

Westdale Infant School

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Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 95.9% | This week: 95.9!% | Target: 97%

Welcome back everyone, I hope you are all well rested and ready for Summer 2—our busiest term of the year! We hope you enjoyed all the wonderful weather, lets hope it comes back for trips, sports day, picnics and summer fun.

On Friday, we had our 'Wear Green' for World Environment Day. Thank you for all your kind contributions, we will let you know what we managed to purchase soon!

Please remember next Friday (12th June) is staff training day and **school will be closed for children.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/06/2026

Rainbow Sports Day am
Sports Day 1.15pm on the MUGA
(Digby Avenue)

12/06/2026

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

25/06/2026

F2 Trip to White Post Farm

Staff Shout Out

This week's shout out goes to our lovely student volunteer Olivia Ali who has been working in our Foundation Stage for two years whilst completing her college course.

In staff briefing this morning Mrs Sawford talked about how it has been amazing to see how much Olivia has grown in her role and that she will be missed a lot as she was a real asset to the team.

Thank you Olivia for all of your help & care for the children. We will miss you!


good luck
we will miss you



Important Information School calendar:

Next week's [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 3**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance

Inset Days for 2025/2026

12 June 26
27 July 26

A Big Welcome

We would like to give a big Westdale welcome to Mr Todd who will be starting with us in September to cover Mrs Roadley's maternity leave for a year.

However, in true Westdale style once your in we always find something for you to do, so Mr Todd will be starting with us on Monday to get to know the Year 1 children ready for next year and help support in school across KS1 until the end of the summer term.

Here is a little bit of information that he has sent over:

My name is Matt Todd, and I am delighted to be joining the team at Westdale Infants School. I am from rural Australia and have recently moved to the UK with my partner to experience a new part of the world.

Before moving overseas, I worked as a primary school teacher in Australia, teaching in Key Stage 1 and helping children develop confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning. Alongside classroom teaching, I've also worked in universities supporting school students in accessing higher education, which has reinforced my belief that positive relationships are at the heart of learning at any age.

Outside of school, you'll usually find me on a bike exploring the countryside, watching or playing any sport, or planning my next travel adventure. Since arriving in the UK in April, I've enjoyed discovering new places and experiencing everything from historic cities to mountain trails.

I am looking forward to becoming part of the Westdale community, getting to know the children and families, and helping make this a fun and successful year of learning.



Friday 24th July 2026

Wraparound **WILL NOT** be running after school on this date, please mark this on your calendars.

Breakfast Club will be running as normal from 7.30am. Thank you.

World Environment Day

Our Wrens class wanted to show their 'green' and the work they have done for World Environment Day!

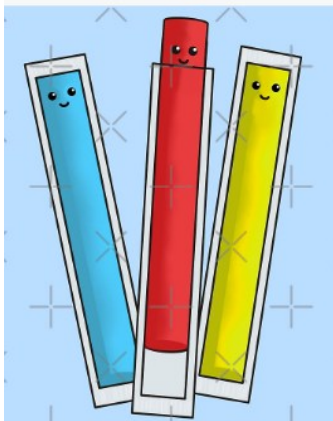
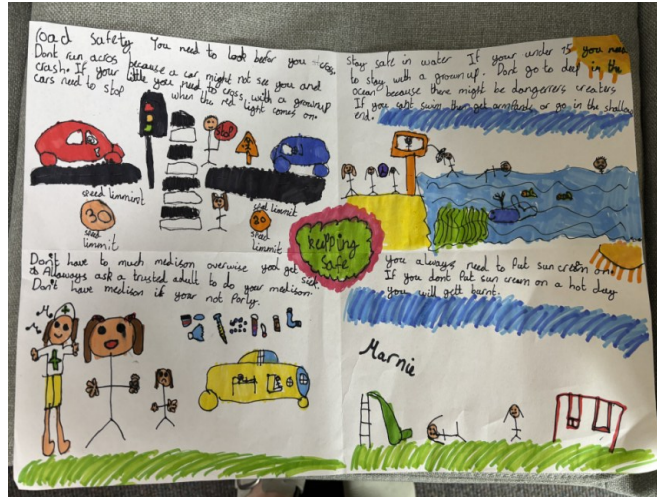
Wow, well done Wrens!!



School Assembly

This week is child safety week. Our Monday assembly was a quick overview of the basics of keeping safe, dangers and how to keep safe linking to our value 'We Feel Safe'. This included:

- Road safety
- Sun safety
- Strangers
- Internet safety
- Keeping safe at home
- Hygiene and keeping clean



ICE POLE SALE

KAPOW will be selling ice poles on Sports Day for 50p. Please bring change if you wish to purchase any.

