



# Westwood Academy

## Westwood Weekly

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

This week: **92.90%**

Year to date: **95.18%**



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

This weeks winners are **Year 4** with 98.00%. Well done. Any pupil with below 90% is considered as a case of "persistent absence".

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

Dear Westwood families,

Spring Term 1 is absolutely speeding by, and today the school was abuzz with all things Number Day!

We had some absolutely incredible outfits, including what can only be every number of the West Ham team, some creative statistics t-shirts, and even an entire ruler gliding through the gate this morning! As part of our activities, Year 4 and Year 6 went head to head in a gripping multiplication challenge where the top 5 from round 1 faced off against an opponent until we had Charlie (year 4) and Angelica (year 6) left in the final against yours truly. Pencils were flying, and as Mrs Beale observed, there was practically steam coming out of their ears! They both left me in their dust, finishing the challenge in less than a minute, and Angelica taking the crown as Westwood Maths Royalty. Bravo!

This week, we had Mental First Aider staff training for staff across the Trust, with parent workshops coming up too. We are very grateful to BMindful for their community outreach support so we can continue to upskill our community to help young people have good mental health.

I am very pleased to announce the arrival of two new fish to our underwater family at Westwood: Burrito and Lord Washington, who join our eclectic fish family of Big Eye Bob, Lasagne, and Stripe, among others. I know the children have been very excited to research and share facts with their friends about the different types of fish that reside there. Personally, I will be awarding 5 house points to the most interesting fish facts shared!

Next week, we have our second intra-Trust football tournament, with Year 3s visiting Winter Gardens Academy in Canvey to take on other Year 3 teams across our academy and celebrate sports in our schools. Bring it on!

Have a great weekend, all.

Mrs Perryman

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

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

### Collection of children

At the end of the school day, it is important to us that the children leave school safely. To support us with this, please could you ensure that your younger children and the pupils from Westwood who have already left their line are waiting with you. This will prevent any accidents occurring during the collection time and will ensure all children are waiting patiently. We appreciate your support with this.

### 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!



### Merits

- Year 1 Albie, Eli E and Fred
- Year 2 Nieve G, Louis and Abel
- Year 3 Sienna, Alex and Karaleigh
- Year 4 Mickey, Florence and Jaiden
- Year 5 Zachary, Bella and Fraser S
- Year 6 Seth, Manni and Angelica, Ethan, Emma and Lucas



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!



Well done to Jackson in Year 2 for achieving his STANley 1 & 2 swimming awards.

Oliver year 3 completed Part One of the Piano Course. Well done Oliver.





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

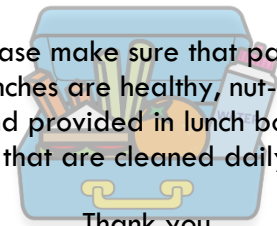
For support with home learning,

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.

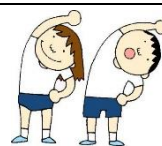


Thank you.



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



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.



**13** to use

**YouTube**

**18** to register

**13** with parental permission.

**Games** – check PEGI rating.

Click [here](#) for more on online safety.

Follow us on Facebook – Click below to go to our page.



Click our logo to go to our website.



Click [here](#) for details of our school uniform.

### Girls free football training sessions

"We have been offered some free girls football training sessions with Junior Red Star YFC - a Benfleet based grassroots football club. Spaces are limited to 20 children per session and will be on a first come first serve basis. All the details are below, if you would like your child to take part please email [admin@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:admin@westwoodacademy.org).

"A great way for Westwood Academy girls to get involved with football!

Delivered by FA qualified coaches, we're offering fun and engaging football sessions for girls who want to give it a go for the first time - or just want to play with other girls their own age. All abilities/experience welcome!

Our sessions are about being active, learning new skills, and boosting the confidence of young girls.

Sessions will take place at Westwood between 3:15-4:15pm on the following dates:

Thursday 01/02 (Years 1-4)

Thursday 08/02 (Years 5&6)

Girls will simply need to wear clothing suitable for football/active wear.

Football boots are recommended - however trainers are also fine.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Junior Red Star Youth Football Club"



FREE  
SEND

Coffee morning



THE  
**ZONES**  
OF REGULATION

presentation from  
Lighthouse Centre



Thursday 8th  
February  
9:30-11am



## Protecting your child from measles

### A short guide for families

#### **How high is the risk of a child catching measles?**

NHS England estimates that over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. One in five children will require a hospital visit if they become unwell with measles. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

#### **How can I protect my child from catching measles?**

It's important to note that there is no medical treatment for measles. Vaccination is the best protection against becoming seriously unwell.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination is free on the NHS with the first dose being offered when a child is one year and the second at 3 years and 4 months old. This provides long-lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella which can cause long-term health conditions such as blindness and asthma.

#### **How can I check if my child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations?**

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up on any missed doses. If your child has missed their first or second dose of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.