

## KEY DATES

24-27<sup>th</sup> March Y6 Level 1 and Level 2  
Bikeability (Bikes and helmets)

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

25<sup>th</sup> March Y6 True Paddle sports event

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

26<sup>TH</sup> March LADIES DAY in the NURSERY

1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL Reception Vision Tests

4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 'WHEN I GROW UP' day  
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT

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

EASTER EGG DECORATING AND COMPETITION

11<sup>th</sup> April COLOUR RUN

11<sup>th</sup> April Break up for Easter Holiday

## Message from Mrs Scothern... another amazing week in school!

This week at Westlea Primary School it has been characterised by a rich programme of educational and developmental experiences. Notable events included: Year 4's visit to the Life Centre at Newcastle as part of their Careers Month experience; Y3 visiting the Beacon of Light at Sunderland as part of their careers month experience; Year 6 Pupils began their Level 1 and Level 2 bikeability training; the second week of a Netball club for Year 5 and 6 pupils. More about netball soon... the enrichment of the outdoor provision in EYFS with 6 new balance bikes arriving to the delight of the pupils in classes 1 and 2 and a well being event for some Y5 and Y6 pupils. We have also begun our football fixtures and wish all our footballers the best of luck in their matches.

### School improvements:

#### Reading audit:

On Tuesday in school, staff completed a reading audit of our early reading provision with THE ENGLISH HUB. This is quite an in-depth audit whereby teachers and teaching assistants have their reading lessons observed. The leaders in school are asked about how well we support early reading and intervention. We discussed training and development of reading within school and what the further developments in school will be. Why is this important? It's important to us as a school to have outside professionals checking that our practise in school is of high quality. We, as a school, can seek further funding and support to continue this development. I am pleased to say that the reading audit was extremely positive... the auditor particularly mentioned the high levels of engagement and concentration as well as fantastic behaviour from all of our children in Classes 1 to 4.

They said...

'I'm so impressed with the excellent behaviour of all children in Key Stage One'

'The relationships between the adults in the classroom and the pupils is excellent.'

'The importance of early reading and love of reading is really clear across the whole school.'

Read on for;  
Class 5 @ Beacon of  
light

Class 6@ Life Centre

Bikeability

Ladies Day event

Meet the School  
council

Westlea Primary School  
Easter Colour Run Alert!!!

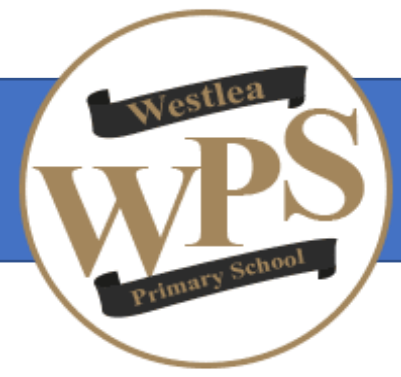
Join the  
COLOR RUN  
FUN!

'WHEN I GROW UP' day  
WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Dress as your dream job – use items and  
accessories you have at home – we can't  
wait to see your outfits!



# THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WB 24.3.25
Class 1	93.95
Class 2	93%
Class 3	94.2%
Class 4	94.1%
Class 5	93.6%
Class 6	98.2%
Class 7	96.3%
Class 8/9	96.4%

## 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.

Week 4 3 classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WB  
24.03.25 is 94.8%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.2%

