



Westwood Academy

Westwood Weekly

Friday 22nd September 2023.

Headteacher message:

Dear Westwood Families,

Another great week at school, and I must say, Miss White and I have been on quite the phonics adventure! We've been popping into classrooms to witness all the fantastic learning taking place, and let me tell you, the enthusiasm for reading at Westwood is absolutely infectious.

Speaking of infectious enthusiasm, thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to our HARP Harvest Festival. We'll be collecting all the way until half term, so there's still time to contribute to this incredible cause.

Now, onto some exciting news – we celebrated 20 incredible years of Pat, our fantastic cleaner here at school with a special assembly today. Pat, your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and we are immensely grateful for everything you do to keep our school sparkling!

Looking ahead, we've got more excitement on the horizon. Next week, our pupils have a thrilling RockSteady music assembly to look forward to. And, in keeping with the rhythm of things, it's also National Cycle to School Week. So, get those helmets at the ready, and let's pedal our way to school in style!

As always, thank you for being a part of the wonderful Westwood community. It's the warmth and humour of our students, staff, and families that make each week truly great.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mrs Perryman



Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: **96 %**

Year to date: **97%**



We expect pupils to be in school everyday.

Any pupil with below 90% is considered as a case of "persistent absence".

This week, through to Thursday, **Year 2** got **98%**, the highest in the school. Well done!

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

- 25-29.3.23 Cycle to school week!
- 27.9.23 Rocksteady Pupil Music Assembly
- 2.10.23 Black History
- 3.10.23 Parent Consultation Meetings. 13.40-18.50
School closes at 13.30
- 10.10.23 Year 2 school trip
- 10.10.23 National Child Measurement - Reception**
- 10.10.23 World Mental Health Day
- 11.10.23 Open morning for next year's new parents
- 16.10-27.10.23 Half Term**
- 7.11.23 Yr 6 Chelmsford Museum visit
- 8.11.23 Open morning
- 23.11.23 Exhibition Evening
- 30.11.23 Return to school
- 16.11.23 School photographer (individual & sibling)
- 27.11-1.12.23 Book Fair
- 7.11.23 Year 5 school trip**
- 21.12.23-3.1.24 Christmas Holidays**
- 4.1.24 Return to school
- 19.2-23.2.23 Half Term**
- 26.2.24 Return to school
- 7.3.24 World Book Day
- 11.3-15.3.24 British Science Week
- 19.3.24 School photographer (Groups)
- 21.3.24 Exhibition Evening
- 29.3-12.4.24 Easter Holidays**
- 15.4.24 Return to school
- 13.5-17.5.24 SATS week
- 13.5-17.5.24 Book Fair
- 27.5-31.5.24 Half Term**
- 3.6.24 Return to school
- 17.6-21.6.24 Yr 6 Residential
- 27.6.24 Exhibition Evening
- 19.7.24 Last day of term



Instagram Check out our Instagram page **@WestwoodSEAT** and also our Trust page **@South_Essex_Academy_Trust**. We will also continue to share updates on our Westwood Academy Facebook page too. Tune in to see all of the exciting learning we are getting up to at Westwood!

Open mornings

We have 2 open mornings planned for parents of new starters to come in and have a look round the school and ask any questions. These will be Wednesday 11th October and Wednesday 8th November at 9.30 and 11.00. The tours will be by appointment only. If you require an appointment, please contact the school office.

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2024

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

☀️Calling all Parents and Guardians!☀️

We have a special request that can make a big difference for our nursery and reception classes.

This week, were in need of any home comforts, such as cushions, rugs, fake plants or photo frames!

If you have items you might be able to spare, please drop them off at the school reception.

Thank you for helping us create an engaging learning environment for our little ones!



Please be mindful of our pupil safety at drop off and collection. Please ensure that our school is a safe place for children and families by parking in the correct zone.

We are counting on our families to set a good example and to help us keep our school community safe.

Thank you to all who are already doing this.

Merits and Reader of the Week

You are all superstars, and a special well done to the following children who all received Merits and reading awards this week:

Year 1 - Frederic, Al and Natasha

Year 2 - Nieve, Joey and Ivy

Year 3 - Alex, Sydney and Harry

Year 4 – Charlie, Flossy and Frankie K

Year 5 – Bella, Chloe and Andrei

Year 6 – Harley, Isabelle and Jessica

Lunchtime Awards: Remy and Noah

Attendance.

We expect pupils to be in school everyday. We can not authorise term time absence except in exceptional circumstances and where appropriate, Essex County Council will issue fines. Our target for the whole school is 97% attendance, and we are expected to promote positive attendance and support all pupils to be able to attend school regularly. We monitor attendance weekly and will invite parents and carers of pupils who have attendance that causes concern to meet with us to improve. Attendance for each pupil is included in the year end school report – the chart on the right gives an indication as to how much missed learning time each child's percentage equates to each year. We have a statutory duty, as parents do, to ensure that pupils are at school every day. Thank you for understanding and supporting our whole school community by ensuring excellent attendance whenever possible.

