
Monday 7th June	Years 3 & 4 Roman Dress-Up Day
Thursday 10th June	Lowestoft Schools Diversity Day
Wednesday 15th June	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - HSBC Digital Banking Sessions
Monday 21st June	Chick eggs arrive at school!
Wednesday 23rd June	Year 3 & 4 Ancient Romans Dance Workshop Year 5 & 6 Ancient Greeks Dance Workshop
Friday 25th June 10-11am	Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic
Monday 28th June	Year 4 Medical Mavericks Science at Red Oak Primary School
Wednesday 30th June 10 - 12pm	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 30th June 1 - 3pm	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
Thursday 1st July 9:30 - 11:30am	Morning Nursery & Reception Sports Day
Thursday 1st July 1 - 3pm	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
Monday 5th July	Bouncy Castle Day - £2 donation
Tuesday 6th July & Thursday 8th July	Year 5 PHS Workshops
Wednesday 7th July	Reception trip to Valley Farm
Friday 9th July	End of year reports sent out to parents
Friday 9th July 10am	Year 6 Leavers Celebration Assembly - Year 6 parents to join online
Friday 9th July 5pm	Year 6 Leavers BBQ & Camping Night
Tuesday 13th July & Wednesday 14th July	Transition afternoons - children visit their new classrooms & teaching teams
Thursday 15th July 12-1pm	EYFS & KS1 Picnic
Friday 16th July 12-1pm	LKS2 & UKS2 Picnic
Friday 16th July	Last Day of Term - everyone finishes at 1pm

Sporting Success

It has been absolutely brilliant to be able to take part in competitive sports tournaments again this half term after over 15 months of not being able to do so. A big THANK YOU to Mr Lee and the team at Red Oak Primary School for organising the events and putting in place strict measures to keep everyone safe.



We are extremely proud of our Year 6 boys football team, who came second in their tournament and our Year 6 girls football team who came 3rd in their tournament. They all demonstrated real team work and sportsmanship. Well done!



Upcoming events:

Friday 11th June: Year 5 Boys Football

Wednesday 16th June: Key Stage 2 Panathalon

Friday 18th June: Year 4 Boys Football

Friday 25th June: Year 5 & 6 Running Championships

Wednesday 30th June: Year 5 & 6 Cricket Championships

Friday 2nd July: Year 3 & 4 Running Championships

Thursday 8th July: Year 4 Girls Football

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

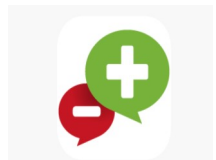
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

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.



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

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.

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



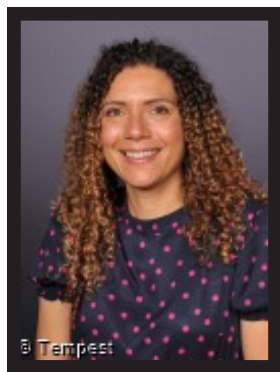
Mrs Lauraine Barnes
Westwood
Head of School



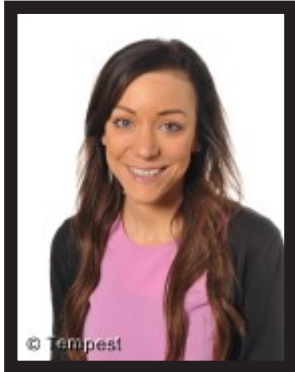
Ms Louise Creed
Grove
Head of School



Mr Joshua Wilkes
Assistant Headteacher
Curriculum Lead



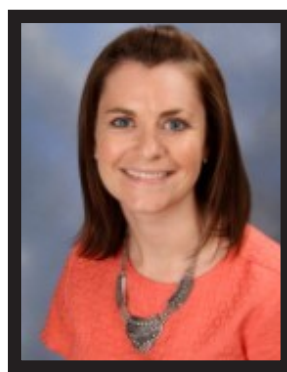
Mrs Danielle Gillings
Assistant Headteacher
EYFS Lead



Miss Beth Jones
Assistant Headteacher
KSI Lead



Miss Rachel Spry
Assistant Headteacher
LKS2 Lead



Mrs Kelly Hough
Assistant Headteacher
UKS2 Lead



Mrs Sarah Bayfield
SENDCo



Miss Chloe Mansi
Parent and Pupil
Support Advisor



Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors



Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding
Governor