

## Westwood Academy

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#### Friday 16th October 2025

Dear Westwood families,

Half term is here!! I hope you all have some fun weeks planned ahead, with pumpkin carving, toasty evenings and special times with family and friends.

It's been a busy week leading up to the holiday. Year 1 successfully navigated a lesson on road safety, learning all about how to keep their wits about them near large vehicles. They are now certified highway experts. Year 4 took their talents to Deanes for a rugby skills sports carousel, we have quite a few rugby experts in this year group already - they probably could have led the session!

It was very quiet in Westwood yesterday, as years 5 and 6 headed out for their Royal Opera House workshop. They spent the day in a production and set design studio, letting their creative imagination run wild. They let their creatives juices flow as they designed and created their very own costumes – including sonic the hedgehog, a ninja, and lots of fashion icons.

On Wednesday after school, our girls' football team played their first league game. A big well done to Lyla-Rae who, despite saving a goal with her face during warm up, was back on the pitch and helped the team secure a clean sheet. A brilliant effort from the whole squad!

Finally, today marks Miss Reynold's last day before she heads off to welcome her new baby. You are going to be ana amazing mummy and we wish you all the very best as you get ready to welcome your little one.

Have an amazing holiday, everyone! Mrs P 😊

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

This week: 94%

Year to date: **95.91%** 



This week, the winners are jointly RW and Y6 with 96.3%, Y5 with 94.2% and Y4 with 93.1%.

Well done, check the playground rota for your attendance bonus.

Nearly there!—let's see if we can reach our 97% target!

20th - 31st October. Half Term

6.11.25 Mental Health First Aid course

10.11.25 Odd Socks Day

10.11.25 Flu Jab in School

11.11.25 Mini champs (Y2) football

11.11.25 Remembrance Day

11.11.25 (13.30 -19.00)Autumn Parents

Evening

12.11.25 Y1 Deanes Character and Life

Skills Festival

13.11.25 Individual and Sibling photos

17.11.25 Dentist workshop and check

20.11.25 Y4 Egyptian Workshop

24.11.25 Book Fair

28.11.25 PTFA Thankful Friday Non

Uniform (raffle)

20th Dec - 5th Jan: Christmas break

3.12.25 Rocksteady Concert 9am

4.12.25 Reindeer Dream Author

meets Reception

9.12.25 Y3 Ancient Greece Workshop

11.12.25 Christmas Lunch & Christmas

Jumper Day - Non Uniform

12.12.25 Christmas Fair (14.00-16.00)

19.12.25 PTFA Elfridges

18.5.26 Y5 Danbury Trip

12.3.26 Y3 Barleylands

20.3.26 Red Nose Day

15.6.26 Y6 Residential Trip

26.6.25 Summer Fair and Inflatables

3.7.26 Sports Day & Family Picnic



#### **Mrs Waller**

The funeral for Mrs Waller will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 11am at Southend Crematorium.

To celebrate her vibrant life, the family has requested that those attending wear **bright colours**.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to **Macmillan Cancer Support**, a charity very close to her and the family's hearts.



#### **Mrs Waller**

We are going to be creating a memory area for our amazing Mrs Waller just under her window in the front garden area. Thank you, Westwood families, for your beautiful rose bush.



If the children would like to create a hand painted pebble over half term to add to the area, we will add these next to the rose bush planted in her memory. We will be telling the children about this in assembly today.





Jude started playing rugby for Westcliff 5
weeks ago and he won player of the
match for his brilliant defence and
tackling in his first rugby festival on
Sunday. Jude was the first kid of the
season to take home Westcliff's new
mascot 'Westy'.

His coach was very impressed with his ability to make contact!







George Y5 went to train for the England Limb Association Football team over the weekend. Along with the training, he worked well in the team and scored 2 goals! The team even switched on The Blackpool Lights! We are all very proud, well done George

## 🛕 🥎 Christmas Advent Calendar Appeal 2025 🥎 🛕

The goal is simple: to collect and donate as many advent calendars as possible to local charities, community groups, and families who may otherwise go without. Every child deserves the joy of counting down to Christmas, and something as small as an advent calendar can bring smiles, excitement, and a reminder that our community truly cares.

We know times are tough right now with rising bills and ongoing costs – but that's why this appeal matters more



than ever. A small act of kindness, like donating a calendar, can make a huge difference to a child or family this Christmas. If you would like to help and could spare an advent calendar - please drop to the office by 12th November!



#### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**



This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will be selling poppy resources to raise the much-needed funds for this worthwhile cause.

Zip Pulls – 50p Reflectors – 50p

Silicon Bands – £1.00 Snap Bands – £1.50

Pencils - 50p Rulers, Rubbers and Pencil Sharpeners - £1.00

each

Lanyards - £1.50 Fabric Wristband - £1.50

We only have limited supplies, so once they are gone, they are gone!!





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.

Send in your achievements outside of school to

office@westwoodacademy.org and we'll publish them in the newsletter!

