



Well done to our brilliant Y2 footballers.
Community, Ambition, Respect, Enjoyment

KEY DATES

16th September – Welcome to year 4 parents meeting

24th September NSPCC Workshops

8th October - Harvest Festival KS2 – am or pm show

9th October – Harvest Festival KS1

Week of 13th October – parents meetings

Week of 20th October – healthy week

20th October – Wellbeing Day

22nd October – Young leaders training

24th October – School nursing team workshops

HALF TERM – break up 24th October return 3rd
November

3rd November – Glow in the dark disco

Week of 24th November – Book fair

3rd December – Festive Run AM

8th December – Christmas Fair

10th December – EYFS Christmas Show

11th December – Upper KS2 Christmas Show 2PM

12th December – Lower KS2 Christmas Show 9AM

12th December – KS1 Christmas Show 2PM

15th December – Upper KS2 Christmas Party

16th December – Lower KS2 Christmas Party

17th December – EYFS Christmas Party

18th December – Christmas Dinner and Jumpers

19th December – PJs and singalong

Routines, values and making a positive impact:

Week one has been thoroughly enjoyable. The pupils in school continue to settle in to their new classes, supported by the staff. Our Chair of Governors visited to school and visited each class to welcome pupils and staff back to school. We have held our first Key Stage one and two assemblies on the theme of Community and Diversity. We talked about how special our school community is and that when we are at school, we look towards our CARE values. The pupils, as always listen carefully and have thoughtful contributions to make towards these discussions.

We also reviewed our Behaviour pebbles and the pathway of support at Westlea. We want our pupils to be successful and display positive behaviour and respect towards each other.

We CARE for ourselves.

We CARE for each other.

We CARE for our school and wider community.

Pupil Voice:

Pupils at Westlea Primary School have many pupil groups to be involved in. These groups help to improve the experiences of the pupils within school and by being involved, they sample the first steps of creating a positive difference to our school community. As part of the groups these pupils promote the voices of their peers, develop their leadership skills and team work and enjoy being part of a new group.

School Council Elections take place on Thursday 17th September. Other pupil voice groups include Rights Respecting, Eco-group and Digital leaders.

School website:

We now have our school videos posted on the Westlea website. Use the link to watch!

<https://westleaprimaryschool.com/>

Harvest festival dates and times:

Due to the high numbers of pupils in Key stage 2 we are holding 2 viewings of the Harvest Festival assembly. Please note that the pupils will perform twice but please use the following guidance;

Key Stage Two either 9am for year 5 and 6 parents or 2pm for year 3 and 4 parents on Wednesday 8th of October –please do not come to both.

Key Stage One 2pm on Thursday 9th of October.



Autumn 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;

COMMUNITY, AMBITION, RESPECT AND ENJOYMENT

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



	WE 12.09.25
Class 1	100%
Class 2	94.6
Class 3	94.6
Class 4	92.3
Class 5	97.4
Class 6	99.6
Class 7	96.6
Class 8/9	94.7

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 4 classes reached 96% or above.

Keep up the great work!

Our whole school attendance for WE 12.09.25 is **96.05%**

Our attendance for the year to date is 95.87%

Our target for this half term is **96%** we are currently at 95.87%



Ever wondered where school gets guidance for supporting families with attendance?

We use statutory guidance.

As a school we are also supported by the Local Authority and this week we met with a member of the Attendance Improvement Team to discuss the schools' attendance.



Working together to improve school attendance

Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities

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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.



ATTENDOPOLY OUTCOMES THIS WEEK

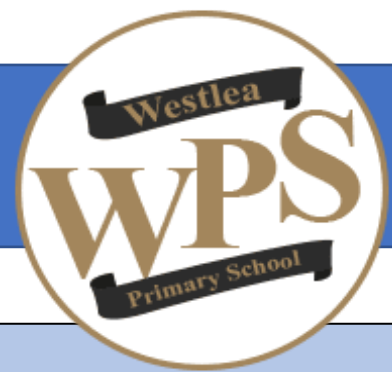
Classes who rolled the dice this week won;

Class 5: £5 to spend on whatever they wish

Class 6: Cookery experience

Class 7: Ice lollies

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



Head Teacher's Award

Well done to Malaya and Addison in Year 6. These two students have taken their new role as school librarians and have already made a positive impact on our school Library. Other students have noticed the changes and appreciate the effort you are putting in to help. I know that they have lots of great ideas to help keep a love of reading a priority at Westlea.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
	WE 12.09.25
Class 1	Whole class
Class 2	Nevaeh
Class 3	Danni-Leigh
Class 4	Parker
Class 5	Maleko
Class 6	Autumn
Class 7	Kray
Class 8 and 9	Averlyn and Bronson



