WESTWOOD PRIMARY

WESTWOOD NEWS

Summer Term (1) 2023



Dear Families.

This half term seems to have flown by, especially with all the bank holidays, but we have packed so many fantastic learning opportunities in to the last six weeks!

We have enjoyed welcoming families in to school again for a number of events including our class share sessions. The children love having the opportunity to share their learning with you and the teaching teams enjoy being able to talk you through your child's progress and attainment as well as answering any questions you may have. Of course, you don't have to wait until these times to discuss how your child is getting on: teaching teams are available at the classroom door at the beginning and end of the school day but if you would like a longer conversation, please contact the school office and they will happily make an appointment for you.

We have also welcomed visitors from our Trust sponsors, The Active Learning Trust, who have spent time in classrooms talking to the children about their learning as well as meeting with members of the teaching teams and senior leadership team. We always enjoy these opportunities to share our wonderful school with people who don't get to see it on a daily basis and celebrate all the hard work taking place.

Our Mental Health Awareness Day was a huge success which saw the children and staff come to school dressed in green and take part in activities linked to promoting mindfulness and talking about our feelings. We also enjoyed lots of celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III—we had a special assembly, a street party style lunch and came in our best red, white and blue outfits. It was lovely to hear how the children celebrated over the bank holiday weekend.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 and Year 2 children who have all taken their end of key stage tests this half term. The resilience they demonstrated as they tackled each paper was truly impressive. We know that the test results do not define them and they are just one small part of their overall academic achievements but equally we know they worked their hardest to showcase their knowledge and the results will reflect this.

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 5th June

Mrs. Aldous, Mrs. Barnes & Ms. Creed









Nursery & Reception



We have had a very exciting half term in Nursery. We have made new friends as more children have joined us and some of the children also now have lunch and stay with us all day."

Our topic has been 'On the farm' and we have read a great variety of fiction and non fiction books. We visited our resident chickens (insert names?) and had a great time when we took part in the 'standing on eggs' experiment. We thought that they would break but amazingly none of them did, even when Mrs. Gillings stood on them too! We also had lots of messy fun pretending to milk cows, rescue ducks from slime ponds and clean muddy pigs.

We celebrated King Charles III coronation with our own teddy bears picnic dressing up in red white and blue. In maths we have been looking at artists that use shape and we really enjoyed recreating their work. In phonics we have been blending, segmenting and using our voices in funny ways to make different sounds.

We also said goodbye to Mrs. Andrews as she has left us for a little while to welcome her new baby and hello (or really welcome back)to Mrs. Harrison who will be with us for the rest of the year! Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our share sessions we all had a great time. Have a wonderful half term break.



















Reception

Reception have been extremely busy this term. Our Topic 'What's on your plate?' has sparked lots of conversations. about how to keep ourselves healthy, including looking after our teeth, hearts and bodie's. Together we discussed what a good balanced diet looks like.

In the second week we explored our 5 senses when trying different foods. The children said they loved the blindfold food eating challenge and would like to play it again some day. When tasting a variety of foods the children then wrote in their personal food diaries recording which foods they liked and disliked. In our writing we have been focusing on sentences, ensuring we remember capital letter, finger spaces and full stop.

We have really enjoyed learning about and discussing the lifecycle and how plants grow,. We planted vegetables and flowers in our own garden and are looking forward to seeing them bloom. We hope you like the sunflower seeds and cress we planted to take home.

When learning about farms and where food comes from we talked about dietary choices, the different types of farms and the role of a farmer and chef. The children sensibly walked to the COOP last Friday to buy all of the ingredients needed for our picnic.

For the King Charles III Coronation the class joined the rest of the school for the street party and we are most excited for our teddy bear picnic on the last day of term.

We hope you have a great half term and look forward to seeing you all when we return.

















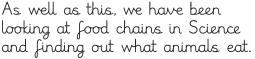
Years 1 & 2



Wow, what a jam packed half term we have had in Key Stage 1. Here are some of our learning highlights.



