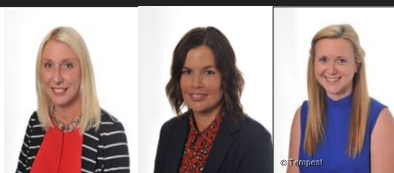


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A message from:
Mrs Aldous, Miss Read & Mrs Barnes



Dear Families,

What a busy half term we have had here at Westwood with lots of wonderful learning to celebrate.

The highlight of this half term was the grand opening of the Westwood 'On the Move' Museum. The hall was packed full of invited guests including family members, representatives from the local high schools, members of our local community including residents of the nearby residential homes and day centres as well as a reporter from the Lowestoft Journal. The children led the two sessions and showcased all of their learning from this half term's enquiry, 'On the Move', with science investigations, model making demonstrations, games and even a Bush Tucker trial! Thank you to everyone who came, look out for the date of the next one!

We didn't let the snow stop us celebrating World Book Day with our annual costume parade and celebration lunch. This year, the children shared stories with friends in other classes and it was lovely to see our oldest children working alongside our youngest to read together. Thank you for your support, the children looked fantastic!

We also celebrated Sport Relief and raised £118 for charity - the children & staff enjoyed dressing in sports kits and as their favourite sports personalities all while raising money for a good cause.

The children have enjoyed lots of new experiences this half term, many of which were the rewards for the children filling their Reading Challenge tubes. These have included gymnastics sessions at Waveney Gymnastics, cricket sessions with Coach Peggy, rugby with coaches from Lowestoft & Yarmouth RFC, a performance by the Philharmonic Orchestra, British Science Week at Adastral Park, a Robot themed Science Day, a Harry Potter themed Writing Day, We Will Rock You, Africa Alive, and an inter-school Spelling Bee...

Keep reading & filling those tubes to earn more treats!

Once again, we had lots of people join us for our Woodland School family sessions which saw 100 trees being planted in our woods and our new allotment area cleared, as well as Bush Tucker trials and the hanging of the bird boxes the children have built. Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and the mud, together we are developing not only a wonderful place for our children to explore and discover but also a habitat animals and plants can enjoy for years to come.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evenings. The children really enjoy being able to share with you their learning from throughout the year and it is the ideal opportunity to discuss their next steps. If you weren't able to attend, please pop in to school and arrange a convenient time with your child's class teacher for another morning or evening as we really do like to see as many of you as possible. Thank you also for completing the Parent Questionnaires about Maths - if you didn't get one, there are spares in the front entrance and have your voice heard.

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Reading at Home

Well done to all of the children that have been reading at home!

Please continue to support your child to read at home. Our data shows that children who read regularly at home make good progress in all aspects of their learning.

Every time your child reads at home and it is recorded in their reading record, they receive a cube in the tube.

Remember, cubes mean free school trips, so keep on reading everybody!!!