Next week's Right of the week- Article 15

We have the right to meet with friends and join clubs and groups

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



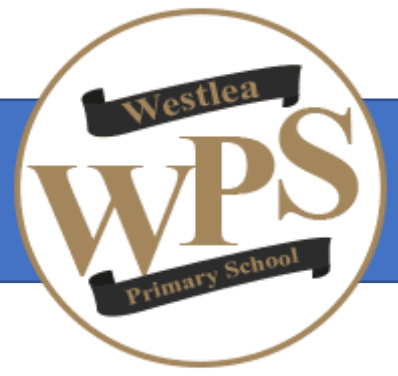
Pupil discussions: Every week, the class stars of the week have hot chocolate and a treat with Mrs Scothern. These discussions help Mrs Scothern find out about lots of different topics from safety, work in class, ideas to improve the school and feedback from different events and clubs.



Head teachers awards: Our CARE values this term are...Community, Ambition, Respect and Enjoyment

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... Welcome Class 1



Where the adventure begins...



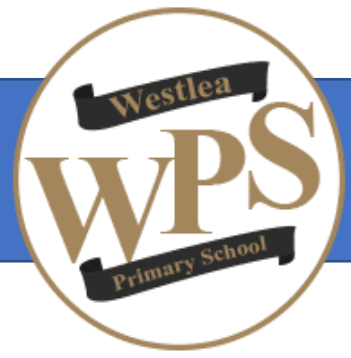
The moment has arrived... all of our new reception children have been building up to being in school full time and Friday marks the day that all of the children are in setting.

Over the past week, these pupils have been getting to know the adults and the areas of the classroom. Adults at school, have been able to support them with this and now everyone is ready to become a full class!

Don't they look smart. We can't wait to see what wonderful things you will learn and experience.

In other news...

Extra tuition



What is Extra Tuition?

Pupils in Year 6 at Westlea, are invited to attend extra tuition. This is an extra tutoring session covering either Mathematical or English concepts.

The tuition happens in very small groups and is conducted by Y6 teachers and other members of staff across school.

The Y6 pupils who attend get to have a free bespoke hour of tutoring that will help with their understanding of Maths or English, giving them the best opportunities to cope with and fulfil their potential.

Staff who volunteer to be a tutor, enjoy this time and help to make the session feel different to normal class environments. Last year's Year 6 left these comments about this opportunity.

Lewis, 'The teachers who do extra tuition are really fun.'

JJ, 'It really helped me improve my maths.'

Harley, 'It helped me pass my tests.'

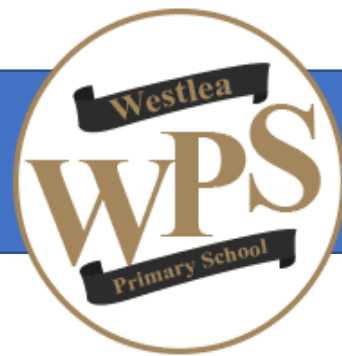
Mrs Davey, 'You can pick Maths or English or do a bit of both – it's great revision.'

Tyler, 'The snacks are really good at extra tuition – you had fun while you were learning.'

Ellie, 'I could ask for help with a certain topic and then it would help me understand how to do it.'

In other news...

After school clubs



As parents and carers, we all want our children to succeed and thrive in life. But did you know that extracurricular activities can play an important role in their overall growth and development? These activities are an excellent way for children to explore their interests, learn new skills, and develop friendships.

Children at Westlea Primary school have a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs to attend. Choosing to attend a club is the beginning of showing commitment towards an interest. We hope that your child will foster many skills, enjoy their time in clubs and develop the value of sticking to something on a set time, in a set way, to begin to show discipline towards an interest... who knows where these interests will lead to?

Most clubs are fully booked this term, wrap around care is available to book if childcare is needed. Please contact the office.



Autumn Term Clubs

Clubs we offer;

- Cross country training
- Games club
- Maths club
- Choir
- Netball
- Football training
- Feel good Friday
- Gardening
- Multiskills
- SAFC football sessions (chargeable as an external SAFC coach runs these)

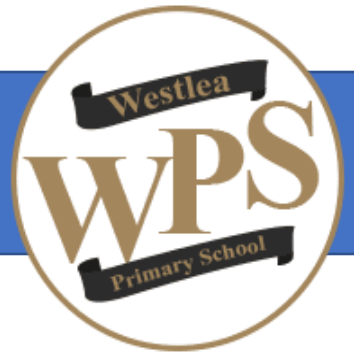


There will be no afterschool clubs (other than SAFC) the week of 24th of November the due to open evenings.