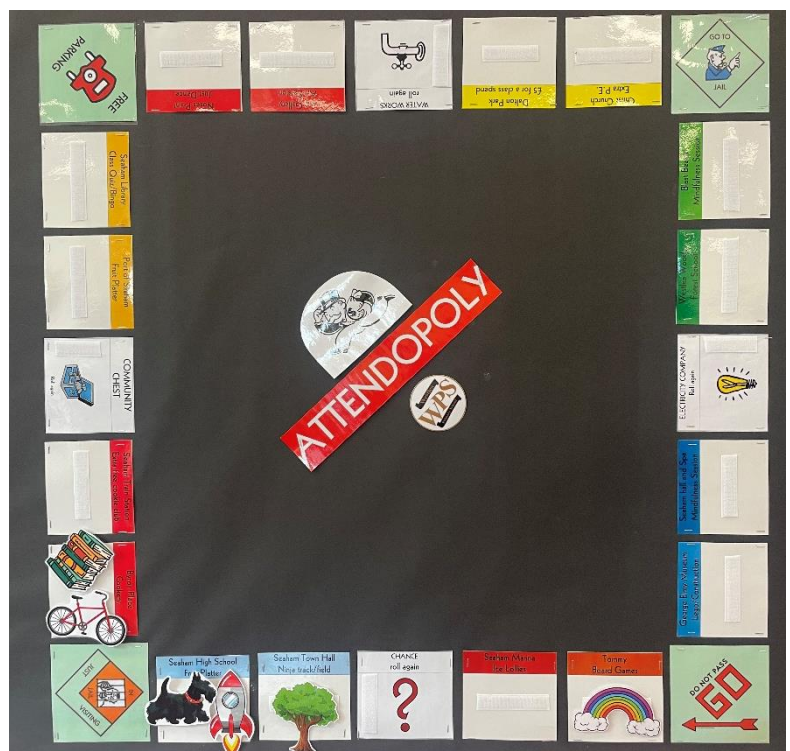
Our target for this half term is **96%** we are  
currently at **95.2%**

## Why Attendance Matters

Every day in school counts. Regular attendance is essential for children's academic success, well-being and future opportunities.

It's not just about education- it's about ensuring every child is safe, supported and engaged.

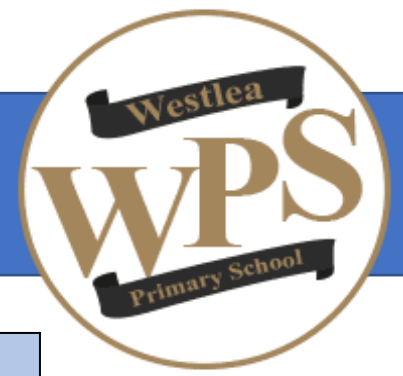
High attendance helps build connectedness, belonging and strong school communities, fostering a sense of security and inclusion for every pupil.



## 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



## Head Teacher's Award

WB 24.3.25 – Esmae, Malaya and Olivia W

### INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	WB 24.3.25
Class 1	Rayne
Class 2	Elliot
Class 3	Amber
Class 4	Harper
Class 5	Whole class
Class 6	Whole class
Class 7	Eden
Class 8 and 9	Hollie

### RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS

	WB 24.3.25
Class 1	Danni-Leigh
Class 2	Charlotte
Class 3	Cayde
Class 4	Esmae
Class 5	Magnus
Class 6	William
Class 7	Zainab
Class 8 and 9	Harrison

### Right of the week-

#### Article 6

#### The right to be healthy

### Character values: CARE

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



**Pupil discussions:** In Hot chocolate with the head teacher we talked about; Careers and what job we would like to have when we grow up: Footballers, Coaches, Firefighters, Police officers, Teachers, Astronaut, Dancer, Netballer.

We also spoke about what we enjoyed this week in school. Lessons, Netball Club, Football in school and competitions, Hot chocolate, Swimming lessons, Trips, I love being in school, I love it when my class celebrate each others' work

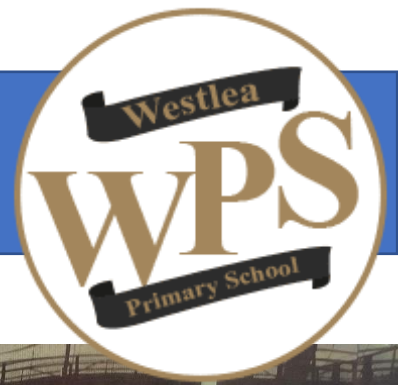
### Head teachers awards: Our CARE values this term are...Compassion, Actions, Responsibility and Endeavor

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...



