

## KEY DATES

### Summer Term

Return from Easter break Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> of April

Year 6 Mock exams week of 28<sup>th</sup> of  
April

Tennis competition y4/5 and  
festival y2/3 2<sup>nd</sup> of May

Bank holiday school closed 5<sup>th</sup> of  
May

**Whole school event: VE DAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY- Dress in Red White and Blue  
Day**

Year 5 Bikeability 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> of May

Year 1 Balance Bikes 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>  
May

Reception Balance Bikes 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>,  
16<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 Netball festival 7<sup>th</sup> of May

Year 6 SATs exams week of 12<sup>th</sup>  
May

INSET Day school closed –  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May and Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> of June



### Message from Mrs Scothern...

As we approach the Easter break, both children and staff continue to demonstrate strong commitment and effort. With the arrival of longer days and improved weather, it has been lovely to see the pupils using the field for activities and exploring the rich outdoor environment we have at Westlea. We wish you all a lovely Easter break!

### Open nights:

A special thank you for all parents and carers who attended the open nights. It was lovely to see the support from home and share the progress that your children are making. Thank you also for completing the parent/carers questionnaires, results of which will follow. This feedback will enable us to continue to improve our practices in school and also build upon our strong home to school links.

### Egg Competition:

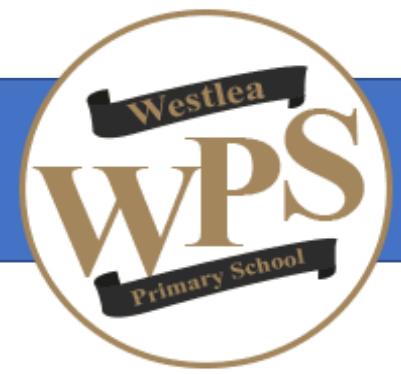
The count down in the final week before Easter has begun. We have experienced 'Chicks on tour', the Reverend Anita has conducted a special Easter themed assembly and the great Easter Egg design and make competition has been completed. Thank you for your support with this and as ever, the standard of Easter Egg designs and ideas from the children have blown us away. What creative, inventive and talented pupils we have at Westlea Primary!

We will have a special assembly on Friday with all winners announced. Each pupil in school will also receive a small Easter gift.

In this week's newsletter read and see...

Easter preparations – eggs, chicks, rabbits and even butterflies! Plus a special assembly. Careers news from year 5 and 6. Attendance updates and our colour run fun. Sporting success and your chance to earn a £20 voucher and boost your child's maths skills.

# THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WB 07.04.25
Class 1	94.35
Class 2	95%
Class 3	95.8%
Class 4	94.8%
Class 5	96.8%
Class 6	96.3%
Class 7	97.1%
Class 8/9	94.1%

## 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. So far classes have had, a weekend free of homework, cookery experiences, extra playtime, £5 to spend on something for the class. We really enjoy this part of our assembly every Friday.

This week **3** classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WB 07.04.25 is 95.3%

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.3%**

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



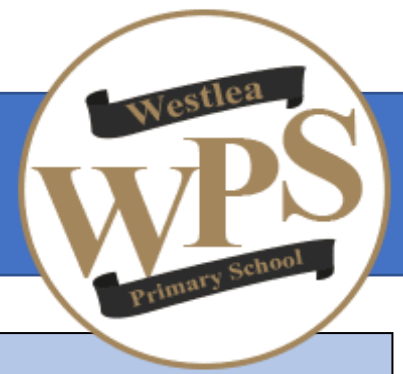
Class 4 enjoying their cookery session

### 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 7.3.25: Finley was selected this week. He displayed one of the CARE values of our school, which is ACTION. He emailed a local councillor to ask for help with an eco-warrior project. We are very proud of him! Charlotte received an award for her entrepreneurial skills and Mya also got a headteachers award this week for her dedication to learning about space.

## INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	WB 07.04.25
Class 1	Ria
Class 2	Parker
Class 3	Lydia-Rose
Class 4	Esmae
Class 5	Troy
Class 6	Jacob
Class 7	Gracie
Class 8 and 9	Lewis

## RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS

	WB 07.04.25
Class 1	Alma
Class 2	Nevaeh and Deana
Class 3	Clara
Class 4	Freddie
Class 5	Daisie-Mae
Class 6	Carson
Class 7	Kobe
Class 8 and 9	Ivy

## Right of the week-

### Article 29

**We have the right to become the best you can be**

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; homework, how we know that we are learning in school and at home. We shared our career aspirations and talked about our CARE values.



## CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

## 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...



## Chicks on tour!

Our eggs are now beautiful fluffy chicks who are starting to get feathers – they will go to their new home at the farm on Friday. We have 5 boys and 5 girls.

Each class had a chance to meet the chicks this week.

Names were chosen from a hat from staff and pupil suggestions:

- Love heart
- Super Mario
- Spider
- Barry
- Cutie
- Football
- Rodney
- Chip
- Chixie
- Flap



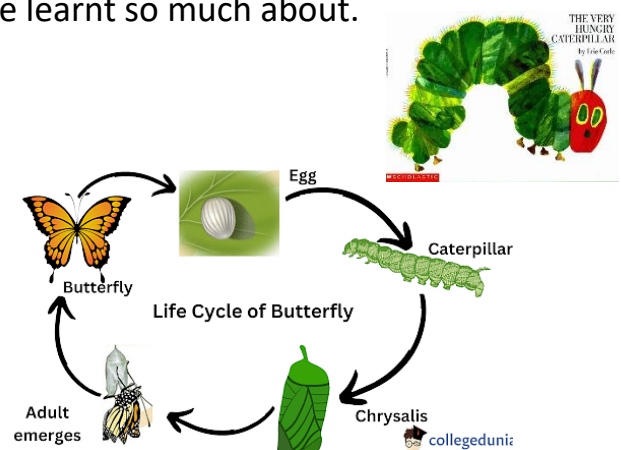
# When Flopsy and Mopsy came to visit...

