**KEY DATES****Summer Term One**

20th May: Maths Café- Year 3 Parents/carers welcome
INSET Day school closed – Friday 23rd of May and Friday 13th of June

HALF TERM: Including Friday 23rd May- Coming back to school Monday 2nd June

Summer Term Two

Y4 Swimming every Monday at Seaview school

2nd June- 13th June: Y4 Timetable assessments

3RD June: Maths Café- Year 5 Parents/carers welcome
WB 9th June: Year 1 and some Year 2 Phonic screening assessments

10th June: Educational visit: Year 6 Safety Carousel

10th June: Maths Café- Year 4 Parents/carers welcome

11th June: Reception New starters meeting

11th June: Year 2 Class trip: Outdoor and Adventurous activities day

13th June: School closed -training day

WB 16th June- 20th June: ACTIVITY WEEK IN SCHOOL

18th June: NURSERY and RECEPTION SPORTS DAY

24th June: Y6 Induction evening at Seaham High School

23rd June: KS2 am, KS1 pm SPORTS DAY

24th June: Maths Café- Year 2 Parents/carers welcome

25th June: Big debate held at County Hall

30th June: Shorts and Shades Disco 3:45-5:15pm

1st July: Maths Café- Year 1 Parents/carers welcome

2nd July: Y1/Y2 and Y3/4 athletics teams at Athletics event

3rd July: Year 6 Enterprise day for whole school and whole school real-life maths day.

4th July: Year 6 transition day at Seaham High

4th July: All students spend time in next year's classroom with their next teacher and other support staff.

8th July Year 1 Classes trip: Teddy Bear's Picnic Park trip and activity day

8th July: Maths Café- Reception Parents/carers welcome

8th, 9th and 11th July: Students from US to visit and complete workshops with pupils.

10th July: School video Day

11th July Year 6 special farewell service at Christ Church

16th July: Y6 Trip

17th July: Year 6 leavers event and awards assembly

18th July: Whole school sing-a-long

Message from Mrs Scothern...

Another busy, enriching week in school. The Y6 pupils have been undertaking their end of Key Stage 2 tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Mathematics arithmetic and Mathematics reasoning papers. The calmness and composure of the Y6 this week throughout the tests and their conduct and attitude in preparation has been excellent. They have completed homework and attended extra tuition on a morning and some after school. Leading to a great focus right from September towards all of their studies in school. We are really proud of you all.

Year 1 and Reception Bikeability:

What a fabulous response from the Year 1 and Reception pupils in trying something new. These pupils were given the opportunity, with parental/carers consent, to develop their skills on a balance bike. Read more about this in the newsletter this week.

Maths Café:

Our series of Maths Café workshops begins this term. If you would like to know how to support your child with maths then please come along to these workshops where you will learn alongside your child.

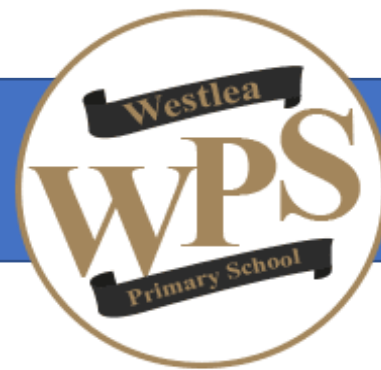
**Summer term CARE values:**

Every term we focused on 4 of our CARE values across school. I mention these in assemblies and the children and staff try to use these values throughout the term.

Our new CARE values are;

COOPERATION, ACHEIVEMENT, RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WE 16.05.25
Class 1	92.2
Class 2	90
Class 3	99.2
Class 4	87.4
Class 5	95.6
Class 6	92.1
Class 7	90
Class 8/9	100

Attendance Update

We will continue to use our Attendopoly board with the classes to encourage great class attendance. Your child's class rolls the dice if they collectively have an attendance over 96% (which is our school target).

The pupils really enjoy participating with the game and finding out what space they will land on and what extra treat that might be for the class!

This week 2 classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WE 16.05.25%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.2%

Our target for this half term is **96%** we are currently at 94.5%

As we move into the Summer term, I like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of attending school every day. **Attending school every day is vital to your child's learning, social development, and overall success.**

When **children attend school consistently**, studies show, they are **better able to engage with lessons, build friendships and develop skills they need for the future.**

This term, we are aiming for **96%** attendance across all classes in school. To help us achieve this, we ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child or children:

- **Arrive on time, ready to learn** (Doors open 8:30am-8:45pm). **Your child is late for school after 8:45am.**
- **Attend every day unless they are unwell or have a pre-agreed absence.** Please contact the office and let school know of the reason for an absence. This needs to be completed by the parent/carer each day they are off.

Please remember we are here to help and support you all. If you are concerned, please contact the office and speak to Mrs Scothern or the administration team.

