



KEY DATES IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Please note that dates are provided in advance to try and ensure that communication is as efficient as possible, but may be subject to change. Where possible, the school will try to stick to all indicated dates.

13 th November	Individual Pupil Photos
16 th November (New)	Children In Need, non uniform day
20 th November	Flu Immunisation for pupils
26 th November	Year 3 Chelmsford Museum trip
29 th November	Autumn Term exhibition evening 3.30-4.30pm
30 th November	Year 6 Chelmsford Museum trip
3 rd December	KS2 visit to King John (We Will Rock You production)
5 th December	KS1 Christmas Productions tbc
7 th December (New)	Carols around the Christmas Tree (PTFA event)
11 th December (Venue change)	KS2 Carol Concert at Westwood tbc
12 th -17 th December	Book Fair
14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December	Year 1 Thameside Nature Reserve trip
18 th December	Early Years & KS1 Decoration Morning
19 th December	Christmas School Dinner
21 st December	Christingle Services at Hadleigh Baptist Church
21 st December	Last day of term in school
24 th December – 4 th January	Holiday - School closed

Coming up in the next few weeks...

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Water Bottles, Snacks and Sun Cream.

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle that can be kept in the classroom. Please ensure children only have water and **NOT** squash or juice. Please make sure that snacks are healthy – sweets and chocolate are not acceptable and we are a **nut free** school. Thank you.



PE Kits.

We do not keep spare kits at the school for PE. Please ensure that all pupils are provided with PE kit throughout the school year. If there are any issues providing a PE kit, please speak to the school office to make us aware of them. PE kit is part of the school uniform, details of which can be found [here](#).

Parking and road safety outside school.

Please park considerately if you need to drive to school. We have a long history of good will from our neighbours and it is something that we hope will continue in the future. If parents have any concerns about dangerous parking or driving outside the school, call the non-emergency police number to report them on **0300 333 4444**. It is essential that the pupils and their families are



safe – please park and drive safely around the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Newsletter – 9th November 2018.

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Attendance - We expect pupils to be in school everyday, and aim for 97% attendance for the year.

Attendance this week was **98.37%**. Regular attendance helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 1** are this weeks winners at **100.00%** Well done year 1.

Online safety tip – we know it is a regular feature but it helps you to know how to keep children safe.

It is worth knowing that many social media sites have minimum age requirements for users. These are put in place to protect children from inappropriate material or risk of grooming, offering sensible guidance to parents just as film certificates and PEGI ratings do. Here are some examples of the minimum ages for popular social media sites: -

Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook

Minimum age 13.

WhatsApp

Minimum age 16 (to register) 13 to use.

YouTube

Minimum age 18 (or 13 with parental permission).

Do your children have access to these services? If so, were you aware of the minimum age requirements and, what they are using them for? This is a good example of how one of our regular e-safety tips can be used: -

5. Emphasise that not everyone is who they say they are.

Help keep our children safe whilst using technology – check out the new resources and advice about e-safety on our website at <http://www.westwoodacademy.org/about/e-safety/>.

Contact Number for Woodys Club.

For parents needing to contact Woody's, please use the following number only as it is the direct line.

07580 461715

Out of School Achievements.

Congratulations to Hollie in year 2 for passing her Pre-primary ballet exam with flying colours earning her a distinction! Well done Hollie we are all very proud of you.

If you have any out of school achievements that you would like mentioned in the school newsletter, please email the office at: office@westwoodacademy.org by the Thursday before the Friday publication date. We love to hear about what the Westwood community have been up to! Thank you.



Dodgeball Tournament.

Out of 24 teams, our fantastic dodgeball team made it into the quarter finals of the Dodgeball competition held at the Deanes this week, which Chloe very eloquently described as “felt like winning”. Well done to all our Dodgeballers!

Preparation for the indoor athletics tournament is also now underway every Friday lunchtime for years 5 and 6. We hope to replicate the success of our District Sports team and continue to shine in athletics.

School dinners.

School dinners next week will be Week 3 from the new Winter Menu, which can be seen [here](#).

Bridging Club on Friday afternoons.

