



# Westwood Academy

## Westwood Weekly

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

This week: **94.78%**

Year to date: **95.40%**



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

This weeks winners are **Year 2** with 98.00%. Well done. Any pupil with below 90% is considered as a case of "persistent absence".

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear Westwood families,

Another busy week at Westwood! On Tuesday, our year 5 and 6 pupils engaged in a fierce battle against Wyburns, resulting in a final score of 2-3 against another very strong team. Next one is ours!

Wednesday brought a different kind of rhythm to our school as we welcomed Rocksteady Ross. Heads were nodding and pupils showcased some very creative dance moves in our session together.

Meanwhile, in year 6, pupils have been drawing together their learning of Mayan culture to create some incredibly detailed fact files.

Next week, we will be welcoming BTSA trainees to Westwood to come and see how we deliver practical learning at school, and will be donning our cosiest coats to join year 2 on their woodland visit if weather permits!

In a global exchange of knowledge, we're thrilled to announce that international teachers from the Netherlands and Barcelona will be visiting Westwood at the start of next week. This celebration of knowledge exchange will showcase our peer review process, a driving force behind our continuous school improvement efforts at South Essex Academy Trust. I wonder if there are any pupils who know how to say Hello in Spanish and Dutch already...

Enjoy the weekend ahead and see you all on Monday,

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend ahead 😊

Mrs Perryman

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

2.2.24 Number Day

9.2.24 Year 1 Chinese Dance Workshop

10.2.24 PTFA Family Disco

6/7/13/14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent mental health first aider w/s

14.2.24 Badminton comp at Deanes 5/6

19.2-23.2.23 Half Term

26.2.24 Return to school

26.2.24 – Y6 Resilience workshop

28.2.24 – KS2 cross country comp

28.2.24 – SEND parent coffee morning

**7.3.24 – World Book Day!**

11-15<sup>th</sup> 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

.6.24 – Junior Music Festival (year 5) date tbc

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](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org) and we'll publish them in the newsletter!



Florence in year 4 received the player of the match trophy today in her match for Thundersley Rovers U10 Tigresses v Leigh Lionesses.



Well done to Evie for her swimming accomplishments!



Ayla from nursery class became a big sister. Her little brother was born on 9th January.

Since we have been home Ayla has been such a good sister and has loved helping to look after her brother and Mummy! She is giving him lots of kisses and cuddles and helping with feeding his bottles and getting things such as nappies and wipes.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

This will take place on Thursday 7th March. As well as the usual activities in class around a book theme, book vouchers and dressing up as your favourite book character all children are invited to write/create their own book. This will be an entirely optional activity to be completed at home. All finished books should be brought into school before February half term and there will be a prize awarded to winners on World Book Day. We look forward to reading them!

## PTFA

Please see the flyer at the end of the Newsletter for a family disco on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, tickets can be purchased from PTFA members or send the money into the school office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name.



Enquire about lettings! Prices per hour:

Westwood Academy

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

**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>

### 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,

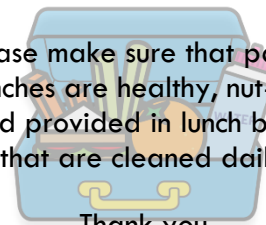
Please send a message to your child's class teacher on Dojo, or speak at the gate.



### 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](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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WESTWOOD  
PTFA  
FAMILY  
DISCO

SATURDAY  
10TH  
FEBRUARY  
5:30-9:30

DJ GIZZ PROVIDING THE MUSIC

PROSECCO, BEER AND SOFT DRINKS ON SALE

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING NUT FREE SNACKS

TICKETS £15 (FOR A FAMILY OF UP TO 4 PEOPLE - £2  
PER ADDITIONAL PERSON)

VENUE - WESTWOOD ACADEMY SPORTS HALL



**THE DEANES**  
SPORTS CENTRE

## ***HOLIDAY CAMPS***

**MONDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 23RD**  
**FEBRUARY 2024**

Activities are coached by highly qualified School Sport Professionals with First Aid & Safeguarding qualifications.

We have various activities running including - Gymnastics, Basketball, Arts & Crafts - including pottery & slime making, Glow in the Dark Sports plus many other activities! To book or for more information please visit our website!

Early Club (8-10am) - £8

Main Activity (10-3pm) - £25

After Activity Club (3-6pm) - £10

Contact Number - 01268741162

email - [reception@deanessportscentre.com](mailto:reception@deanessportscentre.com)

[www.deanessportscentre.com](http://www.deanessportscentre.com)



Choose one activity per day

Monday 19th February	Multi Sports (5+)	Tennis, Badminton & Table Tennis (5+)	Harry Potter Themed Day (5+)
Tuesday 20th February	Multi & Glow Sports (5+)	Dance & Tik Tok (5+)	Basketball & Dodgeball (5+)
Wednesday 21st February	Multi Sports (5+)	Gymnastics (5+)	Dino Day (5+)
Thursday 22nd February	Multi & Glow Sports (5+)	Lego, Slime & Craft (5+)	American Sports (5+)
Friday 23rd February	Multi Sports (5+)	Dance & Pottery Painting Day (5+)	Nerf & Archery Tag (5+)

### Parental Information

All staff working are qualified and approved by the appropriate authorities and first aid trained.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch and refillable water bottle for the day. Please ensure no products containing nuts are provided.

Children will be required to wear suitable clothing. Certain activities may change due to weather conditions and /or number of attendees.

### How to Book

All bookings must be placed in advance via our website [www.deanessportscentre.com](http://www.deanessportscentre.com)

We are unable to offer refunds should you cancel your child's attendance.