In other news...

Fencing



Westlea welcomed coaches from across County Durham to a training day organised by the SSP in our area and delivered by British Fencing Association. These coaches are now qualified to deliver fencing to young people.

One of our staff members also undertook the course...any ideas who this could be?



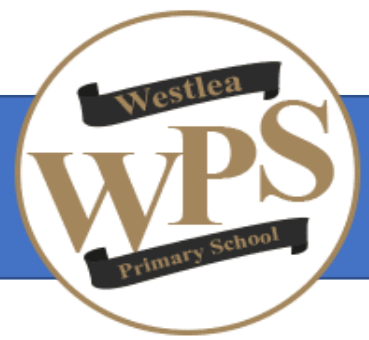
Well done Mr Unsworth!
We look forward to some exciting opportunities for our Westlea students in the near future.



CARE VALUES AUTUMN TERM: COMMUNITY, AMBITION, RESPECT, ENJOYMENT

In other news...

Year 2 girls football skills event – Disney shooting stars



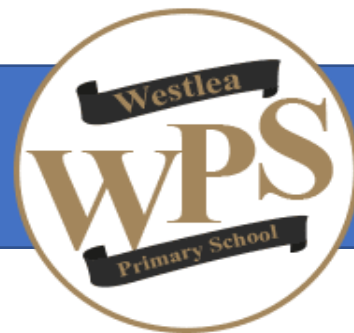
Shooting for the stars!

Mrs Slee – The year 2 girls didn't let a little drizzle stop them from having a fantastic time at the shooting stars festival. They scored goals, dribbled and enjoyed many activities to develop our football skills alongside Disney fun and songs. They were great ambassadors for our school and as the first team to venture out of school this year, set a wonderful example for us all.



In other news...

Great North Run 2025



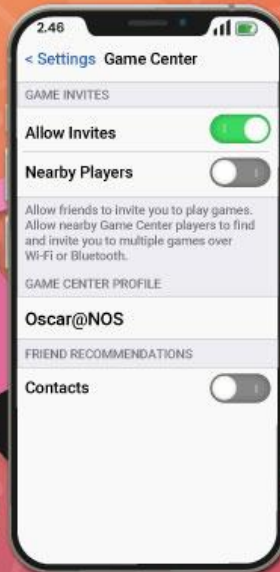
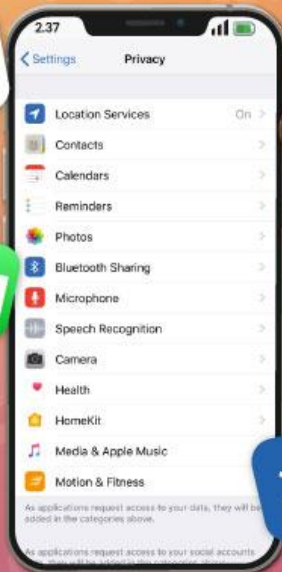
Congratulations to three members of staff who participated in the Great North Run last Sunday. Mrs Surtees, Mrs Slee and Mr Unsworth all ran 13.1miles, that's 21km, which is 21 000m, which is 105.5 laps of our 200m running track.



Well done to Elliott in Year 3 for running in the Junior Great North Run with his mam.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

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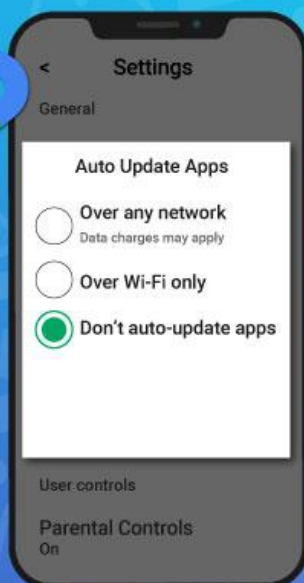
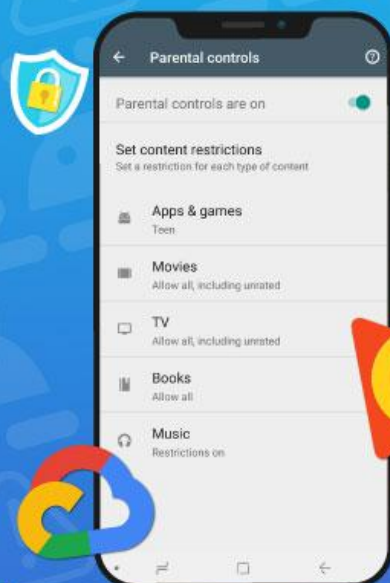
- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set