Thank you!

Class Dojo Winners

...and the duck race winners for each year group this week were:

Santus (F2), Emma (Year 1), Christian (Year 2)

This weeks contenders were-

Robins— Isobel & Ada

Kingfishers— Lilly, Cole & Emma

Wrens— Koen & Santus

Eagles— Reuben, Jessica & Ara

Puffins— Jasie, Tiggy & Zayn

Owls— Olive, Jesse E & Christian

A big well done to all of you for your achievements this week!



Our School Governors

Following up from our recent parent survey before half term, some of you fed back that you did not know about the role of the governing body. We thought we would provide you with some information and links to support this – see below

What Does the Governing Body Do?

The governing body works strategically to support and challenge the school's leadership, helping to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils. Governors do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school, but instead focus on:

- **Setting the school's vision and values:** Helping to shape the long-term direction and ethos of the school.
- **Holding leaders to account:** Monitoring the school's performance and making sure leaders are delivering on plans and priorities.
- **Overseeing finances:** Making sure the school's money is well spent and resources are used effectively.

Governors are volunteers from a range of backgrounds, including parents, staff, and the wider community. We meet twice a term to discuss progress, review policies, and support the school's continuous improvement. Our next governors meeting is Thursday 11 June at 6pm. This is a full governors meeting where we will be discussing attainment, school improvement, the school budget and finances, staffing, CPD, what's been happening at school as well as statutory duty items, our recent governor visit and looking towards priorities for the next academic year. Minutes of all meetings can be accessed via the school office.

If you'd like to know more about what we do or have any questions, please get in touch via the school office, further information can also be found on our school website [Westdale Infant School - Governing Body](#)

OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning)

We need your help!

It's competition time – we are working hard to restock OPAL ready for sunny summer days and fun.

Each class will receive a bingo card – see below and in OPAL assembly we spoke about over half term, if you're having a spring clean – please donate unwanted toys and items to school to enrich our play (please check they are safe to use first).

Below are some ideas of what you could donate for each of our OPAL areas.

In particular we are wanting to develop:

- a music area (old pots and pans / cutlery)
- den building area
- small world – dolls, pushchairs, animals
- craft items

When children bring items in – we cross it off the bingo card – the class with the most collected will win the Bingo and an extra long playtime, all on their own to explore and enjoy new resources.

You have 1 week left to see how many items we can collect – before the winner is announced!



The graphic features the OPAL logo on the left, the word 'BINGO' in large white letters with a red outline in the center, and two circular icons on the right containing the numbers '5' and '2'.

<p>Dress up costumes Musical instruments Adult clothes Clothing accessories Hats Wigs</p>  <p>ROLE PLAY</p>	<p>Bread crates Floor boards Large cardboard tubes Guttering Plastic crates</p>  <p>CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>Dinosaurs Farm animals Dolls house Action figures Transformers Barbie dolls Cuddly toys Puppets Baby dolls</p>  <p>SMALL WORLD</p>
<p>Wallpaper Chalks Paint brushes Decorating rollers Cling film</p>  <p>ARTS & CRAFTS</p>	<p>Scooters Suitcases Pushchairs Baby doll pushchairs Wheel barrows</p>  <p>WHEELS</p>	<p>Pots Pans Jugs Utensils Plastic bowls Plastic plates</p>  <p>MESSY CAFE</p>

World Cup @ Westdale

Next week at school we will be joining in with the excitement of the start of the World Cup.

We will be discussing how football can bring us altogether, the fun and excitement as well as the health benefits. We will be looking at all and some of the countries that will be taking part of the games – exploring our links with many of these countries alongside our own.

We will also be celebrating our own footballers in school – so if your child is a keen footballer and or plays for a team – send us a picture in to share in assembly and display on our celebration board.

We want to celebrate the inclusivity and diversity of the World Cup – how it brings us altogether and unites us, alongside learning and celebrating our Westdale values of resilience, kindness and trying our best.



Coffee Morning – Mental Health Team

We will be hosting a coffee morning on 18th June; 9 –10 am in the school hall on behalf of the Gedling Mental Health Support Team. Noshin, an Education Mental Health Practitioner, will be talking us through the NottAlone offer and signposting other support and information. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and chat through any concerns, as well as meet other parents.

Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you.

For any parents who can't attend, but are interested – please see the NottAlone website [Mental Health Support Services For People In Nottinghamshire | NottAlone](#)

Noshin will also be attending our Family Picnic in July and will be available again to talk through any questions or concerns.

