



KEY DATES

Summer Term Two

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.

7th July – Welcome to Class 3 parents meeting 7th July – Welcome to Class 2 parents meeting

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

10th of July – Welcome to Class 4 parents meeting 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

September 2025

3rd September – Children return to school 9th September – Welcome to year 3 parents meeting 10th September – Welcome to year 6 parents meeting 11th September – Welcome to year 3 parents meeting 16th September – Welcome to year 4 parents 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 Summer term CARE values are;

COOPERATION, ACHEIVEMENT, RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Message from Mrs Scothern,

We have maximised every minute of this week in school with so much to share and celebrate. From sports success, debating team exploits, class assemblies, maths cafes and trips. There is something for everyone to look forward to and feel enriched by!

After our very successful activity week, and an excellent year of sport focusing on inclusivity and participation as well as being truly competitive during sporting events. We have been successful for the 3rd year in a row of gaining GOLD AWARD from the School Games. We will continue to commit to making PE and School sports a priority in school and we will hope to uphold this grading moving into next year.

REMINDERS

SHORTS AND SHADES DISCO 30th JUNE (3:45-5:15pm)

KS1 pupils will be in the main hall, KS2 pupils' disco to be held in the Sports Hall. A Tuck shop will be available for both KS1 and KS2 pupils. Prices and items;

Crisps- 50p Curly wurly: 50p
Cartons of pop: 30p Mars bar: £1
Haribos: 30p Wispa: £1

You can buy a bundle- one of each for £1

SUMMER RAFFLE

There are some fantastic hampers to win in our Summer raffle. We have Pamper Hampers, Children's beach and sand exploration Hampers and Time for Tea Hampers.

Reminder raffle tickets for hampers – also for sale on enterprise day £1 a strip.









THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WE
	27.06.25
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Class 1	99.1
Class 2	97.0
Class 3	97.4
Class 4	96.4
Class 5	90.4
Class 6	90.5
Class 7	95.5
Class 8/9	98.3- C8 89.1-C9

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 WE 27.06.25 is 94.7%

KS1: 97.5% KS2: 92.8%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.2%

Our target for this half term is 96% we are currently at 93.8%







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.





Head Teacher's Award

Maleko (Y2) received the award this week for showing resilience to make huge progress with reading.

Charlie and Ezra (Y1) received a head teacher' award for some outstanding writing about London in 1666. They are becoming excellent writers.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
	WE 27.06.25
Class 1	Archie
Class 2	Indy
Class 3	Violet
Class 4	All of class 4
Class 5	Harvey - Jack
Class 6	Luka
Class 7	All of class 7
Class 8 and 9	Olivia

RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS		
	WE 27.06.25	
Class 1	Mitch	
Class 2	Charlotte	
Class 3	Amber	
Class 4	Kataleiya	
Class 5	Layla	
Class 6	Robyn	
Class 7	Oakley	
Class 8 and 9	Theo	

Right of the week- Article 12

The right to say what we think

Children represented our school at the big debate

School council have been helping to design a new history timeline

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

Pupil discussions: Mrs Davey spoke with children about their right to an education following our focus on this in recent weeks. We talked about favourite lessons and what makes our school special.

Three of the pupils have joined Westlea in recent years and explained to the group how many new experiences they have had since they came here – especially sporting opportunities. They all said they were made to feel welcome and made friends very easily here. They were happy at school and understood the value of education.







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.

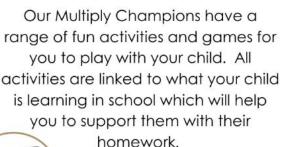
Parent/carers:

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!





Attend our **Maths Cafe and** receive a FREE £20 Asda Voucher *T&C's apply!



- Year 1 Tuesday 1st July 9am to 11am
- Reception Tuesday 8th July 9am to 11am









Maths café year 2

We welcomed our Year 2 parents into school for a fun filled morning of maths activities and games. There were lots of ideas shared that could be tried at home and everyone enjoyed spending time together.

The Year 2 pupils activities included, kinetic shape activities to get the children to think and interact with each other as well as maths games linked to place value and number work.





