



Westwood Academy

Westwood Weekly

Friday 29th September 2023.

Headteacher message:

Dear Westwood Families,

Can you believe we're already over halfway through Autumn 1?

This week, our Year 4 students have truly excelled in the Essex multiplication competition, and it's heartening to see so many of them on the leaderboard. Well done, Year 4! Your hard work and dedication shine through.

A special shoutout to all the students who cycled to school this week! It has been a joy to see all the new faces rolling through the gate on wheels.

We also had a fantastic Rocksteady music assembly on Wednesday, and I can't wait to share some exciting music plans with you in the coming weeks...

Today, we gave a big send off to our fantastic sports apprentice, Mr Thompson. He's off to chase his studies, and we know he will continue to excel. We want to thank you for everything, and are all wishing you the best of luck on your next adventure!

As we step into October, we're proud to celebrate Black History Month. Our classes will be learning about the incredible contributions of Black Britons throughout history. It's a time to learn, appreciate, and celebrate diversity in our community.

Looking ahead to World Mental Health Day the 10th, we invite all pupils to wear non-school uniform of something yellow or anything that brings them joy, as we raise awareness of positive mental health for Young Minds, Hello Yellow. Year 2, you really lucked out this year and get the extra bonus of celebrating at the zoo!

Speaking of happiness, our Kindness Matters challenge continues to inspire. As somebody new here, I have been genuinely moved by the warmth, humour and enthusiasm shown every day. Acts of kindness are happening in every corner of our school, showcasing the remarkable spirit that defines Westwood.

Have a wonderful weekend and keep on letting that kindness shine!

Mrs Perryman



Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: 96.02%



Year to date: 96%

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 5 got 97.03%, the highest in the school. Well done!

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

- 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 World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow!**
- 11.10.23 Open morning for next year's new parents
- 16.10-27.10.23 Half Term**
- 30.11.23 Return to school
- 7.11.23 Yr 6 Chelmsford Museum visit
- 7.11.23 Year 5 school trip tbc
- 8.11.23 Open morning for next year's new parents
- 13-17th Nov – Anti Bullying Week**
- 17.11.23 Children in Need**
- 23.11.23 Exhibition Evening
- 16.11.23 School photographer (individual & sibling)
- 27.11-1.12.23 Book Fair
- 7.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day**
- 7.12.23 Christmas Carols KS2 timings tbc**
- 14.12.23 Christmas Productions (R,1,2) timings tbc**
- 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



Instagram Check out our Instagram page @WestwoodSEAT and our academy 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.

One Planning

For those children on the SEN register who have regular One Plan's I wanted to share the format and structure of the One Plans for this year.

One Planning is a graduated approach to fulfil our statutory duties as set out in the SEN Code of Practice 0-25 years (2015) and the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021). It sets out the cycle of assess, plan, do, review (APDR) in a person-centered way.

At Westwood, we review children's One Plans 3 times across a school year. These reviews are carried out by the class teachers who are best placed to understand and accommodate your children's needs. However, this process is overseen by myself as SENCO and meetings further supported by LSAs, specialists involved your child and our learning mentor, when appropriate.

The meetings should run for around 20-30 minutes and will follow the format:

- Collecting the views of the team around the child including your child's views.
- Reviewing the previous One Plan targets
- Setting new targets or adapting the strategies for targets not met, based on the views gathered.
- Arranging a date and time for the next One Plan.

Following the meeting, the updated One Plan will be shared with parents and all staff working with your child. These then become working documents and guide your child's provision until the next review.

One thing we find really useful is asking parents to think about their views prior to the meeting. We gather the following:

- What we like and admire about your child.
- What's important to and what's important for your child?
- What's working well at home and at school?
- What's not working at home and at school?
- How can we best support your child?

We really appreciate your engagement with the One Planning process and hope you find the cycle useful in supporting your child's needs. **Mrs Clarke**

☀️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 – Leo, Ed and Aleeya
Year 4 – Jaiden and Willow

Year 2 – Nieve and Ciara
Year 5 – Bella, Fabio, Jess DW

Year 3 – Elliot and George
Year 6 – Sienna, Seth and Noah

Lunchtime Awards

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.

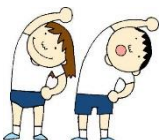
Attendance	Hours missed	Weeks missed	Missed days
97%	30	1 week 1 day	6
95%	50	2 weeks	10
90%	95	3 weeks 4 days	19
86%	135	5 weeks 2 days	27
80%	195	7 weeks 4 days	39
75%	242.5	9 weeks 3.5 days	48.5
70%	290	11 weeks 3 days	58
60%	390	15 weeks 3 days	78
50%	485	19 weeks 3 days	97

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.

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.

Karate Club.

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

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!



Archie's gymnastics journey keeps soaring. He just clinched 3rd place in his latest competition, the dedication and hard work are paying off!

Sydney won a medal at the Herne Bay Ballroom and Latin competition, for her Jive dancing. Amazing effort and fun had with her dance school!



We are also celebrating Seth, who was honoured with the Young Person's award at cubs 😊

Woody's Care Provision Details.

T: 07580 461715

Opening Hours.

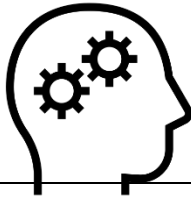
Mon-Thu 07.30-08:45, 15:10-17:00

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, click icon below to see menus.



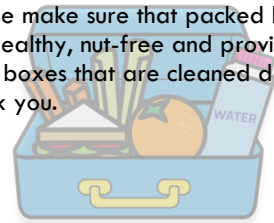
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Woody's Care Provision Booking Info

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

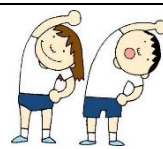
Packed Lunches.

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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Click [here](#) for details of our school uniform.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous contributions towards our Harvest Festival. If you have any further donations, please send these in with your children before Half Term for our ever-growing collection!



HOLIDAY CAMPS

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER INCLUSIVE

Activities are coached by highly qualified School Sport Professionals with First Aid & Safeguarding qualifications. We have various activities running including - Nerf, Arts & Crafts - including pottery, slime making, jewellery creation & box decoration, Glow in the Dark Sports plus many other activities! To book or for more information please visit our website!

Early Club (8-10am) - £8
Main Activity (10-3pm) - £25
After Activity Club (3-6pm) - £10

Contact Number - 01268741162
email - reception@deanessportscentre.com
www.deanessportscentre.com

Choose one activity per day

Monday 23rd October	Multi Sports (5+)	Dance & Pottery Painting Day (5+)	Basketball & Dodgeball (5+)
Tuesday 24th October	Multi & Glow Sports (5+)	Outdoor Adventure (5+)	Harry Potter Themed Day (5+)
Wednesday 25th October	Multi Sports (5+)	Lego, Slime & Craft Day (5+)	Gymnastics (5+)
Thursday 26th October	Multi & Glow Sports (5+)	Barbie Themed Day (5+)	Tennis, Table Tennis & Badminton (5+)
Friday 27th October	Multi Sports (5+)	Cycling Day (5+)	Fortnite & Nerf (5+)

Parental Information

All staff working are qualified and approved the appropriate authorities.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch and refillable water bottle for the day. Please ensure no products containing nuts are provided.

Children will be required to wear suitable clothing. Certain activities may change due to weather conditions and number of attendees.

How to Book

All bookings must be placed in advance via our website www.deanessportscentre.com

Scan the QR code to book!

We are unable to offer refunds should you cancel your child's attendance.



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£7

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