#### **WESTWOOD PTFA**

Facebook page 'Westwood PTFA' 🙂

We also have our email address for any questions, suggestions or if anyone would like to join our PTA. It's PTFA@westwoodacademy.org

## Merits and Readers of the week

Year 1 - George, Jude, Isla (R)

Year 2 - Harper, Jovi, Henry (R)

Year 3 - James F, Aleeia (R)

Year 4 - Abel, Teddy, Jude(R)

Year 5 – Ezra, Cody, Maddie(R)

Year 6 - Aimee, Mickey, Emily (R)



#### Woody's Care Provision Details.

#### E-Mail:

woodys@westwoodacademy.org

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

#### 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!



#### **School Lunches**

Click the icon below to see school menus: Next week menu is Autumn 2 week 1



## Woody's Care Provision Details.

Woody's Provision must be booked in advance via Arbor

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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

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

those with allergies and please do not send any products containing nuts into scho

We are nut free. Help us safeguard

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#### **Dear Parents,**

Omnia Community will continue to run their popular after-school clubs next term, with a new line-up carefully designed to keep things fresh and engaging for our children at Westwood Academy.

Omnia Community afterschool clubs offer a fun, supportive environment where children can grow in confidence, discover new interests and develop valuable life skills - including teamwork, resilience, creativity and leadership, all through active, enjoyable experiences.

#### **After School Club Details**

After School Clubs will continue to run after school from **3:20 PM to 4:20 PM**, starting the week of **10th November** and continuing through to **19th December (6 weeks)**. Each club runs once a week and is led by experienced and enthusiastic Omnia Community staff.

## https://tinyurl.com/Autumn-Afterschool-clubs

We are pleased to offer a wide range of clubs this half term:

## COMIC BOOK CLUB (YEARS 1-4)

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL (YEARS 5 & 6)

#### BASKETBALL (YEARS 3-6)

#### **Mondays**

November: 10th, 17th, 24th

December: 1st, 8th, 15th

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#### **Tuesdays**

November: 11th, 18th, 25th

December: 2nd, 9th, 16th

#### MULTI-SPORTS (YEARS 1-3)

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November: 11th, 18th, 25th

December: 2nd, 9th, 16th

#### MULTI-SPORTS (YEARS 4-6)

#### Wednesdays

November: 12th, 19th, 26th

December: 3rd, 10th, 17th

#### BOYS' FOOTBALL (YEARS 5 & 6)

#### **Thursdays**

November: 13th, 20th, 27th

December: 4th, 11th, 18th

This term, we introduce our Comic Book Club for Years 1 to 4. This after school club is classroom based with a blend of literacy, art and creativity where individuals will create their own characters, use simple stories as a way of bringing the character to life and develop the art of story telling.

Each club has been thoughtfully planned to support students' **physical, social and emotional development** in a fun and active way.

#### Cost

The cost is £18 per child, per club for the 6-week term. This fee helps to cover materials, equipment and staffing, enabling us to maintain a high-quality and sustainable programme. We are committed to keeping clubs affordable and accessible for all families. If your child is eligible for pupil premium, please contact the school office to discuss available support.

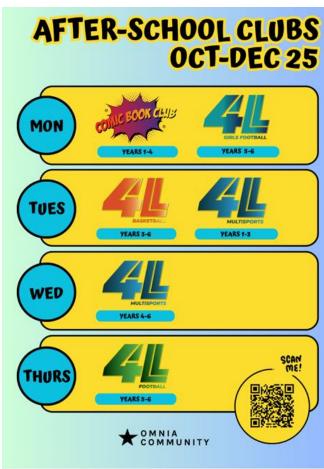
#### **How to Sign Up**

Please see sign-up information below. As spaces are limited, they will be offered on a **first-come**, **first-served basis**, so we encourage early registration to avoid disappointment.

Please note, to join our after-school clubs, children must be signed up for the full six-week term programme.

Sign up link - https://tinyurl.com/Autumn-Afterschool-clubs





<u>4ALL Booking Page - Omnia Community</u>





#### Autumn 2 Clubs 2025

We're pleased to share the club offer for Autumn term below!

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Day	TIME	CLUB	LOCATION	YEAR	COST	LEADER	START/ END	
HALF TERM: 20-31 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER								
Monday	3:20- 4:20	Boxing Club – Punching for purpose	Sports hall	All years	Link on Boxing flyer	George	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	3:20- 4:20	Comic book club - Aut 2	Library	Years 1-4	Link on Omnia flyer	Omnia	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	3:20- 4:20	Girl's football	Field	Years 5/6	Link on Omnia flyer	Omnia	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Tuesday	3:20- 4:20	Basketball	Sports hall	KS2	Link on Omnia flyer	Omnia	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	3:20- 4:20	Multisports	Field	KS1	Link on Omnia flyer	Omnia	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Wednesday	12:30- 1:00	Lunch – Choir	Year 3 classroom	KS2	Free of charge	Miss Wilson	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	3:20- 4:20	Multisports	Hall	Years 4-6	Link on Omnia flyer	Omnia	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Thursday	12:30- 1:00	Lunch - Diamond art club- FULLY BOOKED	Year 1 classroom	KS1	£6 contribution for the term	Miss Richmond	11th Sept - 18th Dec	
	3:20- 4:20	Boy's Football	Field	Years 5/6	Link on Omnia flyer	Omnia	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Friday	7:45- 8:30	Morning 11+ Maths club	Meeting room	Years 4/5	Chargeable – Flyer attached	Ms Pascazio	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	12:30- 1:00	Lunch - Athletics	Field	KS2	Free of charge	Deanes	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	1:40- 2:40	Girl's football	Pitch 1	Years 3/4	Free of charge	Deanes	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	1:40- 2:40	Boy's Football	Pitch 2	Years 3/4	Free of charge	Deanes	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
	1:40- 2:40	Musical Theatre	Sports hall	R - Y6	Chargeable – Flyer attached	Laura Street	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	







