



"We learn together to achieve success for all"

KEY DATES

Summer Term Two

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 new CARE values are;

COOPERATION, ACHIEVEMENT, RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Message from Mrs Scothern...

Our aim at school is to get every child ready for the next steps in their learning.

"We are where the adventure begins..."

This week has been extremely exciting, with many enriching experiences. Showing the depth of commitment by staff to create a unique, rich educational experience for every child in school.

We have had...

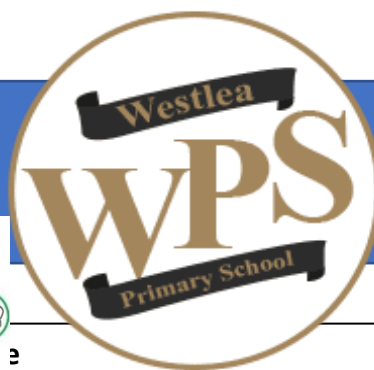
- Visitors from USA – 15 high school students have spent the week alongside staff in school. These students have conducted workshops, assemblies, taken part in lessons and have answered many questions about American culture.
- Enterprise day- Year 6 students have designed, created and produced individual or group business. They were all given £2 as a starter fund and their aim is to make the most profit. The whole school then used real-life maths skills and became the consumer.
- School visit for Year1-Teddy Bear's picnic
- School visit for Year 5- Beach trip
- Reception class Maths Café (Supported by parents and carers)
- Whole school Summer run
- Design and technology workshops by Chartwells focusing on food technology and healthy lifestyles, healthy eating.
- Welcome/information meetings for new students to Classes 2, 3 and 4 parents/carers
- Class 1 assembly (Supported by Parents, carers, family and friends)

School is also busy behind the scenes preparing for next year. We have held job interviews for teaching assistants in EYFS and extra support for KS2 classes. Welcome to Mrs Elliott, Mrs Duncanson, Miss Cook and Miss Burney to the teaching and support team. They will begin their posts in September.

Read on to see and find out more about this busy, busy week!



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WE 11.07.25
Class 1	95.7
Class 2	97.5
Class 3	99.1
Class 4	92.9
Class 5	96
Class 6	92.9
Class 7	97.08
Class 8/9	99.1

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 an amazing 5 classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WE 11.07.25 is 95.6%%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.1%

Our target for this half term is **96%** we are currently at 94.7%

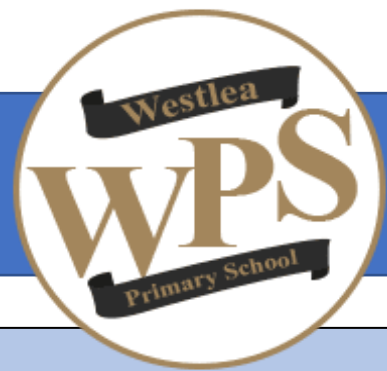


SAFE GUARDING AND ATTENDANCE TEAM:

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

Ruby for showing her enthusiasm for our American visitors and welcoming them to our school.
Nevaeh and Hollie for their entrepreneurial skills.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	WE 11.07.25
Class 1	Kayden
Class 2	Senirosi and Ayla
Class 3	Ben
Class 4	Grace
Class 5	Layla
Class 6	Zak
Class 7	All of class 7
Class 8 and 9	Jordan

RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARDS

	WE 11.07.25
Class 1	Lucas
Class 2	Blake
Class 3	Ella
Class 4	Alliah
Class 5	India
Class 6	Archie
Class 7	Abbi
Class 8 and 9	Tyler

Right of the week- Article 24

The right to good food and water

Chartwells are visiting each class and the children will be having workshops surrounding healthy eating, food preparation and healthy life styles.

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



Pupil discussions:

These were conducted by our American visitors this week. The children asked interesting questions around their culture, religion, American foods and their impressions and experiences in the UK. We have made lots of new friends in school and had a great time!