We have been exploring continents of the world in Geography as well as exploring Deserts, Rainforests and Cities.













We have been busy printing in Art, making negative and positive stencils.

We have enjoyed developing our rolling and jumping in Gymnastics.

We finished off our Literacy unit with our Court case debate with DI Clarke. After compiling all of our evidence...the boy was found to be innocent of stealing the Penguin!





Years 3 & 4



This term we looked at Volcanoes and Mountains. To kick off the subject we had Eleanor Dunn—a volcanologist-join us online to tell us all about her work. We sent her some questions which she helped give us the answers to, she then set us a challenge to send her some of our work. We have done lots of practical activities to helps us explain how the earth, volcanoes and mountains are made up. We used boiled eggs to explain the

layers of the earth.





Thank you to the parents that came to our Mental Health workshop- we explored how Art can help us and looked at creating Andy Warhol style volcanoes. We then went outside to walk in the environment and talked to a variety of people we may not normally do.



We celebrated the coronation, raising the union flag and planting a tree to commemorate this. We also did some activities within our classes to celebrate.



Years 5 & 6



This term in Year 5 and 6 we have studied the Solar System, carrying out a variety of experiments to demonstrate our learning in Science. We studied the phases of the moon, learnt about planets and their orbital patterns.







For our jubilee celebrations we had our street party outside to eat our lunch and had our whole school assembly.

We had a successful parent event where we created a relief print alongside out parents. Year 6 held a vernissage (art gallery to demonstrate their work from the tem.





Sporting Success



Tournaments

What a great half term! This half term saw some amazing results across all year groups. The year 6 girls football team won their ALT event resulting in them qualifying for the ALT Suffolk Finals which will be played after half term. The year 5 girls team finished 2nd in their event with many of the girls competing in their first event for the school. We also participated in the largest Girls festival at Pakefield High School where there were 360 girls taking part in some football activities. To finish the half term we had the ALT SEND Football and we lost out to 1st place n goals scored so finished with the silver medals.

<u>Sports Clubs</u>

Sports clubs were packed with new opportunities and chances for children to take part in some summer sports but also a new club in Gymnastics. Every club was at full capacity which was lovely to see. Next half term we have some new and exciting sports on offer and hope that again we hit those full numbers across each club!

<u> Upcoming Fixtures & Events</u>

Tournaments

We have confirmed a few tournaments for next half term and are hoping to add more to the fixtures list as they become available. We will, of course, keep families updated and endeavour to include as many children as possible in these events.

Wednesday 7th June 'NSSP Years 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket
Thursday 15th June Years 5 & 6 Terry Butcher Cup
Friday 16th June ALT Sports Leader Tournament

Wednesday 21st June Dance Festival - Dancing through the Decades.

Thursday 22nd June ALT Years 5 & 6 Cricket
Thursday 29th June ALT Years 1-6 Running Races

Sport Share Sessions

As we did last year, we would love to invite families to join us for our Sport Share Sessions.

Please see the dates & times for each year group below:

Monday 26th June 13:30—14:30 Years 5 & 6 Sports Share
Tuesday 27th June 13:30—14:30 Years 1 & 2 Sports Share
Wednesday 28th June 13:30—14:30 Years 3 & 4 Sports Share
Thursday 29th June 10:30—11:30 Nursery Sports Share
Thursday 29th June 13:00—14:30 Reception Sports Share

Inter House Sports Events

On Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July, our children in Years I to 6 will represent their house teams in a series of sporting events which will see one of our House Teams awarded the school Sports Trophy for this academic year. Children will be invited to wear a t-shirt in their house colour: Ruby (Red), Sapphire (Blue), Emerald (Green) or Diamond (Yellow) for these events. If you are not sure which house team your child is in, please speak to their class teacher.

