

KEY DATES

17th March Y5 NHS Melissa Bus Careers experience

13th March Y5/6 Basketball competition @ EDC

13th March Y4 Basketball festival @ EDC

24-27th March Y6 Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability (Bikes and helmets)

24th March Y4 Class trip (Scientist/STEM Careers experience) @ Life Centre Newcastle

26th March Y3 Class trip (Careers experience) @ Beacon of light 'World of Work'

26th March LADIES DAY in the NURSERY

1st APRIL Reception Vision Tests

4th APRIL 'WHEN I GROW UP' day
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT

7th, 8th and 9th April OPEN NIGHTS (Check which night your child's class has selected)

EASTER EGG DECORATING AND
COMPETITION

11th April Break up for Easter Holiday

Message from Mrs Scothern

It's been another wonderfully busy week at Westlea Primary. We've enjoyed a fantastic array of activities, from exciting sports experiences and World Book Day celebrations to class visits and workshops. With a glimpse of sunshine peeking through, we're certainly looking forward to warmer days ahead! However, the early mornings and breaktimes can still be chilly, so please do make sure your children bring a coat to school. We want to keep everyone comfortable and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support.

World Book Day

On Thursday, Westlea students and staff thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day celebrations. We were delighted to see the array of costumes and pyjamas that helped to create a great community feel and promote the theme of bedtime stories across school.

Students and staff engaged in a range of book themed activities, focusing on texts of their choosing. We came together as a whole school community and enjoyed a book themed assembly where we launched the new tradition of the WESTLEA MASKED READER. The students are really enjoying trying to solve which member of staff is reading which book. Some are easier to guess than others! Remember money raised, from the £1 entry, will contribute towards our book vending machine!

After school reading together experience

At the end of the school day, as we did last year, we transformed the main hall into an inviting, reading space and invited the whole school community to come together to enjoy a book. Over 100 students from Nursery to Year 6 pupils attended along with all of the Westlea Staff. Everyone enjoyed a number of stories, younger pupils shared their favourite books with the older pupils. Everyone enjoyed reading stories to each other. A truly magical and heart-warming experience for all.

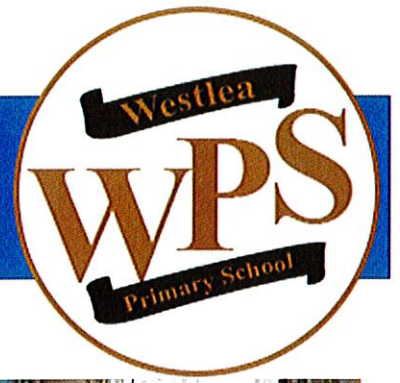
MARCH IS CAREERS MONTH – Our careers lead in school is Mrs Robson (class1) she has prepared special assemblies for every week in March for us to enjoy. We have included her careers newsletter.



Biggest Football Coaching session in the world! Well done to all 250 children in school who took part in the biggest Football event ever! Our amazing Y5/6 Girls footballers organised and coached a total of 9 football sessions across the day. They developed their leadership skills, confidence and passed on their love of Football to the whole school.

#girls football #equality #chance to shine #building a legacy.

In other news...



ONCE UPON AT TIME AT CEDAR COURT

On World Book Day, Class 1 were invited to share a favourite story with members of our community. The children went to Cedar Court Nursing home and listened to a lovely story being read by a resident called Hannah.

Afterwards, the children sang nursery rhymes and songs and everyone joined in. We all had a lovely time together.

