

KEY DATES

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

25th March Y6 True Padel sports event

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

**'WHEN I GROW UP' day
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT 4TH APRIL**
Dress as your dream job – use items and accessories you have at home – we can't wait to see your outfits!



Message from Mrs Scothern... what happens in assemblies?

At Westlea, the timetabling across the week, for our pupils learning is carefully considered and mapped out. The teachers do a brilliant job of planning activities and lessons that help your child build on their previous learning and learn new things. The following is a snap shot of what pupils learn about in assembly time...

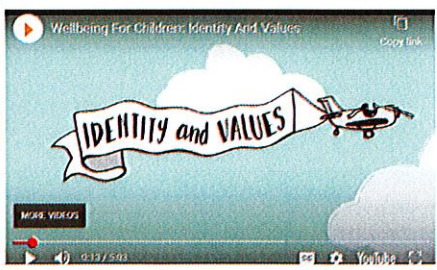
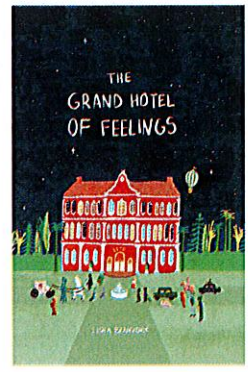
Careers Assembly:

Our Careers assembly, which is occurring every Monday in March, brings R-Y6 together in the hall. The pupils are finding out about how sometimes the jobs and volunteering you do when you are younger, can help to develop skills that come in handy for the job/career you eventually decide to do. We've used words like job, work, career, volunteering, job interview and job application, skills and pathways. Did you attend a club, have a job or volunteer when you were younger? What skills did you develop when you did this? It's a really good conversation to have with your children to help them understand that skills are developed at a young age.

Key Stage Assemblies:

During the Key Stage one and Key Stage two assemblies, I spoke to the students about what we mean by showing ENDEAVOUR and HARD WORK. We talked about having a dream or ambition and how to give yourself a chance for this to happen it needs ENDEAVOR/HARD WORK. Things don't just land at your feet- you have to look for opportunities and have ENDEAVOUR to go for it! We quite often talk in these assemblies about how to keep safe and discuss school rules and systems.

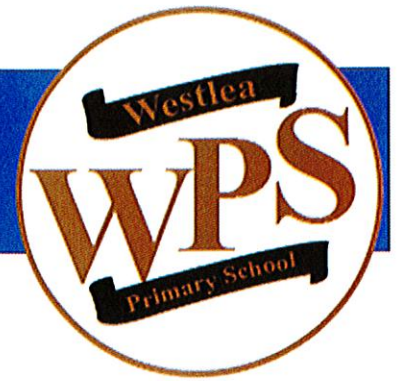
In Key Stage One assembly we read 'The Grand Hotel of feelings', whilst in key stage two we watched a video about Values. <https://youtu.be/om3INBWfoxY>



Celebration Assembly:

Friday is celebration assembly day! All of the pupils and adults in school come together to celebrate the good things and positives that have happened that week! This assembly is where certificates are awarded. Every certificate in school is explained and congratulated. We also take time to celebrate special moments for our school community. It might be a swimming certificate or a trophy won outside of school. Pupils who have represented the school, in some way, come to the front and explain their experiences. In this assembly we celebrate attendance and class points. You name it we do it! #build a legacy

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WB 17.3.25
Class 1	97%
Class 2	89%
Class 3	95.8%
Class 4	91.5%
Class 5	93.6%
Class 6	95.3%
Class 7	96.3%
Class 8/9	86.4%

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.

Class 1 loved their cookery prize making pizzas.



Week 3 2 classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

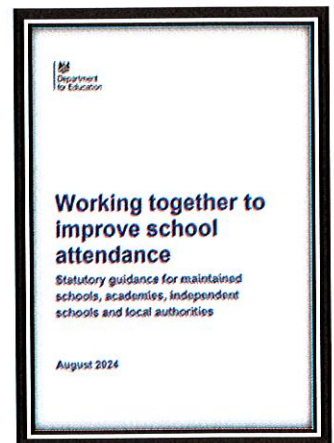
Our whole school attendance for WB
17.03.25 is 93.1%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.2%

Our target for this half term is **96%** we are currently at **95.3%**



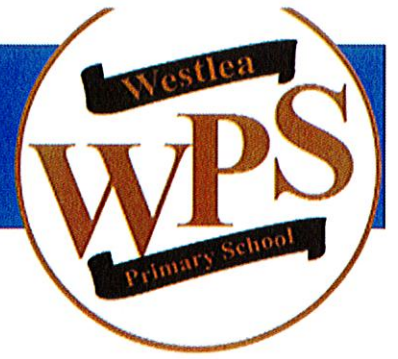
[Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/90222/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_GOV.UK.pdf)



