



### **KEY DATES**

September 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Children return to school 9<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome to year 3 parents meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome to year 6 parents meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome to year 3 parents meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome to year 4 parents meeting

24<sup>th</sup> September NSPCC Workshops

8<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival KS2 9<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival KS1

Week of 13<sup>th</sup> October – parents meetings

Week of 20<sup>th</sup> October – healthy week 20<sup>th</sup> October – Wellbeing Day 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Young leaders training 24<sup>th</sup> October – School nursing team workshops

HALF TERM – break up 24<sup>th</sup> October return 3<sup>rd</sup> November

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Glow in the dark disco Week of 24<sup>th</sup> November – Book fair

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Festive Run AM 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair

10<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Show 11<sup>th</sup> December – Upper KS2 Christmas Show 12<sup>th</sup> December – Lower KS2 Christmas Show 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Show

15<sup>th</sup> December – Upper KS2 Christmas Party
16<sup>th</sup> December – Lower KS2 Christmas Party
17<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Party
18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Jumpers
19<sup>th</sup> December – PJs and singalong

### **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

### Message from Mrs Scothern,

Our last week of the year has arrived. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer break and we will see you all back at school Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For some of our school community we say a special goodbye. Our wonderful Year 6 pupils who have grown into marvellous human beings. We are all so proud of each and every one of you. We wish you all the best as you move onto your new schools. Remember you are always welcome at school. We love to hear from you. Keep in touch! For your families, we say a special goodbye and a thank you for supporting your child throughout their time at Westlea.

We also say a special goodbye to Mrs Birkett, after 30 years plus working at Westlea and supporting children across East Durham. Mrs Birkett is a very special person who takes everyone she meets into her heart. Once you are here you don't ever leave! Mrs Birkett you will always be in our hearts at Westlea. Have an amazing retirement!

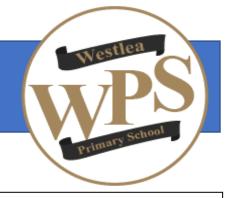


There are lots of wonderful things to read about in our final newsletter. Please read on to find out about...

Y6 church visit Brass concert Y6 trip Picnic in the Nursery Garden Y6 show Baby photos

C2 assembly

## THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WE 18.07.25
Class 1	91.3
Class 2	97
Class 3	93
Class 4	98.6
Class 5	87.2
Class 6	90
Class 7	97.9
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 5 classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WE 18.07.25 is 94.4%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.1%

Our target for this half term is 96% we are currently at 94.6%



Congratulations to the following pupils who gained 100% this school year:

Imogen, Koen, Ivery, Kobe, Amelia, Tyler, Elise, Taylor, Ella-Grace and Raven







### 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



This week's awards notices are from our end of year awards ceremony.

### **Adam Lucas Award**

KS1 – Charlie year 2 KS2 – Tyler year 6

### Y6 Awards

Music - Jordan
Art - John
Most Improved - Millie
Shining Star - JJ
Sports - Cooper
Bee Yourself - Olivia



### **Recognition Awards**

### **Y6 Music Participation**

Jordan, Harrison, Ivy and Charlie

### **County Sports Awards**

Cricket: Abbi, Maggie and Lilly year 5.

Athletics: Lewis year 6.

Right of the week- Article 19
We have the right to be safe.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer.

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



### **Pupil discussions:**

Our final Head Teacher's chat and hot chocolate was lovely. During these discussions we gain valuable information and a deeper understanding of pupil learning experiences and life at school. This week we talked about looking to the future. What we were looking forward to in the new class or school. We also reviewed this year and talked about favourite moments. It was fantastic to hear how much LEARNING is valued at WESTLEA.



### 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... C2 assembly

Westlea
Primary School

Well done to everyone in Class 2 for their class assembly all about RESILIENCE. Resilience is one our school CARE values and this means to keep trying even if we experience a failure.

These wonderful children retold the story; 'Tilda tries again' . The speaking, acting and confidence was lovely to see.