#BETHEBESTTHATYOUCANBE

YEAR 6 LEAVERS EVENTS

This time of the year is always filled with a tinge of sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 children but it is also a time of celebration as we look back on their time with us and all of the wonderful achievements they have had along the way. The children and staff are busily preparing a fabulous performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' as well as putting together their Leavers. Assembly. Their Leavers' hoodies have been ordered and plans are in place for their BBQ and games right. They will be sure to get the send off they deserve!

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

Each high school organises their own transition events for the children who will be joining their Year 7 classes in September. For full details of their expectations for these days, (including timings. & uniform) please contact the high school directly.

The children remain on our school roll until the end of August so it is important you contact us if your child is unwell or does not attend the transition day for any other reason, as well as letting the high school know.. Children are expected to attend our school on days they are not attending their new high school until we close for the Summer holidays.

The dates we have been given are as follows:

Bungay High 28th & 29th June

Castle East 5th July

Ormiston Denes 11th, 12th July

Benjamin Britten 12th, 13th & 14th July

East Point Academy 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th July Pakefield High 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th July

Sir John Leman 19th, 20th & 21st July

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Emerald = 1064

Ruby = 1144

Diamond = 1210

Sapphire = 1382

Congratulations Sapphire your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE.

27.03.23 17.04.23	Year 4 Reception & Year 5	98.3% 100%
24.04.23	Years 2 & 4	98.3%
01.05.23	Year 2	99%
08.05.23	Year 46	99.1%
15.05.23	Reception	99.4%

Reception & Year 4 have both received 3 awards in total and won themselves a breakfast this half term!

<u>Diary Dates</u>

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

Events in purple are the ones we would love families to join us in school for.

Manday 29th May —	Last Day of the half term May Half Term Holiday		
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Monday 5th June	Children return to school		
W/C Monday 5th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tests		
Thursday 8th June	EYFS & KSI Dance Workshops		
Friday 9th June	Non uniform day—donations for RSPCA Years 3 & 4 RSPCA workshop		
W/C Monday 12th June	KSI Phonics Screening		
Tuesday 13th June	UKS2 Share Session		
Monday 19th June	EYFS Co-Op. Workshops		
Tuesday 20th June	James Carter (poet) workshops UKS2 Hautbois Hall Trip		
Thursday 22nd June	KSI Transport Museum Trip Nursery & Reception new parents welcome evening		
Friday 23rd June	Non uniform day (wear red & blue) —donations to GPA & GOSH		
	Sports Share Afternoons-please see Sporting Success page for dates & times for each year group		
Monday 26th June	LKS2 Roman Day		
Friday 30th June	Year 3 Ukelele Festival		
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July	Inter House Sports Events		
Friday 7th July	End of year reports sent to parents 14:00—15:00 Year 6 performance 15:30—18:00 Year 6 Leavers' BBQ		
Tuesday 11th July	9:00-10:00 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly		
Friday 14th July	Nursery Pirate Party & Reception Beach Party		
Monday 17th July	Children spend the day with their new teacher		
	12:00—13:00 Whole School Picnic Last Day of Term—school finishes at 13:00		
Wednesday 6th September	Children return to school		

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have another fantastic range of clubs available from Monday 5th June. If you would like to sign your child up to one, please email the school office.