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 17.3.25
Class 1	Flynn
Class 2	Arthur
Class 3	Mailarni
Class 4	Bowie
Class 5	Autumn
Class 6	Hugo
Class 7	Nirvana
Class 8 and 9	Ethan

RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS	
	WB 17.3.25
Class 1	Denny
Class 2	Indy
Class 3	Ezra
Class 4	Mor
Class 5	Harvey-Jack
Class 6	Millie
Class 7	Taylor
Class 8 and 9	Leo



Pupil discussions: In Hot chocolate with the head teacher we talked about PE. The children discussed their PE lessons. Do they know the benefits of PE for the mind and body? What skills are being developed in PE? What is the quality of coaching and PE lessons like? The pupils were very positive with their responses and were able to clearly explain how to keep fit and healthy. They also shared their favourite subjects in school and why.

Head Teacher's Award
 WB 17.3.25
 Eden R Y5
 Isla D Y5
 Well done to these pupils for showing resilience and endeavour and enjoyment during swimming lessons.

Right of the week
Article 17
 We have the right to have information.

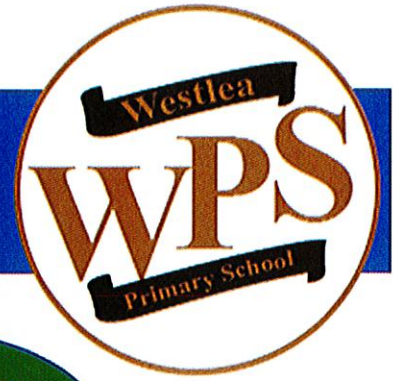
Character values: CARE		
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Community	Compassion	Cooperation
Ambition	Actions	Achievement
Respect	Responsibility	Resilience
Enjoyment	Endeavor	Empowerment

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 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!

In other news...

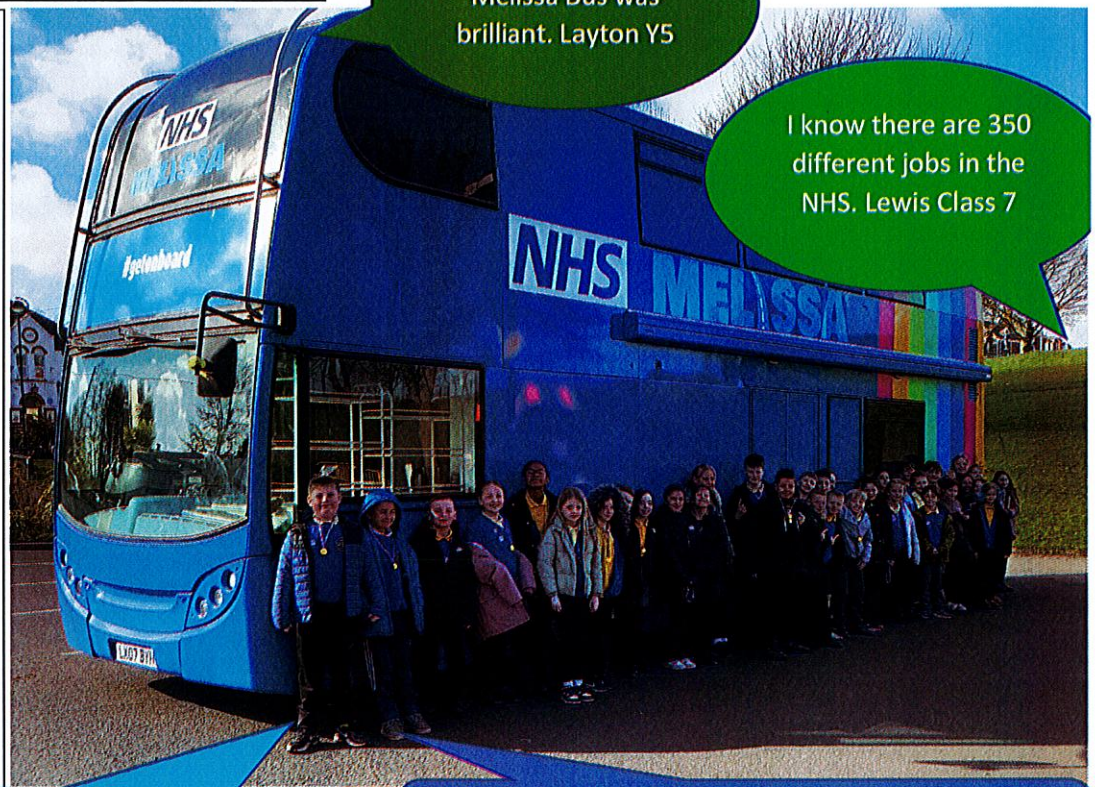


Y5 NHS MELISA Bus experience

Year 5 pupils were given the opportunity to visit the MELISSA bus.