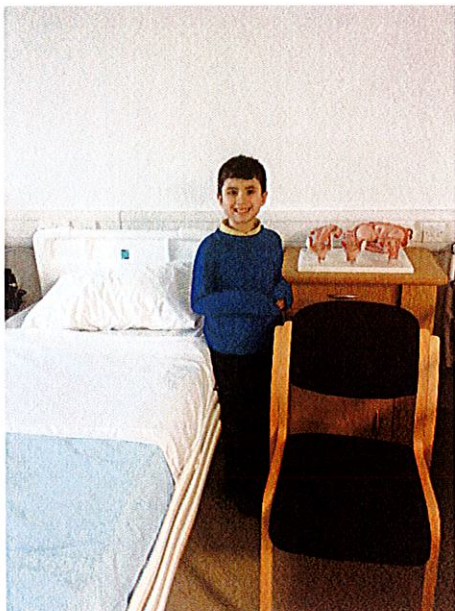


Classes 3 and 4 Careers Experience to New College Durham

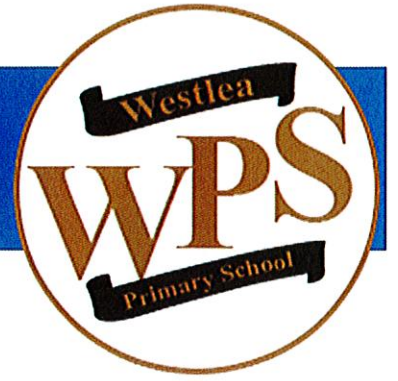


To begin our careers month, Class 3 and 4 went on a trip to New College Durham. Their employer encounter was surrounding construction. They spoke to employees of ESH CONSTRUCTION and got to have a look around all of the areas used to help college students through apprenticeships.

We were the first primary school to visit and have this experience and the colleges staff and ESH CONSTRUCTION were amazed at how attentive, engaged and well behaved everyone was! They were all a credit to the school



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WB 3.3.25	WB 10.3.25
Class 1	98.3%	97%
Class 2	98.0%	94%
Class 3	100%	99.6%
Class 4	100%	94.8%
Class 5	97.6%	96.0%
Class 6	94.7%	92.1%
Class 7	95.3%	98.4%
Class 8/9	97.8%	93.2%

Attendance Update

This half term we have begun to run some new initiatives to encourage great attendance from all of our pupils. We have introduced a whole school game for Class 1 -Class 8/9 to play called ATTENDOPOLY. Every week in assembly we will share class attendance scores and the classes that get a class attendance over 96% will get to roll the dice. Their counter then moves around the board and may land on a special treat for the class.

Week 1 6 classes reached 96% or above. 2 classes achieved an amazing 100%!

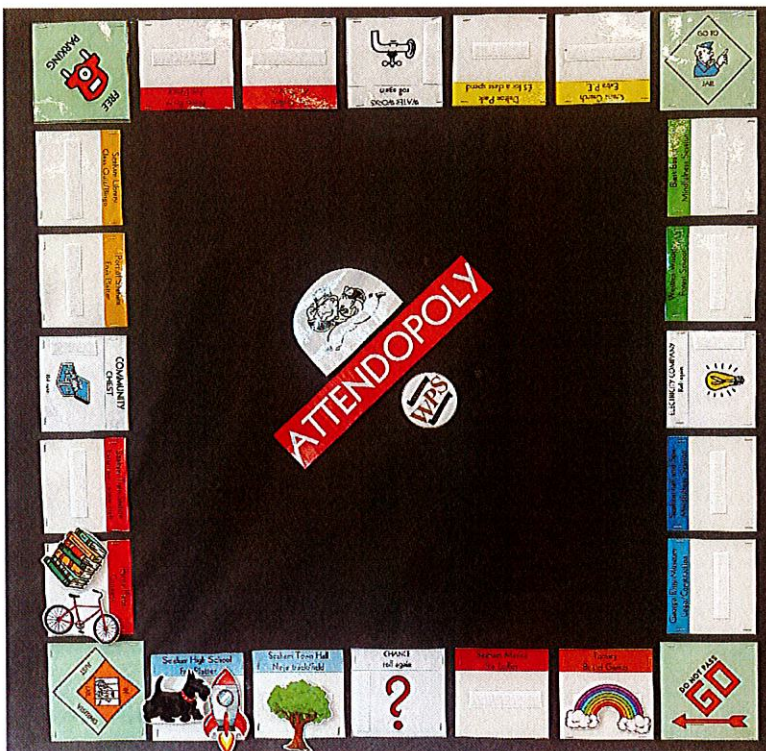
Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WB 03.03.25 is 97.4%

Our whole school attendance for WB 10.03.25 is 95.4%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.15%