Reading Challenge Tubes

Nursery; 2 tubes

Reception; 3 tubes

Year 1; 5 tubes

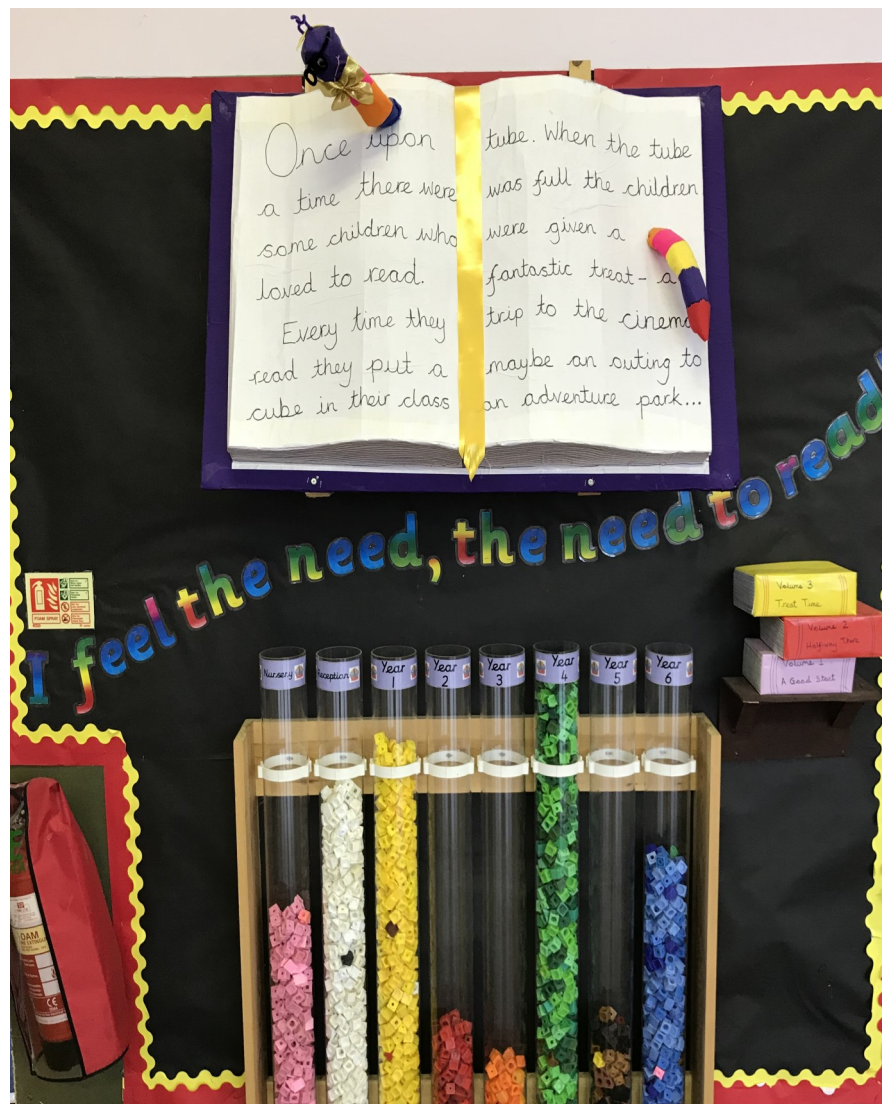
Year 2; 4 tubes

Year 3; 4 tubes

Year 4; 5 tubes

Year 5; 6 1/2 tubes

Year 6; 9 tubes



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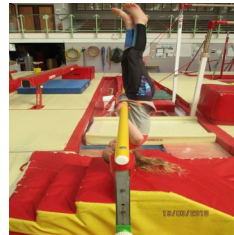
Nursery

The nursery children have had a busy term, they have almost filled their 3rd reading tube and recently enjoyed a visit to Africa Alive. We went on a treasure hunt around the school following clues as a reveal for our trip. They experienced holding and touching a Millipede, Sylvester the snake and Willy Wonka the African Land Snail. We learned about different habitats and found animals that are taller and shorter than us. We have also had a focus on height within the classroom measuring with rulers and a height chart.



Year 1 & Year 2

This half term has been very exciting in Key Stage 1, the children particularly enjoyed welcoming you to their transport learning museum. This was a great opportunity for the children to showcase what they have learnt and where their learning is heading next. Both classes have enjoyed their reading reward, Year 1 had a session at Waveney Gymnastics club while Year 2 enjoyed a movie and pizza afternoon. We wish you all a fantastic Easter break and look forward to working with you all next half term.



Reception

Reception have had a very busy half term. We developed our role play area into a vets and have had a number of animals come to visit. It has been lots of fun finding out how to look after each one. To support our learning about the effect of exercise on our bodies and ways to stay healthy, we visited Waveney Gymnastics for a fun session where we had a go on all the different pieces of apparatus. Lots of new things have appeared in our classroom including a tinkering table where we can develop our fine motor skills by using screwdrivers to take things apart - at the moment we are working on an old computer! We have also started using a computer programme called Mini Mash and have individual challenges to complete each week. Our writing area now includes a challenge with questions for us to think about to help us choose what to write, such a giant set of keys and a whole range of funny hats! Our class has doubled in size thanks to the arrival of our Mini Mes, these are small versions of ourselves that we can play with and use in our small world scenes. We have been working towards our Woodland Worker awards in Woodland School and have been learning the story 'Zog' in our Talk 4 Writing sessions. Happy Easter to our families!