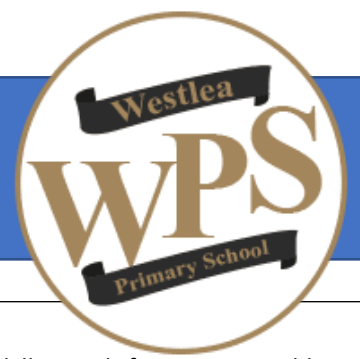
CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

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...

Year 6 Enterprise Day



Y6 Enterprise and Maths day

This week we celebrated as a school community our Year 6 pupils developing their entrepreneurial skills. Pupils from Y6 were able to run their own business or join forces with their friends to create a mini business and try and build upon the £2 given to each child for this endeavour. They showed our school CARE values with the younger customers and raised over £500!!



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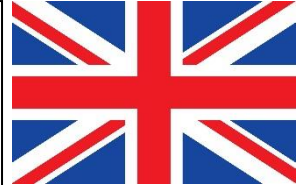
Visitors from across the pond



WESTLEA WELCOME FRIENDS FROM AMERICA

Westlea have welcomed visitors from America (Michigan). They are high school students who are visiting England to experience different cultures and be a part of a mission through Christ Church and Rev. Anita. The students conducted assemblies, took part in workshops for Y4-Y6 and answered lots of questions about America and American Culture. A unique experience for our pupils to have!

The students also sampled school dinners and school held a Cream tea party for our guests. Westlea pupils asked thoughtful questions, were extremely polite and welcomed the guests into our lovely school. This was a great opportunity for all of our students to meet other pupils from another country.



"The welcoming and loving atmosphere throughout the whole school from pupils, teaching staff, catering staff, lunchtime supervisors- EVERYONE! It was beautiful to experience for the students from USA and the pupils from WPS interacting in such a natural way- with mutual excitement, respect and care for each other. " Drew USA adult organiser.

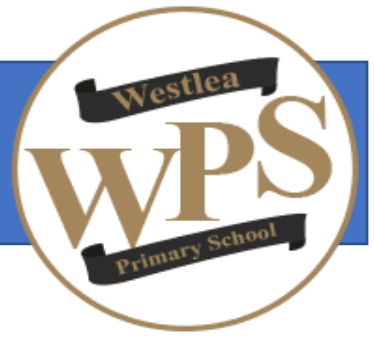
"What a beautiful community you have at WPS! All the staff and children were wonderful to visit with. We loved our time at WPS." Carolyn USA adult organiser from Chapel Pointe, USA.

"Y'all have a really cool thing going on here"



In other news...

Year 1 Teddy Bear Picnic and visit

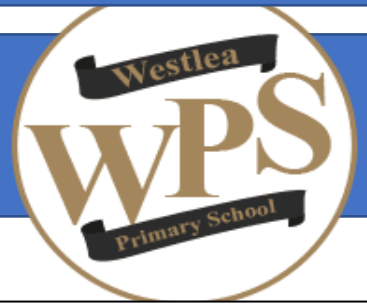


Tuesday was a day for trips with Year 1 and Year 5 pupils venturing out into our local community. Year 1, after learning about Paddington bear and the local area, decided to combine their learning experiences and take a special bear friend to the park.



In other news...

Year 5 Beach trip



We are so lucky to live in Seaham. The picturesque views of the coast and the wide variety of beaches so close to our school mean that the pupils can have an amazing day trip so close to home! Year 5 enjoyed their visit to the coast, they;

- Visited the beach
- Explored the seaside sculptures
- Explored the coastal area

And of course...

- Had fish and chips and an ice-cream!

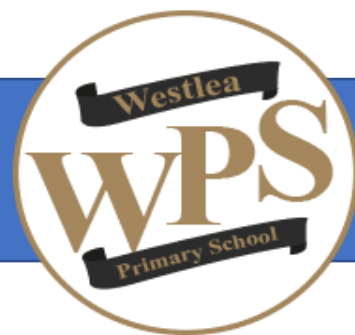
During the trip, our pupils were complemented by numerous members of public for their manners and how well behaved they were, showing what great ambassadors we have at Westlea.





