



# Westwood Academy


## Westwood Weekly

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Westwood families,

What a fantastic celebration of all things reading we had this week at Westwood! The halls were filled with characters from what must have been half of Hogwarts, childhood classics, modern marvels, and some really incredible homemade costumes. Mrs Clarke, your inflatable dinosaur costume was one for the books too!

A big thank you to all of the children who have entered our story writing competition so far. We can't wait to hear some of them in assemblies and also create a special section in our library for our young Westwood authors.

It was with great sadness that we bid farewell to the incredible Mrs Wright last month, who has had such a profound impact on our children. I've never seen so many handmade cards! She made learning fun for so many and even dedicated lunchtimes to her crochet club. Thank you from all of us at Westwood 

We have Mr B stepping in temporarily before Mrs Bonham, who previously worked at our family school, Winter Gardens, joins us at Westwood as HLTA in our final week. Welcome to the team!

Next week is Science Week, and we are getting our science brains ready for lots of exciting activities, including our Science in My Kitchen class and school premieres. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> is Red Nose Day, and we are inviting everybody to wear their most fabulous red outfits that day to help raise money and awareness for Comic Relief.

Spring is in the air, daffodils are in bloom – soak up the weekend and see you next week!

Mrs Perryman

Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: 95.73%

Year to date: 95.32%



We expect pupils to be in school everyday, let's work together to reach our school target!

This weeks winners are Year 6 with 98.67%. Well done!

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

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

11-15<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week

13.3.24 – Year 2 football comp

14.3.24 – Year 2 Colchester Castle trip

14.3.24 – International Maths Day

15.3.24 – Red Nose Day

**18-22<sup>th</sup> March- Shakespeare week**

19.3.24 – Class/group photos

20.3.24 – Inspiring the Future Day (PE kits)

26.3.24 – Year 3 SEAT football tournament at Winter Gardens

**27.3.24 – 3pm Football Westwood home game vs Kingston Y5/6 boys**

**27.3.24 – 3.45pm Football Westwood home game vs Kingston Y5/6 girls (letters tbc)**

**29.3.24 – Good Friday Bank Holiday**

29.3-12.4.24 Easter Holidays

15.4.24 Return to school

**18.4.24 Reports out**

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

10.6.24 – Junior Music Festival (year 5)

**25.6.24 Parents evening from 1.30pm**

**28.6.24 Sports Day**

17.6-21.6.24 Yr 6 Residential

19.7.24 Last day of term

**6.12.24 Christmas Fayre**





## 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!

### 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.

### Merits and Reader of the week

Reception Isabella, Zachary and Millie  
Year 1 Cooper, Ollie and James F  
Year 2 Clara, Beatrix and Archie  
Year 3 Karaleigh, Ezra and Harrison  
Year 4 Whole class and Florence M  
Year 5 Harry, Frazer and Fabio  
Year 6 Angelica, Mya and Harry K



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**



Hadleigh Country Park User Survey 2024

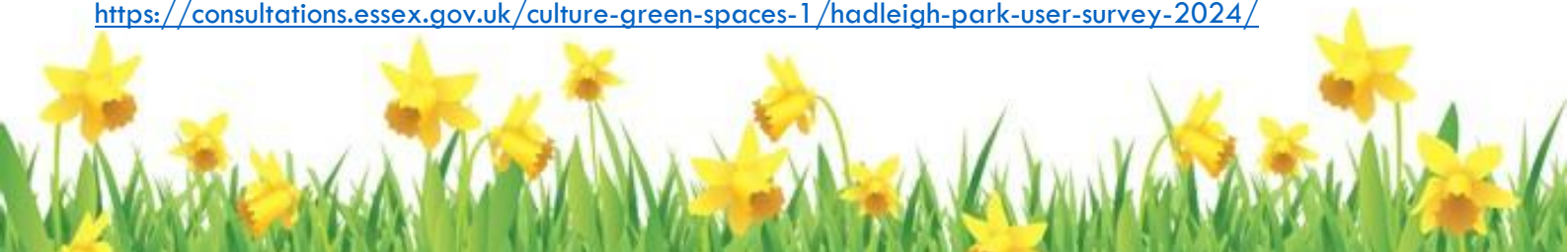
### Essex Country Parks

Explore Essex Country Parks is asking Hadleigh Country Park visitors and the local community to have their say on the park to help assess its current use and shape its future.