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Year 3 & Year 4

This term has been really exciting for Year 3. The children have loved their enquiry topic about explorers and have demonstrated their excellent geography and history skills. The children have also learnt how to note take, undertake research and how present their work using a computer. The children researched famous explorers such as Captain James Cook, Scott of the Antarctic and Christopher Columbus. After this, they were inspired to plan their own expeditions. Some of the children from Year 3 chose to plan an expedition to the Wet Tropics of Queensland, as Captain Cook explored Australia, whilst the other children planned an expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro. In Year 4, the children either planned an expedition to Mount Everest or the Amazon Rainforest. The children researched their destination, chose the appropriate equipment to take and were able to find out the total travel costs. It was great to see how enthusiastic the children were throughout this enquiry topic. All of the exciting work produced was displayed in the Westwood Museum. Year 3 and 4 were so proud and excited to present all of their wonderful work and share their knowledge with all the parents. We would like to thank all the parents and families who supported the event and we cannot wait to begin our next enquiry topic.

Year 5

What a fun half term Year 5 have had! We have worked really hard at improving our writing, using pictures to encourage our descriptive language, and have been incredibly successful at doing so. Multiplication has been the main area of maths we have focused on. Year 5 are now much more confident at using the column method, completing multiplication challenges and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. We have been incredibly fortunate to have rugby coaches coming in each week. The children have loved these sessions. Working as a team, learning how to tackle correctly and safely and getting downright muddy! All of these things have been fantastic fun and we feel very lucky to have taken part in these sessions. Year 5, along with year 6, also had the pleasure of welcoming in the Seagull Theatre. Acting is something that so many of the children enjoy, so to be able to work together and act out lines, play games and sing and dance was great fun! We're now looking forward to all of the exciting things coming in the summer term.

Year 6

Well what a busy spring term this has been. Our On the Move Museum was a huge success, the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their knowledge and understanding of transport with members of the community and were delighted that residents from local care homes came to visit too. Our bird boxes are completed and we will be hanging them in the woods after Easter (a huge thank you to the parents who came to support this project). We were blown away by the Philharmonic Orchestra last week and work has started on our summer production!

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Junior Road Safety

Our JRSOs were visited by Norman Drew, the local PCSO. He showed them how to use the speed gun outside the school to see how fast the cars were going. The JRSOs found it very interesting and learnt a lot from Norman's visit. Please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside of the school as this could cost you a child's life and a £30 fine.



School Council

The School Council met earlier this half term to discuss how Westwood were going to show support for Sport Relief.

We decided that each class would spend 10 minutes every day walking and counting their steps. Sports Relief want to achieve a total of 1 billion steps as a nation and Westwood wanted to be a part of that. We added up each class's steps which equalled an incredible 1,003,167 steps and the winning class was Year 6! On Friday 23rd March, children were encouraged to come to school in sports gear or to dress as their favourite sports person and donations were warmly received. The total amount we raised was an amazing £118.

Well done everybody!

Sports News

A big well done to the mixed Year 3 team that took part in a Skittleball Tournament at East Point Academy on Wednesday 14th March. All children behaved really well. They showed excellent sportsmanship by cheering the other teams on and shaking hands with the other teams at the end of the games. Good Luck to the mixed Year 5 team that are taking part in a Football Tournament on Wednesday 28th March at Red Oak Primary. We know you will do Westwood proud!!!

Woodland School

A huge thank you to all the families that came along to our Family Woodland sessions. The children love to share what they have been learning with you. Around 100 new trees were planted with your help! All children are still thoroughly enjoying their weekly Woodland School sessions. Please remember, they need a pair of old wellies and an old coat in school to wear every week as it gets very muddy in the woodland area.

Useful Information

Fiona Peacock was one of the contributors to MindEd, please find the link below for a free resource on children and young people's mental health for all adults, including parents and professionals.

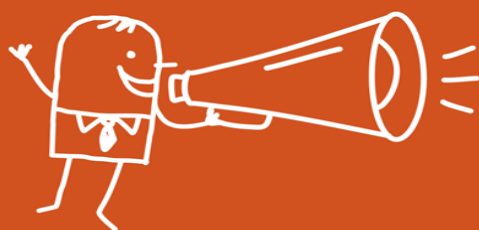
Website: <https://www.minded.org.uk/>

Please find link below for more info on 'online child safety.'

Website: <https://www.xpnmentor.com/blog/the-ultimate-parent-guide-for-child-internet/>

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Attention all parents!



Have you registered?

It's an easy, convenient way to
receive school messages.

You can:

- ✓ Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
- ✓ See all your messages in one handy, uncluttered feed
- ✓ Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
- ✓ Keep up to date with your school calendar
- ✓ Authorise trips or permissions online



Registering is really easy...

Ask your school office to send you a registration message

Pupil and Parent Support Advisor.

