

# Westdale Infant School

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This week we had a visitor from 'Bright Bites' in to talk to each class about the importance of teeth brushing, each child got a toothbrush to take home. Next week sees the start of the school trips with Year 2 going to Twycross Zoo; we know that the children are so excited for these!

Next Thursday is class swap day, Year 2 will be spending the day at Westdale Juniors and all the children here will be moving up to their new classes—how exciting!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

01/07/2025

Year 2 Trip to Twycross Zoo

03/07/2025

Class Swap Day

09/07/2025

Sports Day 1.15pm

Stalls & Refreshments in  
playground after

11/07/2025

School Reports to Parents

## Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 94.58% | This week: 95.44% | Target: 97%

## Staff Shout Out



Our shout out this week goes to our amazing Deputy Head, Mrs Sawford!

This year, as well as being Deputy Head, Mrs Sawford has taught in every year group for several weeks/months, looked after our ECT (Early Career Teachers) in school, and still managed to lead the Early Years!

We really appreciate all you do for Westdale Mrs S. You are so kind, so thoughtful and put the children at the heart of what you do. Thank you for being so fabulous!



## **Year 2 Sewing Morning**

Year 2 Design and Technology This week, the year 2 children have been working hard on designing and creating a pouch. Thank you for the lovely volunteers in Suns who helped us with our sewing. The children did brilliantly, especially as it was the first time sewing for many of them! We've also been busy decorating our Leavers bags, which were kindly funded by Parents of Westdale. The designs are looking fabulous so far!



**Important Information**  
School calendar:

Next week's [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 2** Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance



We are very happy to introduce you to two of our new teaching staff for September 2025. We are so lucky to have very experienced teachers joining our team!



### First up.....Mrs Taylor

I'm excited to be part of the teaching team at Westdale Infants. Before stepping into the classroom, I worked as a family support worker, helping families with everything from behaviour and parenting to building healthy relationships. That experience has really shaped how I connect with children in my teaching — and I've now been teaching for four wonderful years.

Outside of school, I'm very involved in the local Scouting community, where I run the Cubs section and support with Squirrels. I'm also mum to two amazing children, Dillon and Robyn, and in my spare time I train in Kettlebell Sport — this year I was proud to qualify for Team GB!

### Next up.....Mrs Roadley

Hello! My name is Mrs Roadley. I have a daughter who is 2 and a half and

a little dog called Toby! I love dancing (in my kitchen) singing (out of tune!) but most of all I love teaching! One of my favourite books is Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine and I just love the Julia Donaldson story all about a creature with 'terrible tusks and terrible claws and terrible teeth

in his terrible jaws!' Maybe you have heard of it?

I have been teaching for over 10 years and I'm so excited that I can finally call Westdale Infant School home! I cannot wait to meet you all!



We have used some of the money from our recent fundraising events to purchase each class a very important and much needed piece of equipment.....A **FAN!**

Reports back say that these have massively helped each classroom, keeping children cool and happy, and the staff too!

Thank you so much for your support so that we could supply these!

**A MASSIVE  
THANK  
YOU**





## Meet our Governors

Hi I'm Naomi and I'm a parent governor at Westdale.



I'm a great example of someone who doesn't need any background or experience of education who can still play a role as a governor at Westdale!

I currently work in Energy Policy and Regulation, engaging with central and local Government on topics such as Net Zero and ways to develop energy security and flexibility - a world a way from education! But my skills around risk management, governance and compliance as well as just being willing to lend a

I have the privilege to chair the Development & Planning Committee as well as working with the Opal team to develop and mature the offering for children at playtimes - it's been a real joy to see how this has been implemented across the school and I hope that you as parents hear about it at home as much as I

Outside of school I'm an advocate for inclusion and LGBT families and other topics such as support for children that have experienced adoption, foster and kinship care. It has been wonderful to combine this passion with my role as a governor.

As a family we spend a lot of time outdoors and head to the Peak District or the beach whenever we can. We keep hens in our back garden - my little boy enjoys collecting the eggs and feeding them snacks from the vegetable patch!

Should you have any thoughts or questions about Opal or any feedback or interest in being a Governor please don't hesitate to stop me in the playground. One thing I've learnt through this role is that school doesn't just "happen" it takes a tremendous amount of effort from a whole team of people, many of whom are unseen, but care a huge amount about the wellbeing and happiness of our children - it's been fantastic to play a small part of this.