Summer Term (2) Clubs 2023 P.E SHED/MR SYED/L&Y RUGBY CLUB/SCHOOL STAFF

Day	Breakfast	Lunch	After School
	8.00am - 8.30am	12pm - 1pm	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday	Dodgeball - Years 1 to 6	Tournament prep/team games Colouring - Mrs Ball - 12.30-1	Feathers & Friends - Years 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Eccleston & Miss Bow Gymnastics - Years 1 & 2 First Light Festival - DT/Art Miss Willeard & Miss Lynes - Years 1, 2, 3 & 4
Tuesday	Hookey - Years 1 to 6	Tournament prep/team games Colouring - Mrs Ball - 12.30-1	Drama - Miss Bow - Years 4, 5 & 6 Striking and Fielding - Years 1, 2 & 3 Rugby - Mr Tomlinson - Years 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	Outdoor Football - Years 1 to 6	Tournament prep/team games Rock Choir - Mr Syed - 12-1:00 Years 1 to 6 Colouring - Mrs Ball - 12:30-1	Feathers & Friends - Years 1, 2 & 3 Mrs Eccleston & Miss Bow
Thursday	Team Games - Years 1 to 6	Tournament prep/team games Colouring - Mrs Ball - 12.30-1	Horrible Histories - Mr Moore - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Team Games - Years 4, 5 & 6 Drama - Miss Bow - Years 2 & 3 Rounders - Mr Taylor - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday	Panathlon - Years 1 to 6	Tournament prep/team games Colouring - Mrs Ball - 12.30-1	Multisports - Years Rec, 1, 2 & 3

A reminder of this term's lunch menu...



SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

Daily Uniform

Black tailored trousers/shorts/skirt/dress

Purple Summer checked dress

White polo shirt

Purple school cardigan/jumper/fleece

Black shoes (no boots or trainers)

Black tights or white/black/grey socks

Purple school book bag

PE/Sports Kit

White T-shirt

Black shorts

White socks

Plimsoles or trainers

Black jogging bottoms

Black sweatshirt

PE bag

All items 'are readily available from high street stores or their internet shopping websites. Sweatshirts/cardigans/book bags/PE bags/water bottles with the school logo are available from Screens. We have a large range of new & used school uniform items available at no cost in our Community Hub-please pop in and take what you need.

<u>Jewellery, hair & make-up</u>

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school except plain stud earrings and/or an inexpensive watch—these must be removed for P.E. Extreme haircuts or colouring are not permitted. Hairbands & clips should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn.

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.

<u>PARENTMAIL</u>

Please ensure you sign up to Parent Mail, 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.



Reading



Exciting news! James Carter, who is a brilliant poet, will be visiting Westwood in the Summer term.—on Tuesday 20th June to be precise!

He is a very experienced writer and has done hundreds of school visits. He has written lots of books and it should be very entertaining and inspiring visit for the children.

You can find out more information about him on his website: http://www.jamescarterpoet.co.uk/index.html



Advice for talking about books at home

We often advice parents to talk to their children about what they are reading to help them improve their comprehension skills. Here are some useful questions to ask younger readers. Before reading:

"What do you think might happen in this story?"

While reading:

'What word do you think should come next?' (It encourages observational skills)

Simple recall questions like: 'What was the characters name again?'

'What words do you think best describe this character?'

'Does anything in this book seem familiar to you?'

<u>After reading:</u>

'How might the story be different if it was told from a different character's point of view?' 'Can you make up a different ending to this story?'

500 words competition!

The UK's most successful children's writing competition, 500 Words, will relaunch this September, supported by BBC Teach with BBC Breakfast hosting the initiative for 2023. There are two categories, 5-7 and 8-11 year olds. The children are encouraged to write about whatever they like; there is no need to worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar, just brilliant story content.

If your children love reading and love stories this is a great thing to get involved with. More details can be found here.

New books to look out for:

Looking for something new for your child to read? Here are some recommendations:



Younger readers



Year 3 and above



For more recommendations try looking at the Book Trust website.

Year 5 and above



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (w



Transition



Moving to a new year group or a new school is a very challenging time for children.

It can cause a lot of anxiety and stress at home. In school, we work hard to prepare pupils for changes...

• Class teachers will meet to discuss all children and share important information.

 Pupils with identified SEN needs will be discussed with new class teachers to ensure smooth transition.

Once new classes are organised; teachers will spend time dropping in and meeting pupils.

 A carefully planned transition will occur for all pupils and a detailed plan will be created for those who find change challenging.

Moving into year 7!

Moving school is a very big step and can cause periods of worry and anxiety for a lot of our pupils. We are busy organising extra transition for pupils who may require more support.

Please also support your child with transition by accessing the following fab online resources:

BBC Newsround website for supporting your child on transitioning to Secondary schools.