JOIN US!

Monday 27th October

9 AM to 12.30 PM

with Mrs Wright
Daws Heath Road

A half day workshop, for beginners, including materials and a project to take home, for just £20.

Suitable for ages 7 years +

Please email:

hello@sensationallearning.co.uk

for more details and to reserve a

place.

CREATIVITY
CONNECTION

Learn, create and make projects and gifts together.

Everyone is welcome here!

SIGN UP NOW! SENSATIONALLEARNING.CO.UK



#### RECEPTION FOOTBALL TALENT ID

At Mini Champs Academy, we specialize in nurturing young football talent through grassroots teams, elite pathways to professional academies, and fun sessions starting from as young as 16 months.

Thanks to recent funding, we're focused on discovering gifted players at Reception level while boosting overall participation in this age group. To support this, we're offering one FREE Reception Football Talent ID session right at your school.

#### Session Details:

A structured football session featuring a quick warm-up, technical drills and skills practice, followed by small-sided games to keep it engaging and age-appropriate.

#### Expected Outcomes:

- Identify standout talents for invitations to our advanced training programmes.
- · Promote our football offerings to all Reception children, encouraging wider involvement and increasing participation levels.

This initiative is a great way to inspire your pupils, enhance their PE experience, and potentially open doors to further development—all at no cost to your school.

If you're interested in hosting this for your Reception children, please reply to this email or WhatsApp me at 07917 275848. We can discuss suitable dates, times, and logistics to fit your schedule.

Looking forward to partnering with you!

Best regards,

Ryan O'Rawe







# SAFEGUARDING

Feeling upset or anxious?

Are you worried about yourself or someone you



Miss White EYFS deputy safeguarding lead



Mrs Clarke Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Perryman

Deputy
safeguarding lead



Mrs Tong

Deputy safeguarding

lead



## All children have the right to:

- √ speak out and be heard
- √ be safe
- √ get help when they need it.

Speak to any of your school adults or a member of our safeguarding team. We are here to help 3



#### **SEN VISION 2025**





All staff in our school are TPP trained ensuring they are curious about behaviour and respond to each individual case with care and compassion.

Staff are trained to adapt and deliver an appropriate curriculum for all children, drawing on prior learning and empowering all learners to achieve to their potential. They use a bespoke assessment system to ensure progress is tracked, monitored and informative. They follow systems and work with parents to ensure needs are identified and responded to early.

#### Collaboration

We work closely with parents and the team around the family to ensure we have a holistic approach to inclusion. We use external support from the local authority and the NHS to ensure all children's needs are understood and recommendations are followed by all. We meet termly with parents to produce One Plans which provide a personalised plan of short-term targets which allow us to follow a cycle of plan, assess, do, review to ensure timely intervention. In some cases, the need for additional provision is necessary to meet more complex needs and

we may choose to apply for an education and health care plan (EHCP). Our whole community can access support from the Local Offer and parents can seek external support with SEN from the team at SENDIASS







#### Westwood's Vision for SEN

At Westwood Academy, we pride ourselves on providing and unlocking the potential of every child.

Rooted in compassion, inclusion and an unwavering belief in the abilities of all pupils, our staff go above and beyond to ensure every child is empowered, develops curiosity and belongs in our wonderful community.

#### Our environment

The space at Westwood is adapted to ensure all children can access an appropriate learning environment which caters for individual needs and allows them to flourish.

Each child has their own sensory diet. The classrooms, breakout spaces, outdoor areas, halls and sensory room all offer different feedback supporting regulation and giving all children the chance











## **Opportunities for all**

Every child at Westwood will be presented with opportunities and experiences. Regardless of need or disability we strive to present

all our children with opportunities that enrich their learning and create memorable experiences. We ensure trips are carefully planned and executed to allow all children to access them. We aim to develop the whole child, addressing not only academic barriers but social, emotional and physical needs. Clubs are available for all children allowing to extra-curricular learning opportunities.

Here at Westwood, we see diversity not as a challenge, but as a rich opportunity to grow, learn and flourish together.

Our vision is for every child to leave Westwood Academy not only with the skills they need for the next stage of their education, but also with pride in who they are, belief in what they can become and the resilience to shine in their own unique way. Together we create a school where inclusion in not just a policy but a practice, a passion and a promise.