It got us excited and learning maths in a fun way – it gave me lots of ways to play maths games at home to help my child.













Really interesting to see how the children work things out and how quickly they learn new things















Key stage one and two Sports Days were held this week in school.

The children performed amazingly, they took part in many events and cheered each other on.









In other news... Y6 residential to Newby Wiske



Newby Wiske Hall Adventure Centre, North Yorkshire - Primary School Trips

At Westlea we aim for all children to be 'ready for their next step' as part of this ethos we provide the opportunity for Y6 pupils to attend a residential.

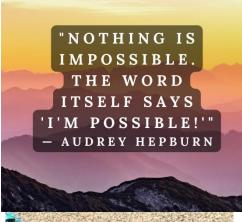
This year, our year 6 students went on a 3-day, outward bound residential to Newby Wiske Hall, near North Allerton in North Yorkshire. The children experienced many activities including raft building, zip wire and team games. They all had a great time and have made some precious memories together.

Thank you to the staff who took time out of their week, away from family, to ensure they could experience all of this. Well done to all the families and friends who made sure they were all kitted out for every activity and eventuality. Lastly, well done to all of Year 6 who conducted themselves excellently and were a credit to the school and their families.

Great role models, creating a lasting legacy for Westlea Primary!













WPS CARE VALUES: SPRING TERM:

Cooperation, Achievement, Resilience and Empowerment

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. Thes 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	Archery
What day is club?	Wednesday
What time?	After school until 4pm
Where is it held?	Sports Hall
Who can go?	Y4 requested the club so they have had the first go
Description of the club and activities?	Learning how to load and aim the bow, calculate scores and improve our coordination and balance.











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The School Council, alongside Mrs James have been working behind the scenes to design a History Timeline that encompasses all of the history learning we teach at Westlea.

The design has now gone to a specialist company and alongside their designer the children and Mrs James have communicated their ideas. The children decided on images and type face whilst Mrs James made sure everything was accurate!









Something new and a challenge! THE BIG DEBATE!! What is your opinion?

This week, Westlea pupils attended Durham County Council's BIG DEBATE!

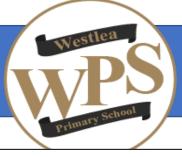
Mrs Davey, took Jacob, Nivarna and Penelope, from Year 5, to the council chambers in Durham City and they took part in a debate chaired and organised by young people across Durham. Lots of schools from around County Durham were invited to take part.

They debated on the following interesting topics... what do you think?

'All students should have the option to learn at home instead of in school' 'Vaping and smoking should be banned for all people' 'All young people should be taught about politics and democracy and should we lower the voting age?' 'Students should have personal freedoms in school, and choose how to express themselves.' 'No people, under 18, should have access to social media' 'Schools should only serve healthy food for children' Students should never get homework'.

Mrs Davey said; "The children were outstanding. They prepared for the topics that were being discussed but were able to listen and frame their responses from what they had heard. They were articulate, confident and expressed themselves superbly."

All three pupils really enjoyed debating and I am sure this experience could lead to further debating in Westlea. Well done!



The whole of Year 3 enjoyed a fun-filled morning of cricket. The children tried lots of cricketing skills, practising catching and throwing, batting and fielding. The pupils were able to further develop this term's CARE values of cooperation, achievement resilience and empowerment. Great job!





In other news... GOLD @WPS!







GOLD AWARD SCHOOL GAMES – 3rd year in a row!

We are delighted to announce that we, Westlea Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With young people throughout our school competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

In other news... Class 4's assembly







Welcome to Class 4's Assembly



Congratulations to all of Class 4 for their assembly all about the Seaside. You displayed your knowledge of the topic in a fun and creative way. You developed your speaking and listening skills and what amazing dancing and singing.

You were all confident, happy, bright learners, you kept us all entertained. Well done!

In other news... Class 7's assembly



Towards the end of the week, it was Class 7's assembly. It was sensational! The children worked hard on producing their own assembly linked to The World and animals. Linking work from Geography, Science, PE, Art and Music. They displayed their many talents and skills. We even had solo musical performances from our talented musicians. What a wonderful role models you are to the school. Well done Year 5!