Mrs Dawn Williams is our Pupil and Parent Support Advisor and is available to speak to parents, carers and families on a daily basis. She is very experienced and can provide advice on a range of different parent and family matters. If you need any help, advice or just a listening ear, please contact her through the school office.



CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers. We often contact parents by text.



WOODLAND SCHOOL

Please remember your child will need an old coat and a pair of wellies to wear each week for woodland school. Both items will need to be named to prevent them from getting lost.

WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website.

The address is:
www.westwoodprimary.org

You can also follow us:

Twitter : @Westwood
School
Facebook : Westwood
Primary School



Arriving at School

The school doors are unlocked at 8.30am. From this time you may bring or send your child into their classroom. Teachers will be waiting for the children in the classroom from 8.30am where learning activities will be take place.(8.45am for Nursery and Reception children)

Please do not hesitate to come into the classroom to speak to your child's teacher at the beginning or end of the school day.

We have a breakfast club available from 8.00am every morning at a cost of £1.50 per day.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has, in school every day, the following PE kit:

- Black shorts
- White T Shirt
- Trainers
- Sweatshirt/Jogging Bottoms (optional)

Please ensure all items are named.



LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure you have labelled your child's school uniform. It is much easier to find the owners and return items quickly if they are labelled.

At times we have an extensive range of lost property which we cannot keep for more than a term.

School Uniform

We have a strict School Uniform Policy. Please ensure your child is dressed in the following named school uniform:

Boys

- * Black tailored trousers or shorts (no jogging bottoms etc.)
- * White polo shirt
- * Westwood Primary School Sweatshirt with logo
- * grey,/black/navy socks
- * Black shoes (No trainers)
- * School Book Bag

Girls

- * Black tailored dress, skirt or trousers
- * Purple checked summer dress
- * White polo shirt
- * Westwood Primary School Sweatshirt
- * Westwood Primary School Cardigan
- * grey/black tights or white socks
- * Black shoes (No trainers or boots)
- * School Book Bag



- For further information about school uniform requirements please contact the school office.
- Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Book Bags/PE Bags/Water Bottles are available from the school office.
- School uniform bursaries will be given at the discretion of the Headteacher

Diary Dates

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

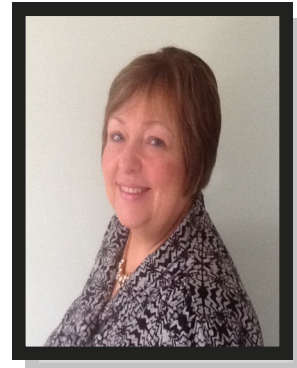
30th March— 13th April	Easter Holidays
16th April	All children back to school
26th April	Reception; Grandparents Lunch
27th April	Year 3 and Year 4—Short Tennis Tournament at Saint Felix
2nd May	Year 3—Kwik Cricket Tournament at EPA
3rd May	Year 1; Grandparents Lunch
4th May	KeyStage 2—Cricket Tournament at Red Oak
7th May	May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed
10th May	Year 2; Grandparents Lunch
11th May	Year 3 and Year 4 Girls—Football Tournament at Red Oak
14th May— 18th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
17th May	Year 3 and Year 4; Grandparents Lunch
21st May	Years 1, 2, 3 and 4—Gymnastics Tournaments at Waveney Gymnastics Club
22nd May	Year 3 & 4—Able Maths Day at Carlton Colville Primary
23rd May	Year 5 & 6—Open Day at Benacre
24th May	Year 5 and Year 6; Grandparents Lunch
25th May	Year 5—Rounders Tournament at Pakefield High
28th May - 1st June	May Half Term
4th June	All children back to school

People who can help

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



*Mrs Rae Aldous
Executive Headteacher*



*Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors*



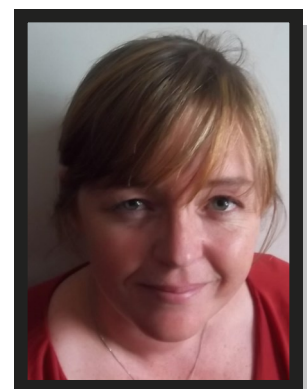
*Miss Kerry Read
Head of School*



*Mrs Dawn Williams
Parent and Pupil Support Adviser*



*Mrs Lauraine Barnes
Assistant Headteacher*



*Miss Louise Creed
Senior Teacher
&
Upper School Lead*