Transitioning to secondary school - BBC Teach.

Young minds website offers some useful tips and videos around

transition.

CHANGE AHEAD

Supporting school transitions | Resources | Young Minds

Some Top Tips:

If your child is concerned about the new canteen, take them to a café over the summer where
they order and pay for what they would like to eat and drink

Teach them how to make healthy food choices, allow them to cook at home and talk to them about what makes a healthy lunch

• Do a practice run of their journey to school so they feel familiar and confident enough to do it themselves - make plans to walk with a friend.

 Look at the school's website or handbook to check what equipment your child needs ahead of their first day

Show your confidence in your child so that they believe in their own confidence. Avoid taking
over tasks that they can do themselves - it can sometimes be hard to hold back on the help!

Make time to have conversations about worries.



Safeguarding & Mental Health



MAY HALF-TERM 2023				MENU		
DATE	MEAL	TIME	VENUE	VENUE ADDRESS	MAIN	DESSERT
Tuesday 30th May	Lunch (Eat in AND Takeaway)	12 noon sit in and for takeaways collection times will be advised when booking	ST LUKES CHURCH	62 Homefield Avenue, Lowestoft. NR33 9BX	Jacket Potatoes with choice of two fillings from cheese, tuna or baked beans. Side Salad	Ice Cream Factory
Tuesday 30th May	Lunch (Takeaway)	Takeaway collection times will be advised when booking	PAKEFIELD CHURCH	Pakefield Church Hall, Sunningdale Avenue, Pakefield, NR33 7DB	Chicken Pasta Bake and Garlic Bread	Chocolate Crunch
Wednesday 31st May	BREAKFAST (Sit in)	9.30 SIT IN	GUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH	Montgomery Avenue, Lowestoft. NR32 4DZ	Orange Juice, Bacon, Sausage, Beans, Bread, Toast, Tea	
Thursday 1st June	BREAKFAST (Sit in)	9.30 SIT IN	WHITTON LIFE	4 The Green, Whitton, Lowestoft. NR33 9AZ	Bacon Rolls, Cereals, Pastries and Toast	
Thursday 1st June	LUNCH (Sit in)	12 NOON SIT IT	SGT PEPPERS	167-168 High Street, Lowestoft. NR32 1HU	Chilli and Jackets, (Vegetarian Option - Vegetarian Chilli or baked beans) or Fish Fingers and Chips. PLEASE ADVISE OF CHOICE WHEN BOOKING	Pie and Icecream
Friday 2nd May	LUNCH (Sit in)	12 NOON SIT IN	SALVATION ARMY	9 Carlton Road, Lowestoft. NR33 0RU	Lasagne, Garlic Bread and Salad	Crumble and Custard



What is this new viral challenge?

There is a very worrying new viral challenge circulating on Tik Tok using variations of the hashtag 'foopah'. This is a play on the phrase 'faux pas' (an embarrassing public act), the trend encourages users to upload 'blink and you'll miss it' nudity. It aims to get around the platform's detection and moderation by being hidden in plain sight. Using screens, mirrors and other reflective surfaces are just some of the ways people have taken part in the challenge.



Anglia Care Trust (ACT)

Anglia Care Trust provide support for domestic abuse across the county.

This includes assistance with Housing, Community Safety, Advice and Guidance and Health Support. This service is accessible for men,

ullet women and families.

County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:

| Persistently poing missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area | Unoxplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones | Excessive receipt or texts or phone calls | Evaluation | Evaluation



Young Minds is a website that offers support around mental health, directly for children and young people and also for parents and carers. In particular, it offers advice on how to have those more tricky conversations around mental health.

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 KS2 Lead



Mrs Kelly Hough Assistant Headteacher Staff Development



Mrs Kate Grey Assistant Headteacher Pastoral & SEND



Ms Natalie TaylorFamily Support
Worker



Mrs Sarah Bayfield SENDCo



Mr Stephen Clarke Safeguarding Governor