



Westwood Academy

Westwood Weekly

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Dear Westwood Families,

I can't quite believe that it's our final day of the term!

Yesterday our little stars shone brightly during the KS1 nativity, and pupils looked absolutely splendid in their festive outfits as the hall was filled with laughter and energy. There were certainly many comedic moments that left everyone smiling and we're immensely proud of each child for giving their all, showcasing their talents through singing, acting, and actions.

To mark the end of their PE unit, Year 4 engaged in a spirited Dodgeball Championships, and displayed a lot of sporting energy and camaraderie. Well done!

A massive shout-out to our fantastic PTFA for hosting the incredible Elfridges event yesterday. Pupils had the opportunity to choose their own presents for family and friends, and it felt like a proper shopping experience for our young adults as they quickly filled their bags with goodies.

We bid farewell to this term with a touch of magic and joy in the playground. A special thank you to our PTFA, Stibbards and the big man himself, St Nic, for sending us into the holiday in style with our very own sweet treats!

Thank you all for being a part of so many special moments at Westwood.

Wishing you a glorious Christmas and a well-deserved break filled with joy and relaxation.

We understand the importance of planning ahead, and are sharing the term dates for the academic year 2024-25. See attached calendar. These dates are also available on our website for your reference.

Mrs Perryman



Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: **89.93%**

Year to date: **95.32%**



We expect pupils to be in school everyday, this week we needed to be much closer to target.

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

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

21.12.23-3.1.24 Christmas Holidays

4.1.24 Return to school
4.1.24 Top Attendance Class Afternoon Tea
11.1.24 Reception Road Safety workshop PM
16.1.24 Football match 3pm Wyburns – boys 5/6
18.1.24 New library books delivery from HM library service
17.1.24 RockSteady pupil workshops
9.2.24 Year 1 Chinese Dance Workshop
6/7/13/14th Feb – Parent mental health first aider w/s
14.2.24 Badminton comp at Deanes 5/6
23.2.24 – Junior Music Festival (year 5)
26.2.24 – Y6 Resilience workshop
28.2.24 – KS2 cross country comp
28.2.24 – SEND parent coffee morning

19.2-23.2.23 Half Term

26.2.24 Return to school
7.2.24 – World Book Day!
11-15th March – Science Week
13.3.24 – Year 2 football comp
14.3.24 – Year 2 Colchester Castle trip
15.3.24 – Red Nose Day
19.3.24 – Class/group photos

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
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**

Achievements.

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

Well done to all of our sporting champions over the past week - Dancers of 2023, players of the match and gymnasts of the week - to name but a few!



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





☀️ **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 wicker baskets/bins for storing resources in.

Also, if any families have any spare Astroturf sections – this would be warmly welcomed!

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.

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

Merry Christmas



Woody's Care Provision Details.

T: 07580 461715

Opening Hours.

Mon-Thu 07.30-08:45, 15:10-17:30

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

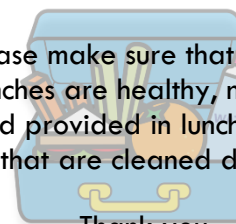
For support with home learning,

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.

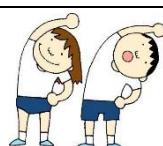


Thank you.



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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