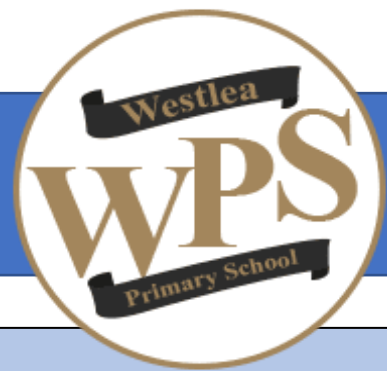


SAFE GUARDING AND ATTENDANCE TEAM:

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 Comment

WB 16.05.25: Well done to **Sidney H** and **Harrison C** for showing creativity in their learning. Both showed resilience in their learning and wanted to share and explain their work when I visited their classroom.

Well done to **Oscar P** for reading independently with fluency and accuracy. Oscar is really enjoying his learning in school and is a valued member of our school council as well!

INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	WE 16.05.25
Class 1	Danni-Leigh
Class 2	Holly E
Class 3	Clara
Class 4	Alex
Class 5	Poppy
Class 6	Sophiya
Class 7	Zuzanna
Class 8 and 9	All of Year 6

RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS

	WE 16.05.25
Class 1	Addison
Class 2	Blake
Class 3	James
Class 4	Bowie
Class 5	Oscar F
Class 6	Mace
Class 7	Malaya
Class 8 and 9	Theo

Right of the week- Article

Article 28 We have the right to access to education

Character values: CARE

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



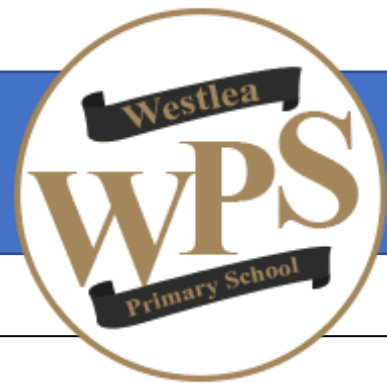
Pupil discussions: This weeks' Head Teachers chat was surrounding the word OPPORTUNITY. The pupils discussed all the opportunities that we can experience at Westlea and how these opportunities then develop other skills such as communication, concentration, team work, resilience, determination, belief.



Head teachers awards: Our CARE values this term are...Cooperation, Achievement, Resilience and Empowerment

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 they have cooperated with each other to play a game or complete a group activity or shown resilience to keep going when a task or a learning activity has been a challenge. 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...



Parent/carer and child: Maths Workshops

We have arranged for year group Parent/carer with child maths workshops this term. This will be a great opportunity for you to find out how to help and support your child with their maths learning and homework.

The workshops will involve all children in every year group and the course deliverer has designed them to focus on how you can support your child with Maths development at home. Using household objects or games.

What will we do?

It will be set up as small games, activities. In a carousel style. There will be some information about what level Maths is expected at each stage and how to support your child with maths and also challenge them.

Where will it be?

It will be held in the main hall with staff and all the children.

How long?

It will be roughly 2 hours.

Parent/carers:

Parent/carers who attend can fill in information and receive a £20 shops voucher arranged through the company. You will also get the advice and support to help your child with their maths and learning.



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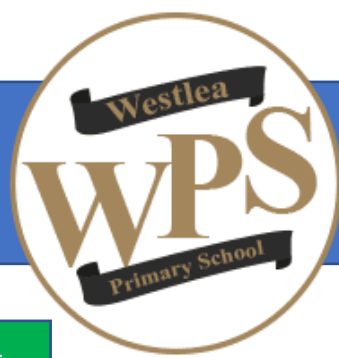
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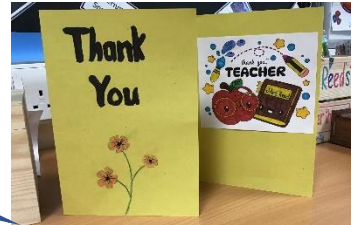
- Year 3 – Tuesday
20th May 9am to 11am
- Year 5 – Tuesday
3rd June 9am to 11am
- Year 4 - Tuesday
10th June 9am to 11am
- Year 2 - Tuesday
24th June 9am to 11am
- Year 1 - Tuesday 1st July
9am to 11am
- Reception - Tuesday
8th July 9am to 11am

In other news...



The whole school celebrated the Year 6 pupils receiving their hoodies. They were presented with the Star of the week award and their leaver's hoodie. They also had a celebration of the end of the SATs.

Pupils created thank you cards for staff who have helped them prepare for the SATs. A very thoughtful act of kindness and appreciation.



In other news...

Bikeability for Year 1 and Reception



Bikeability Year 1

At Westlea, we strive to provide opportunities for our pupils to try new skills so that they are ready for the next steps in their learning. This week Year 1 pupils were given the opportunities to have lessons on balance bikes in school as part of the Bikeability scheme.

Watch the video on what the pupils experienced.

<https://youtu.be/-ZrsBLgKW> MCycle Training for Everyone - Deliver Safer Training | Bikeability



The Bikeability Balance is designed to help young children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently, getting them off to the best start in cycling and assisting their ability to participate in Bikeability at a later stage in their school years. It is a series of school-based sessions that aims to provide children in Reception and Year 1 with basic balance and co-ordination skills they will need to ride a bike using games and balance bikes.

