

# Westdale Infant School

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## Weekly Attendance Update

What a busy week! Year 2 had an explore of the playground at the juniors on Monday to start the week.

Football club started on Tuesday, we hope everyone enjoyed it! Dance club starts next week.

Thank you again for your understanding re Sports Day, this has been re-arranged for **Wednesday 8th July 2026; 1.30pm on the MUGA.** Please wear the coloured tops on this day, all arrangements stay the same, we just need the fine weather to return!

We hope you enjoyed some time out on Friday and have a lovely weekend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

15/06/2026

Year 2 Filming Day (internal)

25/06/2026

F2 Trip to White Post Farm

02/07/2026

Year 2 Trip to Twycross Zoo

08/07/2026

Sports Day (re-arranged)

## Staff Shout Out

This week's shout out goes to our wonderful Miss Crowder.

Miss Crowder runs 'the nest' in Year 1 and works closely with our Year 1 children. She is an absolute superstar managing lots of hats all day every day and is so dedicated to caring for the children.

We really appreciate you Miss Crowder!

You Are  
**Fabulous!**



## Important Information School calendar:

Next week's School Dinners will be Week 1. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance

## Inset Days for 2025/2026

27 July 26

# A Sad Farewell.....



It is with great sadness that we share the news that Mrs Slater will be leaving Westdale following a period of prolonged absence. We have all missed her greatly over the past few months and I know that this is not a decision she has taken lightly.

Mrs Slater has been a dedicated member of the Westdale family for nearly 20 years. She has taught so many in our community across all year groups. She has held the hands of many children on their very first days, supported and encouraged all of our children to reach their potential as well as being a friendly face for mums, dads and colleagues too. Her kindness, sense of fun and deep caring nature has helped and inspired so many on their educational journey.

Mrs Slater will be leaving us to spend more time with her family, and we wish her all the best in her new adventures and much happiness. She will be greatly missed by us all — school will not feel the same without her. Eighteen years of service is an outstanding achievement, and we want to make sure we acknowledge that. So, a big thank you Mrs S for all your amazing years of service, for your care, commitment, enthusiasm, fun and support over the years – you have helped to make Westdale so special for so many, thank you.



We are also deeply sorry to be saying farewell to Miss Ridley at the end of this term. Miss Ridley has been part of the Westdale team for 8 years, and during that time she has made an extraordinary difference to school life.

She has been an integral part of the nurture and belonging offer that underpins our school, helping children to learn about and understand their emotions, supporting families through challenging times, and acting as a trusted expert to support colleagues. Through her nurture and ELSA expertise, she has helped so many staff, children and families, and her dedication and commitment to the school have been remarkable.

Miss Ridley has enabled so many of our children to thrive at school, supporting them to access their learning in a meaningful way through thoughtful adaptations, resourcefulness and a great deal of fun. Her deeply caring nature, endless capacity and empathy to help others, resilience, expertise, kindness and sense of fun will be missed by us all.

We wish her well in her new adventures supporting children at a local Forest School, where we know she will continue to make such a difference to many lives.

# Westdale Footballers



With World Cup fever, we wanted to celebrate with some photos of Effie Parkes-Griffiths who used to attend Westdale Infants. Effie was a mascot for the Lionesses when they played Iceland at the City Ground recently. Effie is part of the Nottingham Forest Academy. We are so proud of what she has achieved by her perseverance, determination and hard work—and can't wait to see what she will achieve next!

Thank you for sharing photos of other aspiring Westdale footballers— we're so proud of you all.



George (Year 1) showing off his fabulous football skills

Here are some amazing pictures of Matteo in Year 2.

He currently trains for Leicester City FC, and plays for Burton Joyce and Radcliffe.



# Special Summer Term treat.....

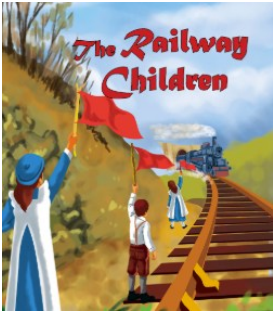


As a reward for all their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm, we are delighted to treat all of our wonderful Westdale children to a special performance of *The Railway Children* on Monday 6th July 2026 in school. There will be no cost to parents for this event.

This wonderful theatre experience is a well-deserved opportunity for them to relax, have fun, and enjoy a classic story brought to life on stage in school.

We are incredibly proud of their efforts and hope this memorable experience is a fitting celebration of everything they have achieved this year.

We know they will have a fantastic time and create a lasting memory.



# A Big Thank You



We had lots of new scooters donated to school this week, a big thank you to Mr Spinks who arranged this through a charity.

They have been safety checked, risk assessed and yellow ribboned for Opal!

As you can see these were gratefully received and enjoyed already.

A huge thank you.

# School Assembly

On Wednesday; Miss Croft did an assembly about 'World Oceans Day' which takes place on the 8th June every year.

World Oceans Day is primarily intended to raise awareness of the threats facing the marine environment, which include plastic pollution, rising sea temperatures linked to climate change, and over-fishing.

We talked about this with the children and about how we can help our planet.



On Thursday our assembly was all about the World Cup 2026 led by Miss Potter (PE Lead). We talked about why we keep fit and explored how our values link in with those of playing a sport—resilience, team work, belonging .

We discussed the countries hosting the tournament, shared our own sporting experiences and reflected on the qualities needed to work successfully as part of a team.

