



Westwood Academy

Westwood Weekly

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

What a great start to the year it has been. I hope you all have some lovely plans with family and friends over the half term.

On Wednesday, Mrs Clarke and I were thrilled to open our doors to prospective families for the Reception 2024 cohort, giving them a glimpse into what makes Westwood so extraordinary. Our students were incredible role models, impressing all with their articulate explanations. A special shout-out to our Reception class, who delighted in making scrumptious sandwiches - a testament to their budding skills!

There has been lots of memorable learning this week, year 5 students had a coding workshop with ComputerXplorers, expanding their digital horizons. Year 2 embarked on a thrilling adventure to the zoo, and their sharp eyes even spotted the elusive red panda! And Year 4 took us back in time with some Mummy Madness, where students participated in a full re-enactment of the mummification process, creating lasting memories and knowledge.

We also had a big send-off for Mrs Savage, filled with tears and smiles, as she moves on to her next adventure. You will be so missed by us all!

After the half term break, we are excited to announce the launch of Family Friday Reading Afternoons in our Nursery (11:30-12) and Reception (1-1:30). Join us in your child's classroom to share the joy of reading before starting your weekend – an opportunity to foster the love of books and learning together.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. See you back on Monday 30th October, refreshed and ready for more adventures ahead!

Mrs Perryman



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!

Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: **93%**

Year to date: **94%**



We expect pupils to be in school everyday.

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

This week, **Reception** got **97.72%**, the highest in the school. Well done!

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

- 30.11.23 Return to school Monday from Oct half term!
- 31.11.23 Photographer in for website photos**
- 1.11.23 Dodgeball day at Deanes UKS2 team**
- 7.11.23 Yr 6 Chelmsford Museum visit
- 8.11.23 Open morning for next year's new parents
- 8.11.23 Paralympic event at Deanes
- 9.11.23 Year 2 team SEAT football tournament 2-4pm**
- 10.11.23 Remembrance Assembly**
- 13-17th Nov – Anti Bullying Week
- 14.11.23 UKS2 Anti Bullying workshop**
- 15.11.23 Y6 Girl's football at Garons**
- 15.11.23 Y4 times table workshop 3.30pm
- 16.11.23 School photographer (individual & sibling)
- 17.11.23 Children in Need
- 23.11.23 Exhibition Evening 3.30-4.30
- 24.11.23 SEND Family coffee meet**
- 27.11-1.12.23 Book Fair
- 29.11.23 Flu Immunisations
- 29.11.23 Y3 Museum Trip**
- 4-8th Dec Enterprise Week**
- 6.12.23 Y5 Museum Trip**
- 7.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day
- 7.12.23 Christmas Carols KS2 timings tbc
- 8.12.23 PTFA Christmas Fair**
- 14.12.23 Christmas lunch for pupils**
- *19.12.23 Christmas Productions (R,1,2) 1.30pm, 4.15pm**
- 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

Open mornings

We have our next open morning planned for parents of new starters to come in and have a look round the school and ask any questions on 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.

Lunch Clubs

Lunch clubs with Mrs Tong will be taking place after October half term in the library 12.30-1pm.

Monday – Lego
Tuesday – Chess
Wednesday – Lego
Thursday – Librarians



☀️Calling all Parents and Guardians!☀️

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

This week, we're in need of.....STORAGE! Anything to store big and small resources in – small plastic Tupperware boxes, wicker baskets..

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! We are so grateful for all of the generous donations families have already made.



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.

FAMILY READING AFTERNOONS! Fridays 1PM reception, 11.30pm nursery

Parent Readers in other year groups

As you know, reading is a huge focus for us at Westwood. We love giving the children as many opportunities as possible to read aloud to an adult. With this in mind, we're reading out to you as parents to see if anyone has availability to join our bank of parent readers. If you can offer any time in the afternoons to work with a class hearing individual readers, we love to hear from you.

Staff at Westwood are keen to work with you on what a successful reading session looks like, questions we can ask the children and how we can record reading sessions. If you can spare the time, please contact the office at admin@westwood. Many thanks for your continued support.

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 – Ezra, Eli L and James F	Year 2 – Oakley, Remy and Clara	Year 3 – Karaleigh, Joshua and Sydney
Year 4 – Joseph, Lily and Harry	Year 5 – Lacey, Ikem and Ebony	Year 6 – Seth, Alana and Harry D

Lunchtime Awards – Zara and Sienna (Plus a huge shout-out to all of the year 5 lunch helpers!)

We are so proud to announce that our very own Miss Salter has taken over Nova, Performing Arts Academy at Hadleigh Methodist church. She is always looking for new members. If you would like any more information you can find her on Facebook or Instagram at @nova_performingartsacademy. Good luck with your exciting new venture Miss Salter!



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

On Friday 24th November, we will be holding another coffee morning for parents of children in our SEN register. During this meeting I will provide an update on the current offer in Essex and answer any questions you may have regarding SEN at Westwood and beyond. As requested by parents, there will be unplanned



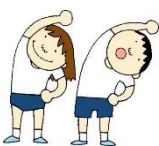
time for any attendees to chat to each other and share individual topics. If there is any more information you would like at this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us before the 24th November and I will do my best to include this during the coffee morning. I look forward to seeing you on 24th November – Mrs Clarke (SENDCo)

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.

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



Secondary School Applications for September 2024 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2023) is **31 October 2023.**

Applications can be made via the Essex website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.



Achievements.

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

Enquire about lettings! Prices per hour:

AREA	COMMERCIAL
Main (Small) Hall	£25
Sports Hall	£45
Football Pitch	£25



Woody's Care Provision Details.