Attendance	Hours missed	Weeks missed	Missed days
100%	0	0	0
97%	30	1 week 1 day	6
95%	50	2 weeks	10
90%	95	3 weeks 4 days	19
86%	135	5 weeks 2 days	27
80%	195	7 weeks 4 days	39
75%	242.5	9 weeks 3.5 days	48.5
70%	290	11 weeks 3 days	58
60%	390	15 weeks 3 days	78
50%	485	19 weeks 3 days	97

Earrings.

A friendly reminder that earrings need to be studs and not hoop or dangly earrings. If children wear earrings to school, **they must be removed for PE/on PE days.** Essex County Council recommend that earrings are not worn during PE. **All earrings will need to be removed prior to PE lessons for safety reasons. If children have their earrings in on the day of PE they will unfortunately not be able to take part. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact us prior to the PE lesson.**

If you are planning to have your child/ren's ears pierced, please can it be arranged for the start of the 6-week summer holiday to reduce potential risk during PE lessons. Thank you for your support.

Nail Varnish and other jewellery

May we remind families that nail varnish should not be worn and the only other jewellery that is allowed is a watch.



We expect full school uniform to be worn correctly at all times, including PE uniform.

PE kit expectations

On PE days children should be dressed in correct Westwood Academy PE kits. This consists of navy shorts/joggers, a white t-shirt, white socks, navy fleece and appropriate trainers. No branded clothes should be worn.

Woodys.

Our Before and After School Provision, Woodys, is available for families who need to drop off early or pick up late from school. It is a paid service and **places have to be booked in advance**, so that we have information about each child that will be attending and to be sure that we have the right number of staff available. To book places at Woodys, please follow this [link here](#).

Nursery News.

The nursery key workers are able to be contacted via Tapestry or if you have a more specific question, the Nursery email is checked regularly: nursery@westwoodacademy.org

Achievements.

Send in your achievements outside of school to office@westwoodacademy.org and we'll publish them in the newsletter!

Remy and Jasper of 2R had their first official rugby match for Westcliff Rugby against Harlow on Sunday and won! The boys were gracious winners and gave it their all 😊

Karate Club.

Westwood hosts a karate club on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. Please see Mr Eade for further details.

Paddington's First Concert

Essex Music Education Hub are partnering with Sinfonia Viva to bring 'Paddington's First Concert' to the Towngate Theatre on Saturday 14th of October. The concert features a live orchestra and video projections introducing children to orchestral music through the world of Paddington Bear.



The link for further information and to book tickets is here: <https://towngatetheatre.co.uk/paddington-bear/>



Dylan and his dog are on a mission to raise money for Battersea later this month!

They will be running a muddy 5km race together to support pets who need raising, rehoming and rehabilitating.

If you would like to support this incredible cause, please donate using the link below!

www.justgiving.com/page/ross-dylan-leo-muddydog2023

Woody's Care Provision Details.

T: 07580 461715

Opening Hours.

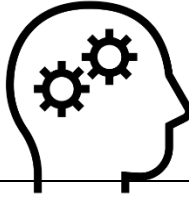
Mon-Thu 07.30-08:45, 15:10-17:00

Fri 07.30-08:45, 15:10-16:00

Bridging Club Fri 1:30 – 15:10

Home Learning.

When available, can be found on our website by clicking this icon:



This week, school dinners will be from the Summer Menu, Week 1 – click below. Click icon below to see menus.



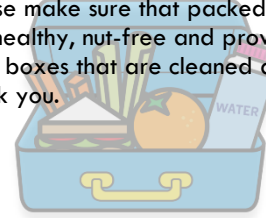
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Woody's Care Provision Booking Info

For support with home learning, Please send a message to your child's class teacher on Dojo, or speak at the gate.

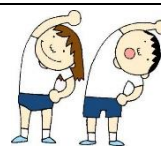
Packed Lunches.

Please make sure that packed lunches are healthy, nut-free and provided in lunch boxes that are cleaned daily. Thank you.



Please remember **snacks** and **water bottles** each day, as well as appropriate **coats** for cold weather and **sun cream** when it's warm.

Please ensure pupils are provided with a PE kit throughout the school year. Please speak to the school office to make us aware of any difficulty with this. PE kit is part of the school uniform, details of which can be found [here](#).



Online Safety.

MINIMUM AGES.

Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and Facebook

13

Whatsapp, Tik Tok

16 to register

13 to use

YouTube

18 to register

13 with parental permission.

Games – check PEGI rating.

Click [here](#) for more on online safety.



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

We are nut free. Help us safeguard those with allergies and please do not send any products containing nuts into school.



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