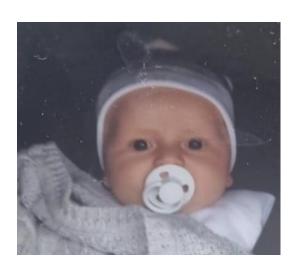


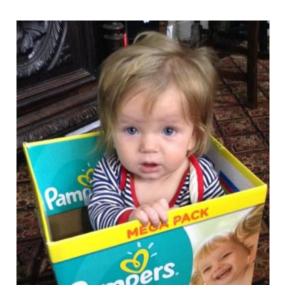


# In other news... Guess the baby

Guess the bonny baby. Here are some super cute baby photos of our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Can you guess who is who?















































### In other news... Y6 church visit



Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Christ Church with our visitors from USA. This is the second year of taking part in a commissioning service and the staff, governors and pupils all enjoyed the experience. The parishioners will now pray for the Year 6 as they move on to their new schools.







### In other news... Brass concert





On Tuesday we celebrated all of our musicians in school who have been learning a Brass instrument.

Throughout Year 4, pupils have a weekly Brass lesson. These pupils displayed their musical talents and the whole school enjoyed listening to the songs.

We also heard musical pieces from Y5 and Y6 musicians who now receive music lessons in smaller groups having chosen to develop their musical skills further.

We also heard a musical solo from Ivy (Year 6), who now enjoys playing in a local Brass band.



Thank you to our music teacher, Mr Bradshaw for teaching the pupils this year.

# In other news... Y6 trip





Year 6 had lots of fun at the bowling alley! They enjoyed their final class trip together at Peterlee Leisure Centre and then returned to school for a silent disco.



### In other news... Nursery Picnic





Our Nursery pupils and their parents and cares came together for a special Picnic. The pupils went for a hunt in our Westlea Woods and discovered special teddy bears and food for their picnic. They then came inside and shared some lovely memories of their time in Nursery.

We wish all of our wonderful Nursery pupils a lovely summer break and we will see many of them again in September when they begin Westlea as Reception class.

For these families and pupils leaving to go to other primary schools, we wish you all well. Thank you for all of your support during your child's time at our Nursery.

### In other news... Y6 show





Over to Year 6 to perform their final, end of school show. The pupils have been learning their lines, finding their creative, humorous and dramatic talents and are ready to Wow us all! Miss Appleton, Mrs Davey and Mr Unsworth have all been blown away with the positive attitude, the team work and the performances both collectively but also individually. We have extremely talented pupils at Westlea!



Barry Garlow - Leo

Headteacher Mrs Boots - Olivia

Miss Spiggot - John

Mr Dodger - Dainton

Miss Jones - Ellie

Mr Pepper - Cooper

Miss Daisy - Elise Mr King - Theo

Chef Oliver Jamie (cook) - Lewis

**Parents** 

Mrs Tipps - Elise

Mrs Gibbs - Bella

Mrs Biddles - Jayce

Mrs Dibley - Hollie

Mr Ripley - Theo

Mr Grimley - Harrison

Film Crew

Director - Harley Roland Kemp – Dainton

Children DJ Flash - Ivy

DJ Spice - Joseph

Sam - Tyler Ash - Charlie

Alex - Jordan

Jody - Millie

Ricky - Harrison

Freva - Bella

Bob - Jayce

Joe - Ethan

Kai - Nathaniel

Peter - Harley

Ava - Nevaeh

'Get This' Pop Group

Olivia Lewis Bella

Harley





When ex-pop star Barry Garlow becomes the new Year 6 teacher at Ditchwater Academy, the school community doesn't quite know what's hit it! Lessons, lunchtimes and parents' evenings are turned upside down. Best of all, a group of children, nervous about the pending changes in their lives, find their voices amidst some truly comic situations...and some truly bangin' tunes

### In other news...

## An Elton John Farewell!



Mrs Birkett doesn't like a fuss! But she LOVES Elton John!!





Last week Mrs Birkett was invited to Class 1 and 2 for an Elton John themed tea party. The children helped the adults arrange the party and surprised Mrs Birkett with a lovely song!













