



Westwood Academy

Westwood Weekly

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

I hope this message finds you all in great spirits! 🌻

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who has embraced the spirit of giving for our Harvest Festival. Your generosity has been truly heartwarming, and it's been amazing to see the donations pouring in. Our collection day is just around the corner, this Monday morning, so this weekend is your last chance to dig deep into those cupboards and contribute to this wonderful cause.

Now, let's turn our attention to celebrating some fantastic achievements within our school community!

Congratulations to our incredible students with excellent attendance! Your dedication to learning and showing up to school every day is truly commendable. As a special treat, we'll be hosting an afternoon tea for you next week to celebrate your outstanding commitment.

Speaking of exciting adventures, our Year 2 students are gearing up for an educational visit to the zoo! What an incredible opportunity for them to learn and have fun in a unique environment. We can't wait to hear all about their exciting day.

This week also marks the culmination of our SuperStar Sport girls' football coaching program. These young athletes have shown remarkable dedication and talent throughout their coaching sessions, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Well done, girls!

On a bittersweet note, it is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of our beloved Mrs Savage at the end of this half term. After an incredible 15 years at Westwood, she is embarking on a new culinary career adventure. Mrs Savage has touched the lives of countless students during her time here, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best in her new endeavours, and we hope she knows that she will always have a special place at Westwood.

Lastly, let's brighten up our upcoming Tuesday by embracing the colour of happiness! On Tuesday, we encourage all students to wear something yellow or any outfit that makes them feel joyful. Let's fill our school with positivity and smiles as we celebrate the mental health awareness for Hello Yellow.

Have a fantastic weekend, and we look forward to another week of exciting adventures and achievements!

Mrs Perryman



Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: **95.88%**

Year to date: **96.06%**



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** got ******%**, 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
15.11.23 – Year 4 Multiplication workshop 3.30
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
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.



Mrs Smith would like to invite Year 4 families to a Times table information session on Wednesday 15th November at 3.30pm-4pm to discuss the Year 4 multiplication check and strategies to support learning times tables. The information PowerPoint will be shared if you are unable to attend the session.

☀️Calling all Parents and Guardians!☀️

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

We're 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 this week.

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| Year 1 JJ and Amelia | John |
| Year 2 Loki, Jasper and Willow | Amelie S-F |
| Year 3 Lottie and Ellie-Mae | Ryan |
| Year 4 Sophie and Megan | Layla |
| Year 5 Alfie, Aspen and Summar | Fraser |
| Year 6 William and Emma | Freddie |

Lunchtime Awards

Year 5 Jessica Alfie

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

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 |

Achievements.

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



Dylan & Leo after their Muddy Dog run at the weekend! They had the best time and got very muddy!

Dylan is over the moon that he managed to raise £700 for Battersea dogs and cats!

Bella and Henry in year 5 completed the summer reading challenge, well done!



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. We are here
to help 😊

Packed Lunches.

Please kindly 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

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send any products containing nuts into
school.



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Nov
21st

PiNS Presents

Autism
Social and
emotional
needs

A talk with Dean Beadle

£5 per
ticket

Opens 7pm for
7.30 start

Parkwood Academy
Melbourne Avenue
Chelmsford

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=oddtcreator>

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

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