Flopsy and Mopsy came to visit nursery – they are Elsie and Rosie’s pets. We have been learning all about signs of spring in nursery and about caring for animals. We were all very gentle and stroked their super soft fur. We are so grateful to our friends for sharing them with us.



# The hungry caterpillars...

Reception children have been learning about life cycles and we have been watching how the insects grow. When we first got the caterpillars, they were really tiny. Over the past few days, they have grown so much and are almost ready to cocoon! When they hatch from their cocoons/chrysalis, they will be released to continue the life cycle we have learnt so much about.





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	Games Club
What day is club?	Tuesday after school
What time?	3.15pm to 4pm
Where is it held?	In class 5
Who can go?	Key stage one pupils (reception, year 1 and year 2)
Description of the club and activities?	Playing board games with friends, taking turns, following the rules, helping each other learn to play. Working together with Lego or jigsaws.
Mrs Mac and Mrs Birkett help at games club – it's a great chance for our key stage one children to get to know staff in key stage two	



## Come along to our Maths Café!



**Come and play  
some fun Maths  
games with your  
child!**



Our Multiply Champions have a range of fun activities and games for you to play with your child. All activities are linked to what your child is learning in school which will help you to support them with their homework.

**Attend our  
Maths Cafe and  
receive a FREE  
£20 Asda  
Voucher  
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**Multiply**



- Year 3 – Tuesday 20th May 9am to 11am
- Year 5 – Tuesday 3rd June 9am to 11am
- Year 4 - Tuesday 10th June 9am to 11am
- Year 2 - Tuesday 24th June 9am to 11am
- Year 1 - Tuesday 1st July 9am to 11am
- Reception - Tuesday 8th July 9am to 11am

# In other news...



Class 1 visited Christ Church on Monday to learn more about Easter and why it is celebrated. We heard about Good Friday and Easter traditions like eating fish. We sang some Easter songs and helped create a prayer tree and our own Golgotha hills. After a lovely sunny walk back to school we had a class picnic.

Reverend Anita from Christ Church was welcomed into school to share the Easter story with us. She used nine eggs to explain the symbols of Easter to the children. She was very impressed with their knowledge, understanding and beautiful singing.

Reverend Anita has also joined our governing body and will be the governor that is linked to RE with Mrs Mac. She is also one of the governors with a special link to classes 5 and 6.





# In other news...



## Year 6 Durham Market Experience

Saturday was the culmination of our 10week Enterprise Project where Year 6 had created a weaving company, made all of the products, and went to Durham Market with 9 other schools to sell. The day was a huge success. Year 6 children who came to work on the stall, eloquently described our process and what they had learnt, and we sold over £200 worth of products!

If you can spare five minutes to watch the youtube clip below you might spot some of our Westlea family! Well done to all involved in the project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luyqwD0UBgg>



## Year 5 Careers talk by Mr Guyaco



Class 7 had a lovely visit from Mr. Guyaco who explained about two fascinating jobs. They learnt how sometimes in life you can start on one career path and then move to a different career but transfer your skills to this job!

Mr. Guyaco served in the army in the Royal Artillery. Where he operated big guns and as part of his work, did tours and lived around the world.

He now works in a completely new sector of business and is a wind turbine engineer, in a sustainable energy sector. He explained to the children how he got head hunted to work with the wind turbines as he had key skills needed to climb the 120m up to the top of the turbine (either by lift or by ladder)!

He talked us through how the turbines work. He also showed us the safety equipment he uses to make sure he is safe while at work.

We were very lucky that he shared his time, experience and knowledge with us.

Thank you Mr. Guyaco.



# Fantastic Football experience at Goals Soccer @Sunderland



Miss Baker said, “All of the children were a credit to our school and they represented our school perfectly. Not only did they perform well but they worked well as a team; passing the ball, cheering each other on and congratulating all players. They were shining examples of the children at Westlea.”

Our year one/two team received a gold medal for topping the league table.

Esmae Y2 – I liked it – we won a gold medal!

Elliot Y2 – I like playing goal keeper and I saved lots of goals.

Aria Y4– It was fun, we got to play five matches.

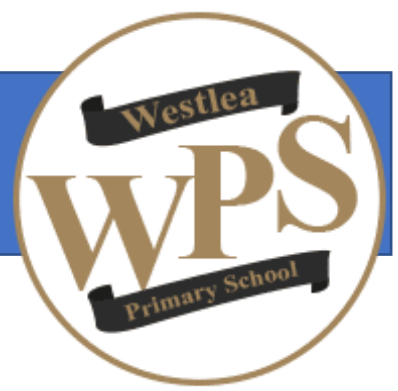


Mr. Bainbridge said, “What a terrific day! Both our teams were outstanding in every way. From their first game to their last, Westlea were sporting, encouraging and respectful. Very well done to our KS1 team for topping their league and brilliant effort from our Year 4 team, finishing runners-up in a tough 6-team league.”

**CARE VALUES SPRING TERM: Compassion, Actions, Responsibility and Endeavor**



# In other news...



## Easter Colour Run

A huge thank you to the Schools sports partnership staff and sports leaders for yet another successful and enjoyable colour run at Westlea. The colour run is part of the programme of events we purchase as a school across the academic year and is becoming one of the pupils' favourite activities.

Nursery enjoyed their colour run on Wednesday and the rest of the school celebrated the last day of the spring term in style.