MELISSA stands for **M**obile, **E**ducational **L**earning **I**mproving **S**imulation **S**afety **A**ctivities!

This is an NHS double decker bus, which was booked for Careers month. In small groups, the children took part in an escape room style activity. They were tasked as a team to help solve a medical challenge, while learning about some of the roles within the NHS.



I thought that the Melissa Bus was brilliant. Layton Y5

I know there are 350 different jobs in the NHS. Lewis Class 7

I loved the challenges that we did. Malaya Class 7

I liked how it was like an escape room because you had to do special things to unlock a box at the end. Jacob Class 7

It was amazing. Kobe Class 7

It was really good and I learnt a lot. Mya Class 7

I liked solving the puzzles. Lilly R Year 5

I had a great time on the bus. Abbi Class 7



'GET ON YA BIKE ROBSON AND SURTEES!'

Mrs Robson and Miss Surtees went on a 'Get Cycling in Schools Course' – this was half a day of practical training. In school, we will receive online e-learning, six balance bikes and six helmets worth in excess of £1500.

Thank you so much for attending 😊

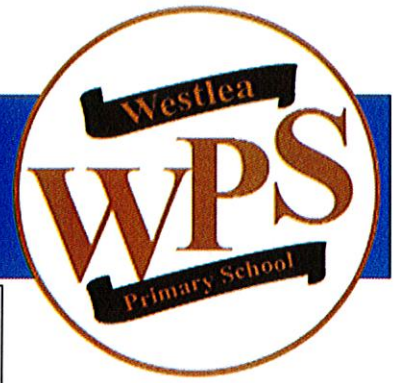


Miss Dyer (Class 7) has recently been married and is now Mrs Reed.

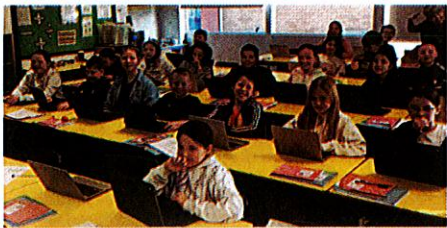
Miss Smith (Class 2) has also been married and is now Mrs Robson.

Congratulations to you both!

In other news...



Thank you again for supporting such an amazing charity. The children and staff who came in to school today dressed in Red or non-uniform have raised ...



We raised an amazing £230 for the charity - Thank you so much for your generosity!



'You can't be it unless you see it!'

Westlea pupils, from Nursery-Y6, met an GB athlete Lucy Turner. Lucy is from the North East and is a heptathlete and inspired the children during her visit.

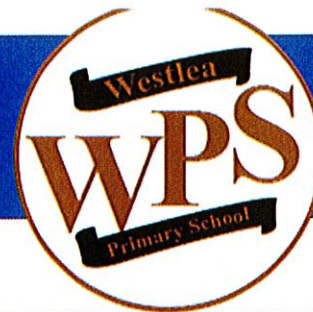
Well done to all the children who took part and raised money during the Athlete experience and sponsored fitness circuit. After a long wait, their goodies have arrived and were given to them in assembly.



[Meet the Athletes - Great Athletes](#)



In other news...



YEAR 6 CREATIVE ENTERPRISE PROJECT

In the midst of making for FBM Market Makers! Westlea Year 6 spent week 5 of their project collecting their materials from charity shops and Seaham Beach. It was chilly, but all worth it in the name of sustainability! We can't wait to see their final products.



Pupil voice: We have lots of opportunities in school where pupils are listened to and their views are considered when making decisions. One of these groups is the ECO-GROUP. Here is a small description of some of the activities they are involved with.

One of the Pupil voice groups we have in school is the **ECO GROUP**. This is lead and organised by Mrs James. The Eco Group are very dedicated and committed to their roles. They discuss projects and complete activities in meetings after school, in their own time.

They are currently educating the school on **single use plastic** and have been involved in a workshop where the school now have reusable and refillable glue sticks therefore reducing the amount of plastic the school puts in landfill.



Earth Hour@WPS

What is EARTH HOUR? Every year, our Westlea school, come together and spend time to think about our impact on the Earth. The Eco-group explain in a special assembly about something that we can all do to look after our planet. We then turn all the electrical devices off in school, for 30mins, and take part in activities that don't need electricity.

Find out more? [Join the Biggest Hour for Earth | Earth Hour](#) As a family you can take part in the Earth hour this weekend.

Healthy Teeth

Free online workshops



Get some practical tips for looking after your child's first teeth - because they really matter



Having healthy teeth is important for young children's development and wellbeing. But did you know that decay in first teeth can affect their adult teeth?

This session will help you understand:

- Everything you need to know about toothbrushing
- How you can make toothbrushing fun
- When to start helping children brush their own teeth
- How what children eat and drink affects their teeth

Event details:

Online via Microsoft teams

Tuesday 8th April
1pm - 2:30pm

For more information, please email:
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