Our target for this half term is 96% we are currently at **95.95%**



[Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

Department for Education

Working together to improve school attendance

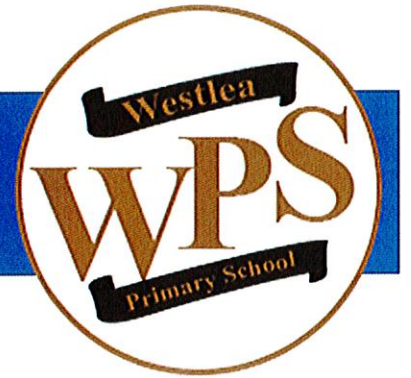
Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities

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SAFE GUARDING AND ATTENDANCE TEAM:

Mrs Scothern is our Designated Safe Guarding Lead with Mrs Davey and Mrs Simmons as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Please get in touch with any queries or concerns.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS		
	WB 3.3.25	WB 10.3.25
Class 1	Laynee	Mitch
Class 2	Riah	Daniel-Lee
Class 3	Ella	Harrison D
Class 4	Myla	Sienna
Class 5	Oscar R	Reuben
Class 6	Robyn	Ava
Class 7	Chloe-Leigh	Amelia
Class 8 and 9	John	Joseph

RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS		
	WB 3.3.25	WB 10.3.25
Class 1	Rayne	Albie
Class 2	Imogen	Parker
Class 3	Mason	Kaid
Class 4	Alex	Archie
Class 5	Troy	Carter
Class 6	Myles	Mace
Class 7	Nirvana C	Isla C
Class 8 and 9	Lewis	Jayce



Pupil discussions: In Hot chocolate with the head teacher we talked about our families. We also spoke about what we are enjoying learning about. What the plans are for improvements to our school. We also talked about visits and clubs we have enjoyed at School.

Head Teacher's Award

WB 3.3.25:
Ethan Y6

WB 10.3.25
Charlie C Y2,
Ella A Y4, Hugo Y4, Miller Y5,
Blake Y5, Amelia Y5, Chloe -Leigh Y5, Averlyn Y5,
Leo John Y6

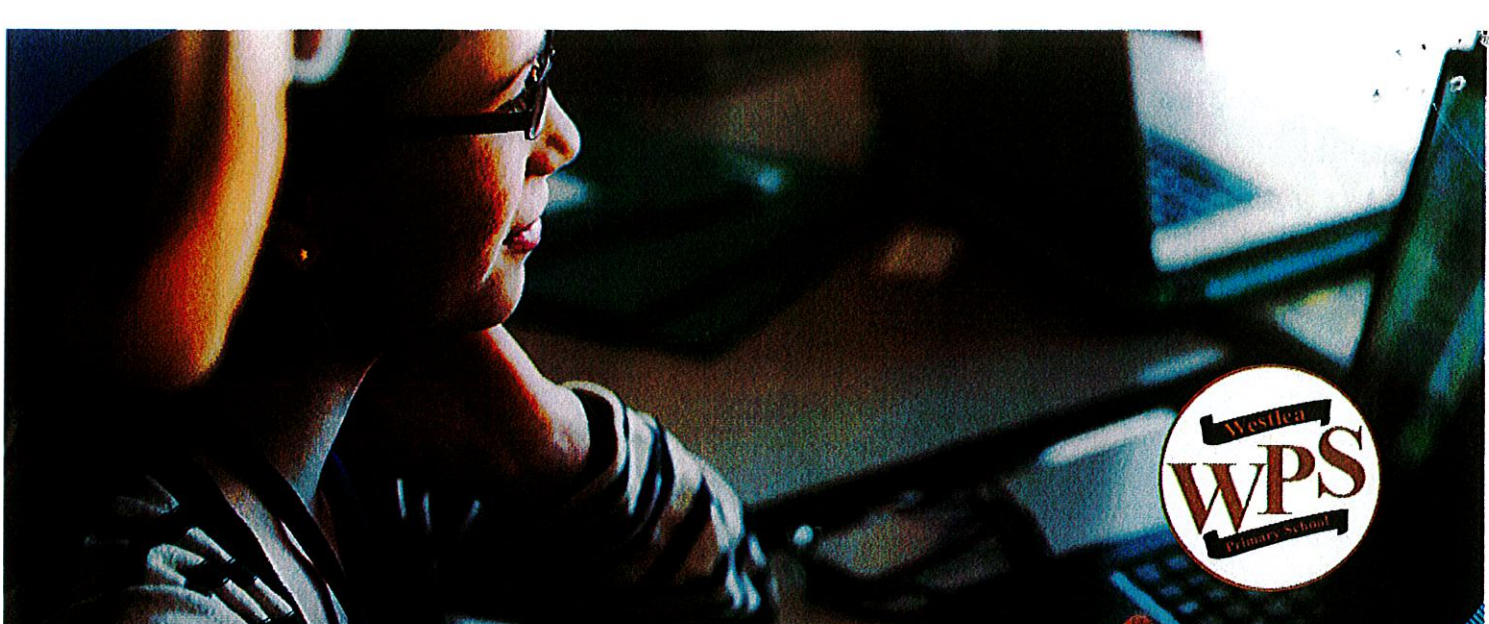
Right of the week
Article 36
We have the right to be protected from things that can harm us.