## TRY A NEW SPORT... DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TRUE PADEL

Mr Unsworth said "myself and the children had a fantastic time at this new event and facility. The children represented the school with pride and gained some new skills."



We have a range of free extra-curricular activities in school. They are available for all pupils to attend and can be booked on Parent Pay. Each week there will be a spotlight on a club so that the pupils can get to know a little more about them. These clubs are offered so that the pupils gain further enrichment experiences, try new skills and make new friends.

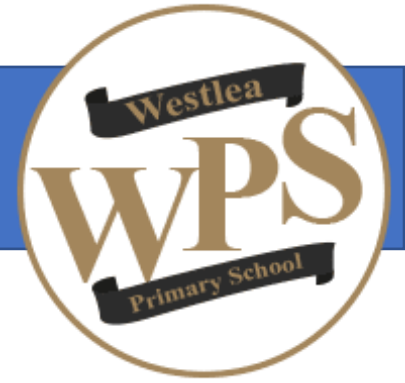
## Extra-Curricular club spotlight

Name of club	<b>Netball Club</b>
What day is club?	Wednesday
What time?	3:15-4:15pm
Where is it held?	School Sports hall or yard when weather improves
Who can go?	Anyone from Y5 and Y6
Description of the club and activities?	Netball is an invasion game, which means that there is attacking and defending skills and positions.



If you are interested in joining the club, please speak to Mrs Simmons or Mrs Scothern

# In other news...



## Meet the School Council

One of the Pupil voice groups we have in school is the **SCHOOL COUNCIL**. This is lead and organised by Mrs Davey. The School Council are voted in by their peers. We do this by a formal election in September where candidates prepare a speech and try to gain the votes from their peers. These pupils help in many ways throughout the year and even take part in staff interviews for new teaching staff!

**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 school council. Here is a small description of some of the activities they are involved with.

### What is the School Council busy doing at the minute?

It's been a busy time for the students elected on to the school council this year. In September, through consultation with each of their classes, the group decided to put forward an idea to have **fake grass fitted in the MUGA**. We measured the area, took photos of the damaged goal surface and put our proposal to Mrs Scothern. The children were successful in their bid so watch this space for the transformation in the coming month!



The School Council also decided they wanted **World Book Day 2025** to be bigger and better this year, requesting more masked readers so we increased from 10 last year to 16 this year. They were also instrumental in coming up with the theme of wearing our pyjamas to enjoy our whole school celebration of reading.

The next project to get our teeth in to will be helping with the **design of a new history timeline** and **word art project** to improve the space in the main hall area.



# In other news...



We raised an amazing £846.62 - thank you!

## Class 6 LIFE CENTRE EXPERIENCE



The school aim to give all pupils aspirational experiences. As part of careers month Class 6 went to the Life Centre, Newcastle. They experienced lots of STEM related activities and had a workshop surrounding electricity, the environment and sustainability.

They sampled what it was like in Mission control and how to be an astronaut and then visited the Planetarium and looked at the stars and galaxies.

They explored the Brain zone and the interactive activities and games in this section.





## CLASS 6 LIFE CENTRE TRIP

Quotes from some Class 6 pupils...

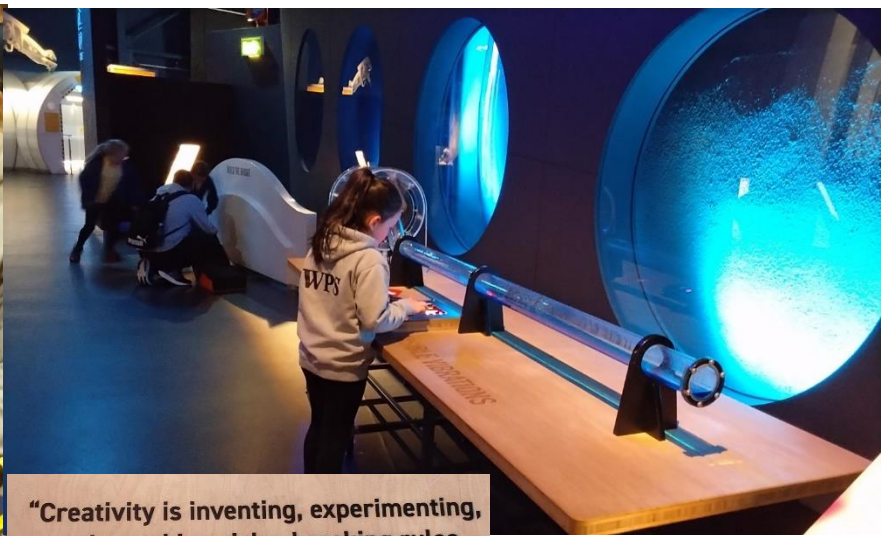
Paisley: I loved the play area and workshop.