Please take a few minutes of your time to fill in this survey by 11.59pm Monday 1 April 2024 – as an extra incentive you will be entered into a prize draw to win one of three Explorer Passes worth £85 each.

Take the survey:

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/culture-green-spaces-1/hadleigh-park-user-survey-2024/>



## Achievements.

Send in your achievements outside of school to [office@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org) and we'll publish them in the newsletter!



John in Year 6 received a trophy for being player of the match at his Football club this week. Well done John!

## World Book Day

Photos of the children dressed up will be in the Echo on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, don't forget to pick up your copy!



## Shakespeare Week.

This year Shakespeare week is the week beginning 18th March. During this week classes will be participating in activities/lessons based on the life and plays of William Shakespeare.

The week will end with an optional dressing up day on Friday 22nd March where the children can come into school dressed as a Shakespeare character or even the great man himself!

If you are struggling for ideas previous costumes have included:

Witches and Wizards

Kings and Queens

Princes and Princesses

Fairies

Romans and Egyptians



A great effort from our girls who travelled to William Read this week for an away match. They showed determination and resilience despite the score not going our way. It's clear to see how they are bonding as a team and we're all excited to see the journey continue into the next game. Go girls!

**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

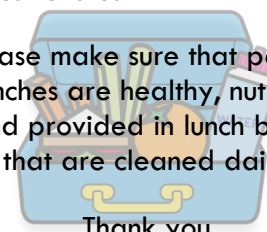
For support with home learning,

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.

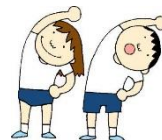


Thank you.



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.



If you have any out of school achievements that you would like

We are nut free. Help us safeguard those with allergies and please do not send any products containing nuts into school.



mentioned in the school newsletter,  
please email the office at:

[office@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org)

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.

Enquire about lettings

Price per hour



Westwood Academy

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

A vibrant poster for a multi-sport event. The background is a collage of colorful geometric shapes (squares and triangles) in shades of purple, blue, and yellow. Each shape contains a different action shot of children participating in various sports: basketball, soccer, gymnastics, and hula hooping. The text is centered and uses a clean, sans-serif font. A yellow double-line border frames the central text area.

**4ALL**

A FUN FILLED  
MULTI-SPORT  
EXPERIENCE 4ALL  
CHILDREN

★ OMNIA  
COMMUNITY

MONDAY 8TH APRIL | THURSDAY 11TH APRIL  
FRIDAY 12TH APRIL  
9 AM - 3 PM

**£25** *per day per child*

AT WESTWOOD ACADEMY

Don't miss out on this opportunity for your child to engage in a variety of activities during the Easter break! To register your child(s) for this exciting programme, please complete the form here: <https://2ly.link/1vzuc>



# Girls 4 Football

Girls Football Camp - 5-11 Year Olds

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Tournament Day

1 Day - £18

Sibling deal available

9:30am - 2:30pm @ The Deanes Sports  
Centre - SS72TD

To Book - [girls4football.ellie@gmail.com](mailto:girls4football.ellie@gmail.com)

Colouring/crafts @ lunch time

DBS Checked - First Aid Trained - Epipen Trained

Instagram - [@girls4football\\_\\_](#)

Facebook - [@girls4football](#)

ComputerXplorers Easter holiday clubs are coming to Essex. Booking for our Easter holiday clubs is open this week! Our holiday clubs are STEM focused and supported by the Department for Education and local authorities. We would like to support the families and their children living in south Essex. We have limited **FREE** spaces available for children receiving free meals. Parents can just use the voucher code received from the school to book these **FREE** spaces. A hot nutritious meal will be provided to each free space every day. For secondary school children, we can request a voucher code for them. Spaces are very limited! In addition, we plan to launch [Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food](#) training programme this year, which is funded by Essex county council.

Please see below the booking links of our Easter holiday clubs:

[\*\*EASTER FUN TECH HOLIDAY CLUB \(HOCKLEY\)\*\*](#) – Venue: Greensward Academy

[\*\*EASTER FUN TECH HOLIDAY CLUB \(SOUTHEND\)\*\*](#) – Venue: King’s Road United Reformed Church

Could you please kindly share these with all the Westwood families via parent emails or newsletters? If you need additional information, please let me know.

We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

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