



Westwood Academy

Westwood Weekly

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

This week, our young innovators have immersed themselves in designing, creating, and budgeting for their projects during Enterprise Week. The competition among year groups is heating up, and we look forward to finding out which year group will be recognised as Entrepreneurs of the week!

On Tuesday, year 1 visited Belfairs Woods as part of their foundation learning, and learned about Essex's ancient woodlands in an immersive way, including constructing their very own dens! On Wednesday, year 5 embarked on a visit to the Museum of Power, blending the realms of science and magic on their exciting adventure and earning a whole class merit this week for their enthusiasm.

Tonight is the highly anticipated PTFA Christmas Fair at Westwood, promising a magical and enjoyable festive experience. Our dedicated PTFA members have been hard at work preparing for the event (and possibly the record for the most sausage rolls in Hadleigh), and we are so grateful for all the efforts they have put into making it such a fantastic event for everybody.

Yesterday evening, our KS2 pupils treated us to a spirited performance of Christmas carols. Kudos to all the children for their singing and actions, and a big thank you to the KS2 staff for their efforts.

See you all very soon at the fair!

Mrs Perryman



Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: **94.69%**

Year to date: **95.82%**



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 **97.59%**, the highest in the school. Well done!

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

13.12.23 Year 6 height and weight

13.12.23 Nursery & Reception production 2.15

13.12.23 Christmas lunch for pupils (Day change)

19.12.23 Christmas Productions (y1 & 2) **2pm, 4.15pm**

21.12.23-3.1.24 Christmas Holidays

4.1.24 Return to school

17.1.24 RockSteady pupil workshops

6/7/13/14th 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



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!





A gentle reminder: 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- River and Elliott Jude

Year 1 - Jude and Eli E Joshua

Year 2 – Jack and Amelie W Amelia

Year 3 – Whole class Sydney

Year 4 – Harry S and Willow Ivie, Joseph, Frankie K, Megan

Year 5 – Whole class Alfie, Chloe and Evie

Year 6 – Sofia and Lucas W Harry D

Lunchtime- all PALS



Reporting absence.

If your child is absent from school, please contact the **office directly** as soon as possible to make the school aware of the absence and the reason why. Class Dojo is an excellent platform to communicate with the class teacher regarding class based tasks, please do not share absences over Class Dojo.

Sickness

If your child is off school due to sickness the guidelines have changed. You now only have to stay at home for **24 hours** and not 48 hours

PE

As the cold weather takes hold we may face unexpected changes to our PE sessions. To ensure children are able to take part in their weekly exercise, could we please request that a pair of trainers or plimsols are in school to remain in class. Many thanks for your support.

Reminders

13.12.23 Year 6 height and weight check

Christmas Dinner

Christmas lunch will now be served one day earlier on Wednesday 13th instead of Thursday 14th next week. If you've already paid for your child's lunch, all arrangements remain in place.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

Early Years production

We are so excited to invite you to see our performance of 'The Sleepy Shepherd' on Wednesday 13th December at 2:15. As much as we would love to invite everybody, due to space and safety we have to limit numbers to 2 audience members per child. Tickets are available on Parentmail. We will be recording a performance to send to everyone via Tapestry.



Key stage 1 production

Year 1 and Year 2 are ready to show you all how fabulous they are in our Christmas production;

LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION 2! THE SEQUIN

Showings:

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Afternoon: 2pm

Once the afternoon show has finished, the children will be taken back to their classroom to get changed. Once they are changed, parents who watched the show can collect the children. Others will be taken out as normal at 3.10pm.

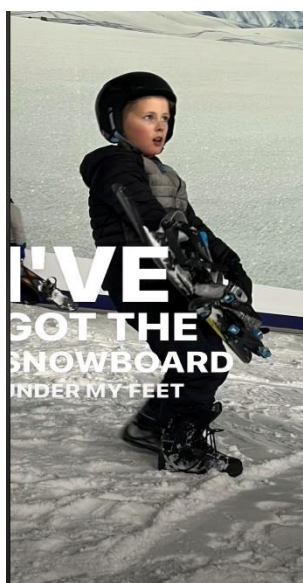
Evening: 4.15pm

For the evening performance the children can return to school from 3.45pm but must be at school no later than 4pm to get ready. Make your way to the reception and the children will be let through to their classrooms to change into their costumes.

You can book your tickets on parent mail from Monday ☺

Achievements.

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



Congratulations to Austin in year 4!
He is now a free skier and snow boarder and has passed all 6 levels. We are so proud of you!



Summar would like to share her swimming achievements. She has just received her 100metres and Angelfish 1 award in swimming!



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.

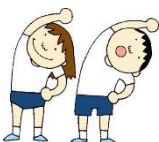
Attendance	Hours missed	Weeks missed	Missed days
97%	30	1 week 1 day	6
95%	50	2 weeks	10
90%	95	3 weeks 4 days	19
86%	135	5 weeks 2 days	27
80%	195	7 weeks 4 days	39
75%	242.5	9 weeks 3.5 days	48.5
70%	290	11 weeks 3 days	58
60%	390	15 weeks 3 days	78
50%	485	19 weeks 3 days	97

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.

Deanes Clubs

All Deanes after school clubs have now finished for the year. Clubs will restart in January. More info to follow.

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.



Enquire about lettings! Prices per hour:

Westwood Academy

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.

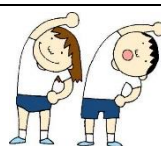
Please make sure that packed lunches are healthy, nut-free and provided in lunch boxes that are cleaned daily.

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.



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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