In other news...

Design and technology and healthy eating workshops



Chartwells, the school catering company, were invited to school to deliver a range of exciting and engaging workshops surrounding Design and technology, healthy eating and healthy life styles.

This week Reception to Year 6 experienced fun and engaging workshopS linked to their learning, ensuring further enrichment and new experiences.



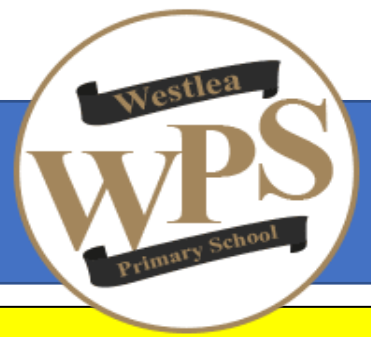


“It was lovely to see everyone trying something new...spinach leaves were very popular!” Mrs Robson Class 1



In other news...

Summer run fun!



What did you do today at school?

Nothing much.... we just had a **SUMMER FUN RUN!!**

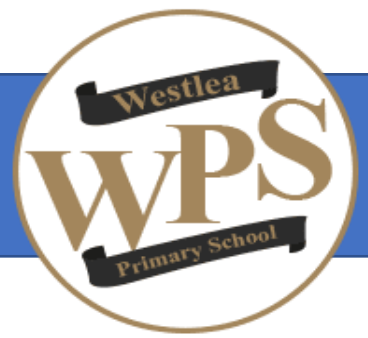
At Westlea we love to come together as a whole school and celebrate experiences. What better way to do this than with the help of the School Sports Partnership. It was also lovely to see 4 student helpers from Seaham High with 2 of the pupils being past pupils, Isaac and James.

Lots of laughing, big smiles and an excellent have a go attitude by everyone!



In other news...

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Reception Maths Cafe

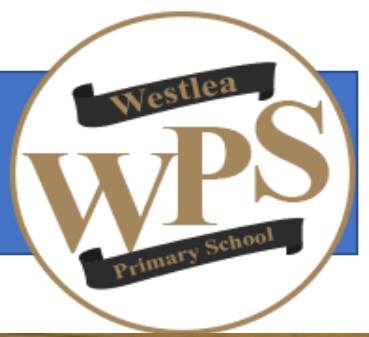
Our final Maths Café for the year was held this week. Reception Parents and carers visited school and joined in with the children in a fun filled few hours all about maths.





In other news...

Class 1 Assembly



The pupils explained as part of the assembly that the first and most important teachers are their family.



Class 1 wowed everyone this week with their amazing assembly all about their families, learning new things and their aspirations for the future. These wonderful Reception pupils sang, acted, danced and spoke as if they were much older!

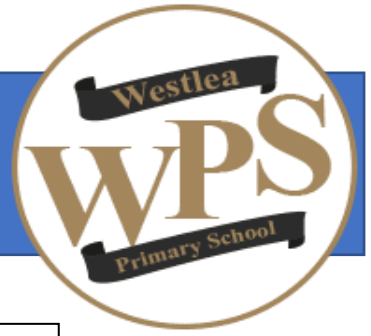
We are so proud of you all!

We all communicate in different ways and at Westlea, Class 1, displayed during their assembly all forms of communication. The message was clear... these wonderful pupils have had a brilliant year.



In other news...

Westlea video making day!



What did you do at school today?

Nothing much... we just had a whole school video day!

On Thursday this week, we welcome a video making company into school to create a unique video of our wonderful school!

The children immersed themselves into the tasks set up and we were all so busy. We really wanted to show as many activities we experience at Westlea in one day! A virtually impossible task!

The video will be made and then used to promote our school on our website- which is in the process of being update. Exciting things are ahead in school. Well done to everyone for joining in and making a contribution to the day!



As well as producing a movie the company spent some time with the pupils explaining the process of creating a school video. I am sure we will have some pupils that were inspired by the occupation of movie maker! We loved the drone camera for aerial shots!