Veronica: I liked the Planetarium and that I could see different galaxies and I loved the interactive zones.

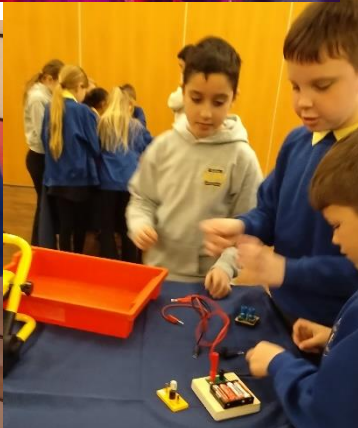
Millie: I enjoyed the brain zone. There was a toilet where you could drink fresh water out of!!

Cleo: I enjoyed pushing Carter in the shopping trolley and learning about photographic illusions.

Ella Andrea: I really enjoyed the activity area and I got to go inside a big bubble!

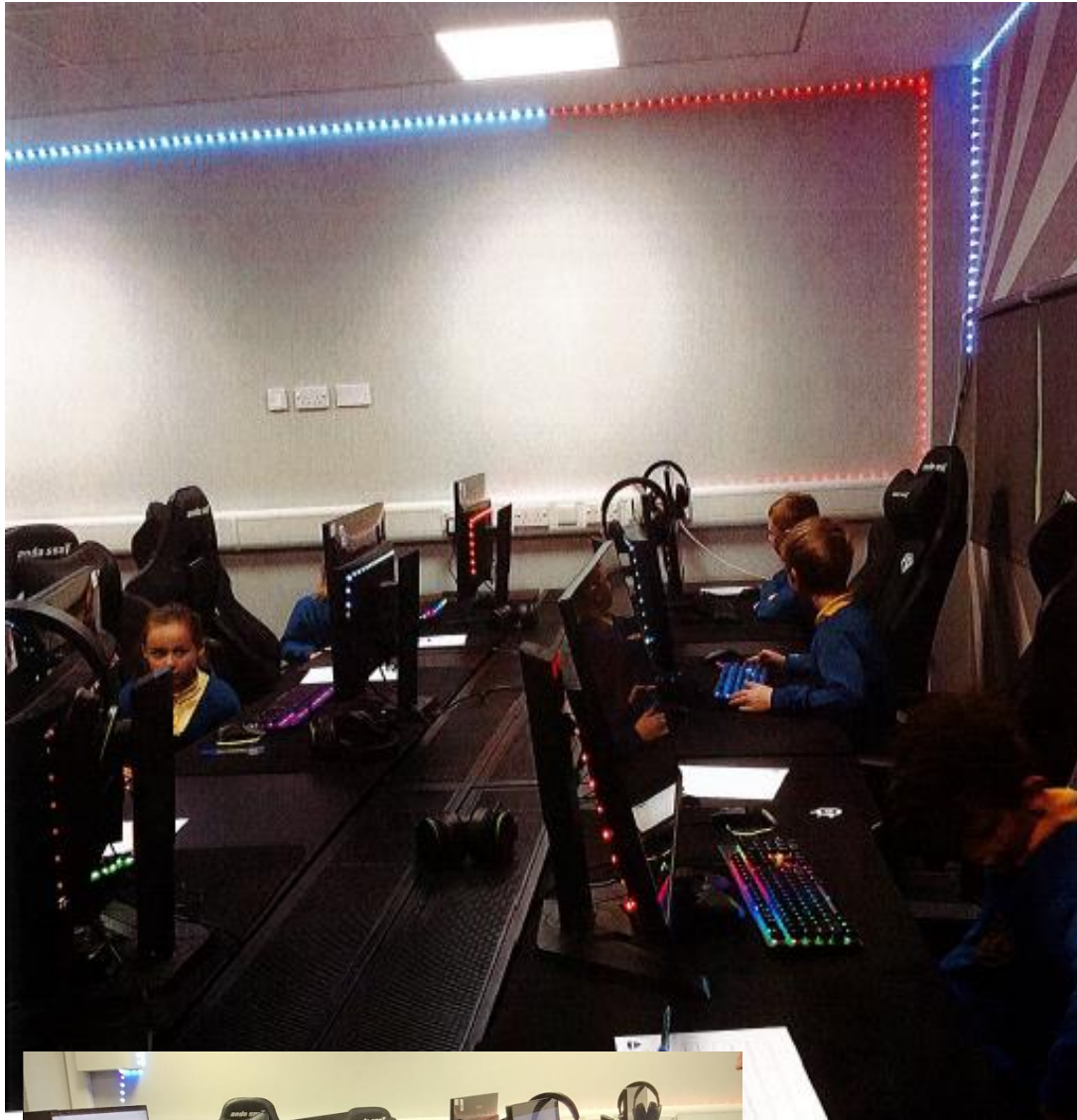


**"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun"**  
- Mary Lou Cook





## Class 5 trip to the Beacon of Light



Class 5's trip to Sunderland's Beacon of light enabled the pupils to experience different sectors of employment. Such as...

Catering: Making pancakes in a professional kitchen.

Car construction: Nissan themed room with equipment and machinery to use.

Computer/gaming and coding room: Where they designed their own Football top.





A morning of  
Mindfulness, Wellbeing  
and Wellness

A group of pupils from Y5 and Y6 took part in a relaxing morning of activities held at the Glebe Centre in Murton. They were able to sample different activities linked to wellness and well-being.

They took part in plant seeds, Yoga, and team activities. It was a very enjoyable experience.







Ladies Day in the Nursery  
The children loved spending special time with their special ladies xx





some year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 Training this week.

Bikeability Level 1 teaches you:

**Maintain your cycle:** make sure your ride is in tip-top condition and make simple repairs

**Glide:** smooth, calm and collected

**Control your bike:** including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. You'll even learn to pedal one handed!

**Pedal:** without feeling wobbly or out of control

**Be aware of your surroundings:** looking behind and turning around obstacles

What do the pupils learn about?

3 top tips from Olivia in Year 6:

It was really good. I learned how to do U-turns.

- Make sure you always look where you are going
- Remember to slow down when riding down hills!
- Remember to wear your cycle helmet when riding your bike.

Click on the link and see the videos of each skill...

[Bikeability Level 1 - Maintain your cycle, Glide and Control your bike](#)



## LEVEL 2:

Level 2 teaches children how to grow more confident with each turn of the pedal. Our expert instructors will lead riders onto quiet roads, to experience "real" cycling.

Most children take part in Level 2 at school during Year 5 or 6. This is when they are between 9 and 11 years old.

Level 2 can feel like the biggest step for both you and your child - it's cycling on the actual road! But with our instructors on hand, your child will feel confident and safe in no time at all.

What does Level 2 teach?

Bikeability Level 2 teaches you to:

- **Start and stop** with more confidence
- **Pass stationary vehicles** parked on a road
- **Understand the road:** signals, signs and road markings
- **Negotiate the road:** including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts
- **Share the road** with other vehicles



Click the link to see the videos of each skill...

[Bikeability Level 2 - Start & stop, Passing vehicles & Understand the road](#)

