

KEY DATES

Summer Term

Return from Easter break Monday 28th of April

Year 6 Mock exams week of 28th of April

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

Bank holiday school closed 5th of May

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

8th MAY- Whole school Sports ability day

8th May: Year 4 and Year 5 tennis coaching

Year 5 Bikeability 6th, 7th, 8th of May

Year 1 Balance Bikes 9th, 12th, 13th May

Reception Balance Bikes 14th, 15th, 16th May

Year 4 Netball festival 7th of May

Year 6 SATs exams week of 12th May

INSET Day school closed – Friday 23rd of May and Friday 13th of June

Message from Mrs Scothern...

A warm welcome back to everyone after the Easter break. We are now in our final term of the year and hopefully the weather will continue to be as lovely as it has this week. Could I draw your attention to the guidance letter sent on uniform and remind everyone that PE and school uniform and suitable/ sensible footwear are a requirement in school. Sun cream, water bottles and sun hats – labelled with your child's name could also be helpful.

School improvements:

Over the holidays there have been some exciting developments around school with the main yard now having improvements in the MUGA area, this is now grassed, and a netball court lines installed on the yard. Both of which have been very well received by the pupils.



Further developments have focused on Class 1 and 2 outdoor area, where a new structure has been installed. This will provide more opportunities and space for the pupils and staff and other professionals, to benefit from. This will also enhance our Wrap around care facilities after school. Andy, our caretaker has begun painting the main hall and some bespoke cupboards have been installed. We are hoping for further improvements in the main hall in the summer holidays.

Reception for September 2025:

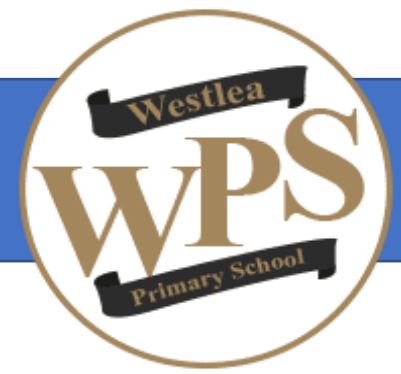
Over the Easter holidays we were notified of our newest pupils who will begin school in September. Mrs Robson and staff will be busy now contacting and organising visits to school as well as visiting children in their current nurseries. As always, we can't wait to see them come into school for their transition days and parent/carers for welcome/information meeting.

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, ACHIEVEMENT,
RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT**

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WB 28.04.25
Class 1	93.9%
Class 2	99%
Class 3	97.1%
Class 4	90.4%
Class 5	98.4%
Class 6	91.1%
Class 7	96.1%
Class 8/9	98.6%

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 **5** classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WB **28.04.25** is **95.2%**

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

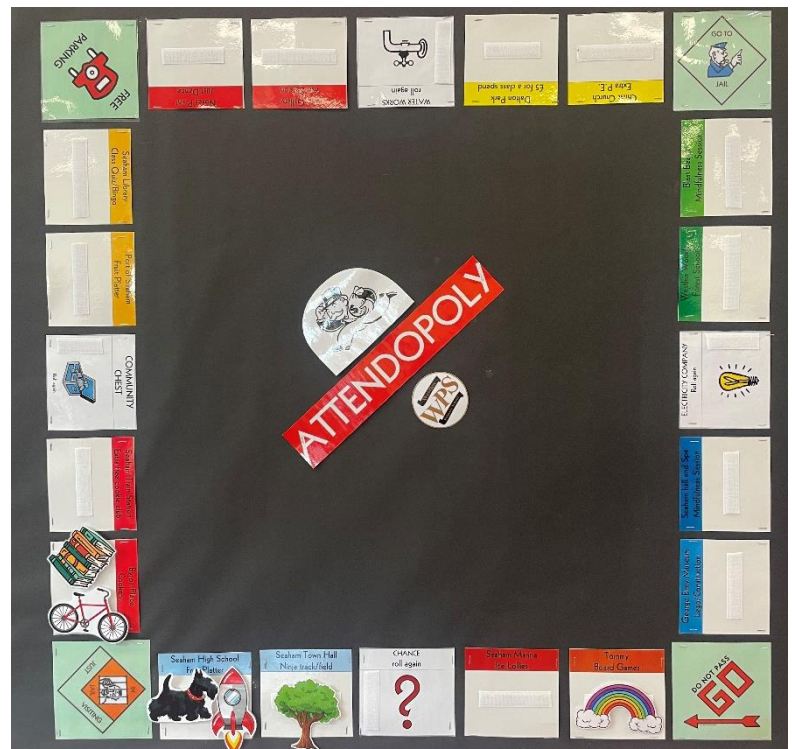
Our target for this half term is **96%** we are currently at **95.2%**

WHY IS ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY SO IMPORTANT?

What research tells us... 'Learning in school tends to be **systematic**, meaning most learning builds upon learning from the previous day. A missed day of learning would then **impact the next day of learning for your child** and **how your child will feel** approaching their learning.'

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

In a nutshell... 'Every day in school counts. If your child is not in school, we cannot help and support them to learn.'