T: 07580 461715

Opening Hours.

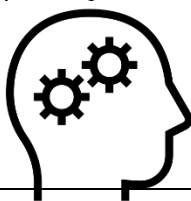
Mon-Thu 07.30-08:45, 15:10-17:00

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:



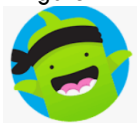
This week, school dinners will be from the Winter Menu, click icon below to see menus.



Click below for...

**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.



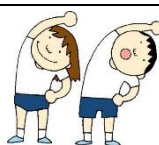
Packed Lunches.

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.

A C H I E V E M E N T

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 our logo to go to our website.



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



Performing Arts Academy

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Ballet ★ Modern ★ Tap ★ Jazz ★ Singing

3+ Years

Contact: 07479 347955 Email: jadesalter20@hotmail.co.uk

- Classes held at Hadleigh Methodist Church
- First lesson free
- R.A.D Ballet
- I.S.T.D Modern, Tap and Jazz
- Singing and Musical Theatre
- Make friends and gain confidence


HALLOWEEN
BOO BASH

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
10.30-4PM
WESTWOOD ACADEMY
SS7 2SU

DANCING-SINGING-DRAMA
GAMES-ARTS & CRAFTS

RETURN AT 3.45PM TO WATCH
THE SPOOOOKTACULAR SHOW!

CONTACT LAURA
07887690425

AGE 5+
£25



**BENFLEET TEAM
SUPPORTING ALL**

Interested in Training to be a Teacher?



Join us at our virtual recruitment event to
find out more about our training programme
from September 2024

16th October at 7pm, via Zoom

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/BTSA-Oct23>



In Partnership with
TES Institute

Theatre School
OCTOBER HALF TERM
DOES YOUR CHILD WANT 2 BE A STAR?
CLASSES TAUGHT BY INDUSTRY LEADING PROFESSIONALS:
BENFLEET THURSDAYS 4.30-6.45PM
HAWKWELL FRIDAYS 4.45PM-7PM
HOME OF X FACTOR WINNER LOUISA JOHNSON
HOME OF 2018 X FACTOR FINALIST BELLA PENFOLD
STREET DANCE TEACHER MORGAN FLOM
3 X DIVERSITY TOURS
BOOK A FREE TRIAL AGES 4-18
KATIE: 0739 394299 28
BUILD CONFIDENCE | MAKE NEW FRIENDS | INSPIRES CREATIVE MINDS | DEVELOP FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS

ComputerXplorers
EXPLORATION DAY
22 October

Sunday 22 October
9:30-12:30, 13:30-16:30

Location:
The Old Fire Station
58 Southend Road
Hockley
Essex SS5 4QH

Session Price
£5 per hour OR
£12 for 3 hours

ACTIVITIES
Coding
Robotics
Game Design
App Development
Animation
Lego Engineering
AI activities
VR experiences
AGES 5-14

BOOK ONLINE
01702 207666
EssexSouth@computerexplorers.co.uk

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Tue 24 Oct – Wed 25 Oct
Thu 2 Nov – Fri 3 Nov

Location
The Megacentre Rayleigh
7 Brook Road
Rayleigh
Essex SS6 7UT

Session Times
Main session: 10am – 3pm
Early bird: 9am – 10am
Extended hours: 3pm – 5pm

Session Price
Main session: £25
Early bird: £5
Extended hours: £10
Full day: £32

THE ACTIVITIES
We cover many subjects including:
Coding
Game Design
Lego Engineering
App Design
Robotics
Animation
VR head sets
Multi Games
AGES 5-14 YEARS

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The Megacentre Rayleigh
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ComputerXplorers



Girls 4 Football

Girls Football Camp - 5-11 Year Olds

Friday 27th October 2023

Tournament Day

1 Day - £17

Sibling deal available

9:30am - 2:30pm @ The Deanes Sports Centre

To Book - girls4football.ellie@gmail.com

Football colouring/crafts @ lunch

Medals and Prizes to be won

DBS Checked - First Aid Trained - Epipen Trained

Instagram - @girls4football

Facebook - @girls4football

Nov
21st

A talk with Dean Beadle

PiNS
Presents

Autism
Social and
emotional
needs

£5 per
ticket

Opens 7pm for
7.30 start

Parkwood Academy
Melbourne Avenue
Chelmsford

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS - TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE
THE EVENT

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT DONNA 07723239613



WOMEN'S WELLNESS EVENT

14TH OCTOBER 2023, 10AM - 5PM
LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

ROOM 4

10.15am-11am
Wellness gentle yoga

11am-12pm
Menopause matters
naturally
(inc. peri menopause)

ROOM 5

10am-11am
1-2-1 Nurse
appointments

11am-11.20am
How to self-examine
and breast pain talk
(With Lady McAdden)

11.20am-12pm
1-2-1 Nurse
appointments

ROOM 7

1.15pm - 2pm
Breath work - How we
manage our fight or
flight response

2pm-2.45pm
Stress and anxiety -
How to manage and
overcome it

3pm-3.30pm
Nutrition - How to
energise your life

3.30pm-4.15pm
Building resilience -
How to get through
dark days

4.15pm - 5pm
Coffee and chat

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED
WWW.LADYMCADDEN.ORG

Dean Beadle is coming to Parkwood Academy on November 21st to talk about ASD and Social and Emotional needs. This is being organised by PiNS (Parents in Need of Support)

Dean is a fantastic speaker, who has ASD themselves. He always gives some inspirational talks.

It's a 7.30 start and tickets are £5 on this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-talk-with-dean-beadle-tickets-728775776967?aff=oddttdtcreator>