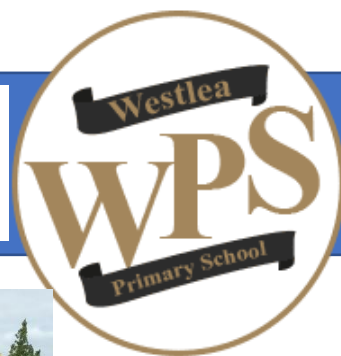
Once you have completed your Bikeability Balance training, you will be able to:

- Fasten helmet
- Identify parts of a balance bike
- Pick up / put down a balance bike
- Walk with a balance bike
- Get on and off a balance bike
- Sit on a balance bike with feet flat on the ground and knees slightly bent
- Come to a controlled stop using a brake, if the balance bike has one
- Come to a controlled stop using only their feet
- Start a balance bike using their whole foot
- Look in the direction of travel
- Change direction
- Glide with both feet off the ground
- Play control skill games on a balance bike
- Share space and communicate with other people



In other news...

Bikeability for Year 1 and Reception





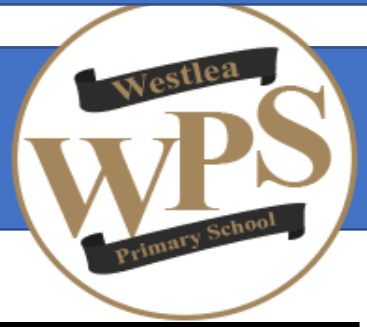
We have a range of free extra-curricular activities in school. They are available for all pupils to attend and can be booked on Parent Pay. Each week there will be a spotlight on a club so that the pupils can get to know a little more about them. These clubs are offered so that the pupils gain further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

Extra-Curricular club spotlight

Name of club	Multi-skills KS2
What day is club?	Tuesday
What time?	3:15-4:15pm
Where is it held?	Sports hall or field
Who can go?	Key Stage two pupils
Description of the club and activities?	Pupils get a chance to develop lots of skills that are used across many team sports. Running, changing direction, throwing, striking and fielding, attacking and defending. They have lots of fun.

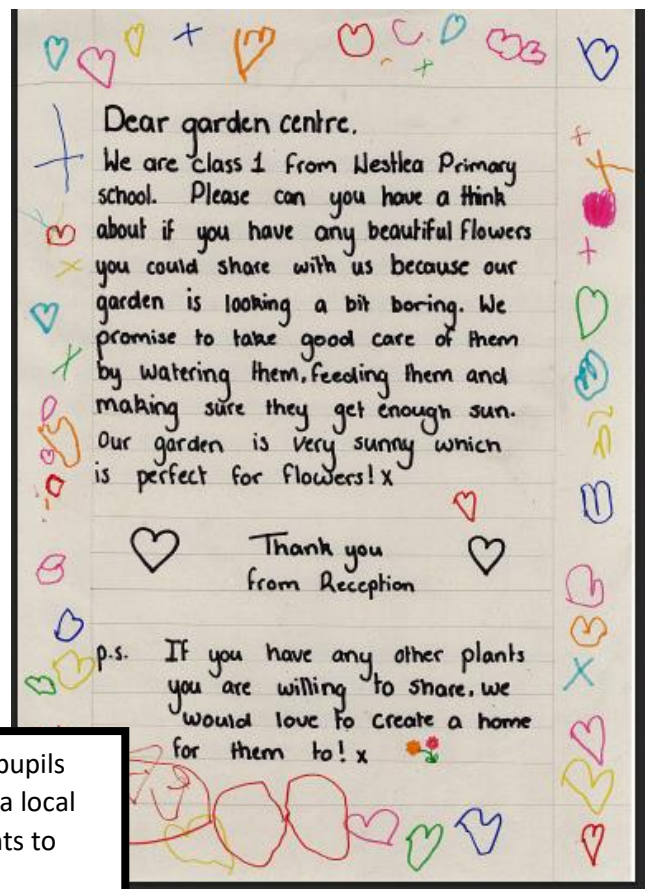


In other news...



A lot of our Year 6 pupils use some of their free time to help in younger classes.

Here are two year 6 pupils enjoying a book together with a nursery pupil. Building those special friendships make our school community stronger and give older pupils the opportunity to show their caring and leadership skills.



Class 1 are continuing to develop their outdoor environment. The pupils decided that they would write a letter, with Mrs Robson's help, to a local garden centre. Let's hope their letter brings some flowers and plants to school for them to plant.

What is play dough disco? As our pupils move through school they are writing more and needing to develop their fine motor skills. One of the strategies that Class 4 use to strengthen and developed these skills is Play dough disco. Pop some music on that you love, sing along if you like and squeeze, stretch, roll and pinch the playdough to the music!

