



# Westwood Academy

## Westwood Weekly

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we dive into the highlights of the week at Westwood!

After the weekend, get ready for the excitement of Enterprise Week! Our journey begins with a launch assembly on Monday. Each year group will embark on a creative business venture, designing and crafting unique festive products to sell at the upcoming PTFA Winter Fair.

Speaking of exciting events, our beloved bookworms will be delighted to know that the Westwood Book Fair is just around the corner. Come and dive into the world of captivating stories in our central atrium each day after school from 3.30pm.

Reflecting on the week gone by, Thursday's Exhibition Evening was a wonderful opportunity to share all that the children have been up to this term so far. The school was bustling with families, and witnessing the children eagerly share their learning was great to see. A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

As we wrap up the week on a grateful note with Thankful Friday, the generosity of our Westwood community shines brightly. The PTFA received an abundance of chocolate donations—enough to start our own chocolate factory I'd say!

Your support is truly appreciated.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend 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: **94.59%**

Year to date: **95.96%**



**We expect pupils to be in school everyday.**

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

This week, **Year 6** got **97.24%**, the highest in the school. Well done!

### Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

27.11-1.12.23 Book Fair  
 29.11.23 Flu Immunisations  
 29.11.23 Y3 Museum Trip  
**30.11.23 – Year 6 cyber safety workshop**  
**30.11.23 – Year 3 home safety workshop**  
 1.12.23 Year 5/6 Football against Holy Cross - Girl's game 2pm, Boy's game 2.45pm  
 4-8<sup>th</sup> Dec Enterprise Week  
 6.12.23 Y5 Museum Trip  
 7.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day  
 7.12.23 Christmas Carols KS2 2pm and 5:30pm  
 8.12.23 PTFA Christmas Fair  
 13.12.23 Year 6 height and weight  
 13.12.23 Nursery & Reception production 2.15  
 14.12.23 Christmas lunch for pupils  
 19.12.23 Christmas Productions (1,2) 1.30pm, 4.15pm

### 21.12.23-3.1.24 Christmas Holidays

4.1.24 Return to school  
 17.1.24 RockSteady pupil workshops  
 6/7/13/14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent mental health first aider w/s

### 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



A gentle reminder: we seem to have set a new record for lost clothing in the property box. Please ensure your child's jumper or coat has their name, and we'll take care of reuniting it with them promptly if it does get lost.



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  
Wednesdays 2.55pm nursery**

### 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.

Reception- Louie and Harrison Joey

Year 1- Daisy and James F JJ

Year 2 – Louis and Ciara Teddy

Year 3 – William and Eva Zachary

Year 4 – Aubree and Lyla-Rae Freddie

Year 5 – Lia and Zara Alfie

Year 6 – Mack and Elsie Mia

Lunchtime- Mya and Oliver



### Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2024

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

**From 6 November 2023**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

### Christmas card recycling

Westwood are taking part in the UK Waste Direct Christmas Card Recycling Challenge. **Approximately 1 billion Christmas cards are thrown away each year- that's around 33 million trees worth!** UK Waste Direct aims to encourage children and staff to recycle their Christmas Cards so they can turn them into new products. They will provide us with a recycling bin for our cards and will collect the recycling bin week commencing **15th January 2024**.

So in the New Year once you have taken down your Christmas Cards and you are looking to throw them away, bring them into school instead and post them into the recycling bin. The recycling bin will be kept in the atrium so the children can post the cards themselves. The school with the most recycling will win a prize pack including a tree to plant for their school!



## 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.** 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.

## Achievements.

Send in your achievements outside of school to [office@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org) and we'll publish them in the newsletter!

## Deanes Clubs

If your child does not want to continue with any after school clubs, please advise the school office as we do hold a waiting list for clubs. Many thanks.

**Nursery News:** The nursery key workers are able to be contacted via Tapestry or on class Dojo – please feel very welcome to reach out with questions or updates regarding your child. Any admission queries, please kindly contact [nursery@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:nursery@westwoodacademy.org).



Enquire about lettings!  
Prices per hour:

Westwood Academy



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



## The Travelling Book Fair is back in time for Christmas!!

We will be welcoming this popular event in school from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov and it will be here all week with a great selection of books for all ages. The children will have an opportunity during the week to browse and see what there is on offer.

This is always a successful event encouraging children to develop a love for reading and books, as well as the school benefiting from the rewards scheme which enables us to purchase sets of books for use in the classroom.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Dench

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one>





### 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

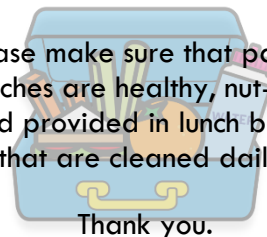
For support with home learning,

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.



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](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org)

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