Bridging club for Friday afternoons now has a £1.50 charge (unless pupils are attending Woody’s afterwards, in which case it is free). Attendance **must be confirmed by Wednesday each week** with the office, and payment can be made via parentmail. Thank you.

Year 1 trip to Thameside Nature Reserve (17th December).

We are in the process of organising a year 1 trip to Thameside Nature Reserve – brilliantly the nature reserve are financing the cost of the travel, which we greatly appreciate as transport is often the most expensive part of each trip. More details to follow.

School Photos.

If you would like younger siblings, that are not of school age, to be included in family shots the photographer will be in the big hall from 8.30am. You will need to be at the school office at 8.30 to take advantage of this arrangement.

Children in Need.

We will be holding our usual cake sale for Children in Need this year. Cakes will be on sale on Wednesday 14th November at breaktime and would ask for any donations of cakes from Monday 12th. On Friday it will be a non uniform day and pupils can dress in pyjamas or spots and we ask for a voluntary donation of £1. This was the idea of our school council.

Thank you to the PTFA.

A huge thanks to the PTFA for donating funds to Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas decoration morning and for prizes for Key Stage 2 Christmas parties. **THANK YOU!!**

Christmas Cards.

Each child has brought home their Christmas card template. If you would like to order any of the items, complete the order form and send it back into school before Friday 16th November 2018. The order will be submitted on this date so make sure you send it in as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Thank you. Miss Richmond.

Recycling Batteries

Recycling at Westwood.

Did you know that 600 million household batteries are thrown away each year equating to 22, 000 tonnes? Roughly ONLY 1/3 of the UK batteries are recycled with the rest ending up as general waste.

We are now able to collect batteries at the school so that they can be recycled. If you have any batteries that need to be recycled, please bring them into the waiting area in front of the office and put them into the recycling container. Please **do not** allow the children to bring the batteries into school.

For more information on recycling visit www.recycle-more.co.uk/ batteries, or see the information at the back of the Newsletter.

PTFA NEWS



For updates and more PTFA news, please join the [Westwood PTFA page on Facebook](#). Please note that this page is intended for the use of PTFA members to **organise and promote events for fundraising**. It is **not** monitored by the school, so if there are any other issues or questions that you would like to discuss, please contact the school directly. Thank you.

Big thank you to all who supported, enjoyed and volunteered for the fancy Dress Discos. Over £400 was raised for the school and this is being donated to the Early Years, Key Stage 1 & Nursery Christmas Decoration morning and to Key Stage 2 for gifts for Christmas parties.

Christmas Craft Afternoon

Friday 23rd November

1:30-3:30pm

£5 per child siblings £3

Also available takeaway craft bags £5 for those who can't attend.

Tickets for this lovely festive event will be on sale from Monday, suitable for nursery children up to ks2

Carols by the Christmas Tree

Friday 7th December

This wonderful family event is the perfect way to celebrate all things Christmassy, with hot chocolates and treats, snow & family Christmas carols around the Westwood Christmas Trees

Christmas Colouring Competition- coming home soon a festive competition for everyone to join in, 50p to enter

Did you know?

600 million

household batteries are
THROWN AWAY
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Roughly **ONLY 1/3**
of the UK batteries
are recycled...



with the rest ending
up as general waste



Batteries contain
hazardous chemicals
including **acids** and
heavy metals such
as **lead** and **mercury**



When batteries are sent
to landfill, they can
breakdown and leak



Why recycle your batteries?



Benefits of recycling

- Helps to **reduce the amount of waste** sent to landfill each year
- Helps to **reduce the demand for raw metals** required each year and **preserve resources**
- Helps to **increase** the UK's overall **collection of household batteries**
- Helps to reduce the possible risks to the **environment** and **wildlife**

Types of batteries

Lithium-Ion (li-Ion) batteries
Mobile phones, laptops, hand-held electronics

Alkaline and carbon zinc batteries
Cameras, toys, watches, hand-held electronics

Lead acid gel batteries
Wheel chairs, portable tools, ride on electric toys

Lithium (primary) batteries
Pacemakers, remote car locks, cameras



Find out more...

- **Contact your local authority**
- **Visit your local household waste & recycling centre**
- **Contact Valpak**

Visit www.recycle-more.co.uk/batteries

