



# Westwood Academy

## Westwood Weekly

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

What an incredible start to our week it has been! It's evident that everyone had a fantastic half term, as the children returned bursting with excitement, eager to share their holiday adventures with us all.

We kicked off the week with a bang as we delved into our Phonics Development Day with visitors from Read Write Inc and our Academy Committee. The new groups are off to a flying start, and we're thrilled to witness the progress our students are making. They weren't the only visitors this week at Westwood, as we also welcomed our new photographer to capture new images for our website and we can't wait to see how they turn out.

On Wednesday, our year 5's visited Deanes to dodge, duck, dive and dip their way around the dodgeball court. Great resilience and commitment was shown by all, so a huge well done to the team. And next week, we're brimming with anticipation for our first-ever Trust Year 2 Football Tournament. We're crossing our fingers for clear skies and little to no rain for our groups as they battle it out to see who will take home the trophy!

I want to express my gratitude to all those who have been providing valuable feedback on our extra-curricular activities survey. Your input is incredibly helpful, and has inspired great discussion about what our future club offering will look like. Stay tuned!

Wrap up warm and have a great weekend everybody,

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!

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 and 11.00. The tours will be by appointment only. If you require an appointment, please contact the school office.

**Attendance: Our school target is 97%**

This week: **96%**

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, **Year 1** got **98.39%**, the highest in the school. Well done!

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

- 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
- 13-17<sup>th</sup> 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
- 4-8<sup>th</sup> Dec Enterprise Week
- 6.12.23 Y5 Museum Trip
- 7.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day
- 7.12.23 Christmas Carols KS2 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

## 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](mailto: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 – Mason, Eli E and Neve    Year 2 – Joey, Oscar and Loki    Year 3 – Thomas, Sienna and whole class

Year 4 – Layla, Lacey and Thibault    Year 5 – Bella, Masso and Zara    Year 6 – Luca < Angelica

**Lunchtime Awards – Mr Eade and Mrs Chapman (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](https://www.instagram.com/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	<b>6</b>
95%	50	2 weeks	<b>10</b>
90%	95	3 weeks 4 days	<b>19</b>
86%	135	5 weeks 2 days	<b>27</b>
80%	195	7 weeks 4 days	<b>39</b>
75%	242.5	9 weeks 3.5 days	<b>48.5</b>
70%	290	11 weeks 3 days	<b>58</b>
60%	390	15 weeks 3 days	<b>78</b>
50%	485	19 weeks 3 days	<b>97</b>

## Dodgeball

A huge well done to our fantastic year 5 Dodgeballers, Samuel, Zara, Lia, Evie, Stanley, Masso, Fabio, Joshua, Kai and James. Along with 20 other primary schools from across south Essex, they took part in a Dodgeball tournament on Wednesday at Deanes. They showed resilience and determination in their performance as well as representing the school fantastically with their commendable behaviour and sportsmanship. We were so proud of you and can't wait to get involved in many more local team competitions!



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> November and I will do my best to include this during the coffee morning. I look forward to seeing you on 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nursery@westwoodacademy.org)

A poster for the Westwood Academy Christmas Fair 2023. The background is a blue sky with falling snow and evergreen trees. The text is white and yellow. The event is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to 5pm. It encourages families to save the date and book the afternoon off work. More information is coming soon.

Westwood Academy  
Christmas Fair  
2023  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
2pm – 5pm  
Save the date, book the afternoon off work, tell the family. We can't wait to start off the Christmas celebrations with you all.  
More info coming soon....



## Achievements.

Send in your achievements outside of school to [office@westwoodacademy.org](mailto: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.

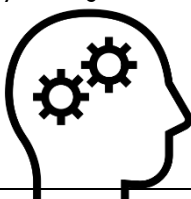
**Mon-Thu** 07.30-08:45, 15:10-17:00

**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:



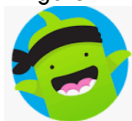
This week, school dinners will be from the Winter Menu, click icon below to see menus.



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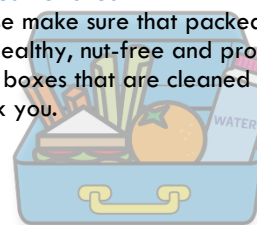
**Woody's Care  
Provision  
Booking Info**

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.

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](mailto: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.

## PTFA News

We are really excited to be in the hot seat now as Joint PTFA Chair and we wanted to update you a few of the upcoming events.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 6:30pm at Westwood Academy** - meeting for anyone who is happy to volunteer and support Westwood PTFA.

We don't want hours of your time for volunteering (although if you have hours to give that's great 😊) we are very much of the ethos – Many hands make light work, so even if its an hour here and an hour there you can spare – Marvellous! The meeting will just go over what's coming up and what support we may need.

**Elfridges** – £2.50 per gift. Reply slip will be coming home and needs completion to stipulate:

- Number of gifts required.
- Adult/child
- Male/Female

Money required by Wednesday 22<sup>ND</sup> November to enable the correct gift numbers to be ordered in time for the main event in December (date TBC)!

**Thankful Friday - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Wear your favourite outfit – bring a donation for the Christmas fair Tombola (E.g., wrapped chocolate/gift item)

**Friday 8th December 2pm-5pm – Westwood Christmas Fair**

Lastly - If anyone has a business that would like to either sponsor part of the event, or provide a gift/gifts for the raffle in exchange for free promotion of your business at the fair, please do get in touch! We all want to make this a wonderful event for the children and school community and your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions/Ideas/comments please catch either of us on the gate or email us at the PTFA email address [PTFA@Westwoodacademy.org](mailto:PTFA@Westwoodacademy.org)

Many thanks in advance for your support