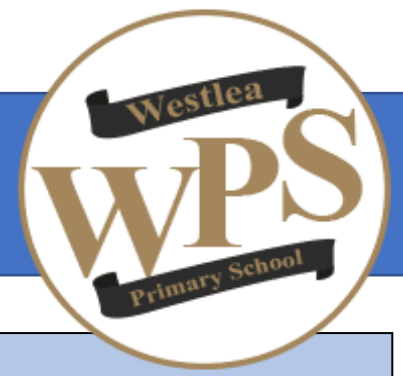


SAFE GUARDING AND ATTENDANCE TEAM:

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 28.04.25:

All of the children have returned after Easter with a positive Mindset ready for another hard working term.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	WB 28.04.25
Class 1	Alma
Class 2	Whole class
Class 3	Mason
Class 4	Ollie
Class 5	Grayson
Class 6	Caleb
Class 7	Maggie
Class 8 and 9	Cooper

RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS

	WB 28.04.25
Class 1	Flynn
Class 2	Elliot
Class 3	Lydia
Class 4	Mia
Class 5	Winter
Class 6	Elijah
Class 7	Mya
Class 8 and 9	JJ

Right of the week-

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



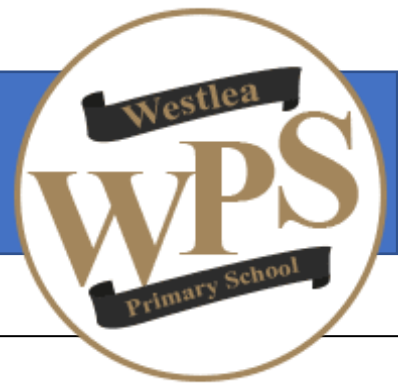
Pupil discussions: In Hot chocolate with the head teacher we talked about; extra-curricular and personal development opportunities they have experienced. What skills they feel they have developed this year.



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?

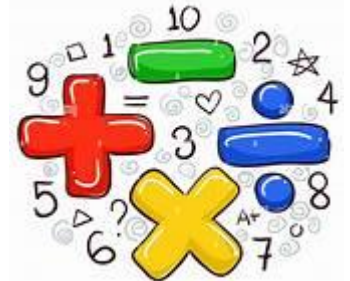
It will be held in the main hall with staff and all the children.

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 Voucher *T&C's apply!



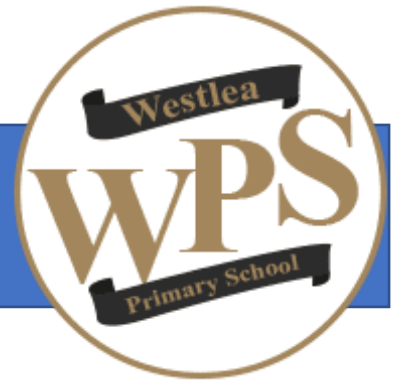
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Multiply



- 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

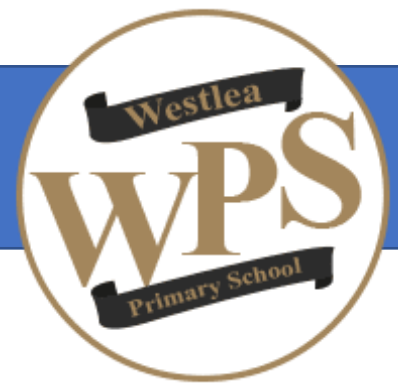
In other news...



Pupils from Year 5 and Y6's Netball club enjoyed playing on the newly designated netball court.



In other news...



The new structure in Class 1 and 2 outdoor area will enhance the opportunities for professionals to work within the EYFS environment, helping the pupils in this area be calm and settled.

The space will also give us greater flexibility for our Wrap around care facility.

For details of our Westlea Wrap round care please contact the office.

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We have many pupils in school who show our school CARE values every day but sometimes students go above and beyond. Well done to this amazing student who decided to take action into his own hands and do something special for his school and the forest area. Thank you for taking that time and making a difference.



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Tuesday 8th April 2025

Dear Councillor Chariton-Laine

I am writing to you to tell you about my school. At Westlea we have Eco Warriors and I am one of them. We are doing a project in our forest area and we need wood chips for our forest path, we used to have them but they blew away and now people are tripping over sticks and stones. The Eco Warriors have fallen over them at least 2 times and the sticks and stones were hidden under the wood chips which keep us safe by covering the sticks and stone.

As Eco Warriors we like to use Reduce, Reuse, Recycle which is why I am writing to you. A lot of trees have been cut down or fallen down in Seaham so we were wondering if Westlea School could have some wood chips to recycle the fallen trees and reuse them for a safe path through our forest area and reducing waste.

I hope you could give this idea a thought and let me know what you think. Any help towards our forest area by recycling things like fallen trees would be a super help!

Yours sincerely [redacted] and Westlea Eco Warriors.

Anyone for Tennis?



Well done to our Year 5 Tennis team who placed 2nd in the Easington and Peterlee Tennis competition.

They worked brilliantly together as a team and at the end of the competition were joint first.

This then led to a sudden death tennis match and we were pipped to the post.

All of the pupils came back to school with huge smiles and knowing that they had fun, tried their best and enjoyed taking part.



Well done to our Year 4 Tennis team who placed 3rd overall in the Easington and Peterlee School tennis tournament.

A promising start to their tennis journey.

10 children from year3 also attended a tennis festival where they enjoyed learning new skills and taking part in team games.

In other news...



As part of the music curriculum, we believe that EVERY student should be given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

These are our talented and hard-working Year 4 pupils who receive weekly music lessons from the Durham Music Service.