Character values: CARE		
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Community	Compassion	Cooperation
Ambition	Actions	Achievement
Respect	Responsibility	Resilience
Enjoyment	Endeavor	Empowerment

Head teachers awards

These are given to pupils in school who have shone outside of the classroom. It maybe they have shown excellent manners and held a door for a visitor or a friend or have shown our WESTLEA CARE values in some way. Perhaps helping a someone or trying their best with something that they are finding difficult to achieve.

Visitors and other members of staff can nominate these students so it is very special if you are recognised for your efforts or for just being you!



Westlea Primary School | Careers Related Learning Spring 2025



Welcome!



At Westlea, we are committed to helping every child grow into a confident, capable individual ready to face the future. One of the ways we achieve this is by introducing **careers-related learning** during their primary school years. While it may seem early to think about careers, research shows that exposing children to a wide range of possibilities at an early age has long term benefits.

Here's why careers related learning matters in primary school:

Expanding Horizons Early

Children are naturally curious about the world. By introducing them to a wide variety of professions and industries, we help them to see the many possibilities available.....regardless of gender, background or stereotypes.

Boosting Confidence & Motivation

Understanding how their education relates to future opportunities inspires children to stay engaged in their learning and set meaningful goals for themselves.

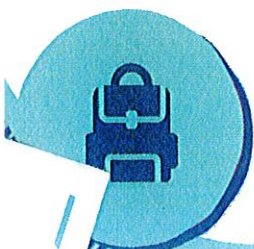
Developing Key Skills

Engaging in careers-related learning builds valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, creativity and problem-solving....all of which are essential for success in life.

Fostering Curiosity & Ambition

Early exposure encourages children to explore their interests and ask questions about different careers. This curiosity can ignite long-term ambitions and help them discover their unique strengths.

We aim to make careers-related learning engaging and age appropriate through hands on activities, workshops, guest speakers and visitors and even visits out to real workplaces.



March = Careers Month!

Throughout the whole of March we will all be exploring everything linked to careers! In our special assemblies on Mondays, children will find out about the career journeys of some staff in school, as well as the different roles, responsibilities, skills needed and how they got to their roles/jobs too!

We have lots of exciting opportunities organised already including an on going 10 week enterprise project for Y6, a visit from the Melissa Bus for our Y5 pupils and an interesting Learning Lab: Powering the Future Science project with the Centre for Life in Newcastle for Y4.....with more visits to be confirmed very soon.



We are always looking to add to and expand the occupations and careers pathways our children have access to.

Can you help?

If you would like to come into school to share your journey, it could be with a small group of children, your own child's class and could even be done online via zoom! We would love to hear from you. Please contact main reception to leave your details.

'When I Grow Up' day - Friday 4th April

This is an ideal opportunity, as well as being lots of fun, for your child to dress up as their dream job. Don't worry about buying new costumes....use what you already have and add accessories too!



Useful website - [Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

This easy to use site includes a wealth of information for both children and parents via:

Quizzes Videos Top Tips Hundreds of jobs Occupations linked to subjectsand much much more!

Together we can inspire our children to dream big while equipping them with the tools to make those dreams a reality.

Thank you for your continued support.