

Westdale Infant School

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What a fabulous last week of term!

We have been planning lots of lovely events, such as a family disco, a film night for Year 2 and we ended the week in non-uniform raising money for our Eco Team—thank you to all for your support. We raised a huge total of £114!!!!

Have a lovely half term everyone, have fun and stay safe!

Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 94.67% This week: 92.33% Target: **97%**

School Uniform

The offer is still on for the school uniform purchases! Here is the link and the code you need [MyClothing](#): **MYCSS10%** (Expires = 31.05.25)

Staff Shout Out

This week's shout out goes to our fabulous Mrs Pick, our Suns class teacher.

Mrs Pick has been working extra days for us to ensure that Suns are well looked after and we really appreciate you!

Mrs Pick, your kind, calm, and caring nature truly makes a world of difference in our school community. It's amazing to see how you nurture each child, making them feel valued and understood. Thank you for all that you do; you're a real Westdale gem!



We are saying a sad goodbye to our fabulous Kitchen Manager today, Leanne Goffin this week. Leanne has been a great asset to Westdale, she knows the children so well and looks after them all at lunchtime, serving up their dinners with a warm smile!

We will really miss you Leanne and know that the children will too!



UPCOMING EVENTS

02.06.2025

School Starts 8.45am

05.06.2025

Visit to local church for
Ladybirds & Butterflies

13.06.2025

INSET DAY

School Closed for children



Important Information School calendar:

Next week's [School Dinners](#)
will be **Week 1** Please note
that dinner orders are taken a
week in advance



POW Family Disco

Saturday 5th July 2025—2pm to 4pm

@ The Punchbowl on Porchester Road

Ticket information to follow (via Eventbrite)

Year 2 Transition



On Monday 19th May, Year 2 visited Westdale Junior School to launch the start of their transition activities.

They had a tour of the school by the Headteacher, looked inside the classrooms (Matterhorn & Fiji) and even had a little play on their playground.



PIC•COLLAGE

Year 2



After the excitement of our Year 1 film night featuring Disney's Moana last year, we're thrilled to announce another event for **Year 2** on **Thursday, 5th June; running 3:30pm until 5:00pm.**

This is to celebrate the completion of the SATs papers and the children's hard work.

Picture this: lights off, fairy lights twinkling, cushions, and beanbags to snuggle up on with friends. Just like last year, the children are welcome to bring along a cuddly teddy and an extra snack. We'll be watching the new PG-rated film, 'Mufasa: The Lion King,' which nicely ties into our current learning about Kenya.

The evening will cost £4 (please see Parent Mail shortly), and will include popcorn and refreshments for an authentic cinema vibe!



SAFE PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents/carers/families to be safe and respectful to our local residents and others when parking around the school area.

Traffic around school is monitored regularly and fines are given for unsafe parking.

Please help us keep our families & children safe.

Boom Readers-Moonbeams

Class



After half term we are excited to announce that we will be trialling a new system for recording reading at school and home instead of the traditional paper diaries. We will be embracing technology with an electronic reading record, making use of ipads and phones.

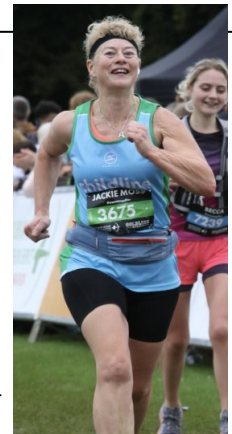
Moonbeams class has the unique opportunity to trial this new approach, which we hope to roll out to the whole school in September. We invite parents/carers of Moonbeams to join us on Tuesday 10th June straight after school at 3.15pm to explore the new system. This will be a fantastic chance for you to help set up your log in, read with your child and record their progress electronically. Plus, there will be tasty biscuits & refreshments to enjoy! Your support & feedback are invaluable to us as we aim to make home reading more enjoyable for everyone.

Please RSVP on parentmail, we cannot wait to see you there!



Meet our Governors

Jackie Moss



I am the Safeguarding Governor and Chair of the Resources Committee. This means I monitor that all safeguarding policies and procedures follow the latest statutory guidance and are adhered to along with leading the committee that oversees how we use all of our resources including financial and human resources.

As a governor you do not work independently but work as part of a team along with the other members of the Governing Body and all of the staff at the school to ensure the children have the best educational experience we can provide.

In my former life I was the Executive Headteacher of a linked Infant and Junior School. I also had the privilege of supporting the leadership team at Westdale in 2015 when Mrs Lewis was first appointed. When I retired in 2021 I wanted to be more involved in my local community and becoming a governor at Westdale Infant School was my obvious first step. The school is everything an infant school should be. It is nurturing, inclusive, safe and wants everyone to achieve their potential. This is true not only for the children but for the staff who work there too.

My investment in the school has increased since my granddaughter started attending Little Stars. I look after her on the 2 days week she is not at nursery. In addition to this I am a volunteer counsellor for Childline supporting children and young people of all ages with a vast range of issues and difficulties. I bring the experience I gain from this role to support the school with its priority of keeping the children safe. You may see about in the local area walking my dog Alfie and running on my own or with the local Rebel Runners running group. I'm also a keen swimmer and generally like being around people of all ages and being outside. Please feel free to stop me and say hello!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Wraparound will not be running on Friday 25th July 2025 in the evening. Breakfast club will run as normal on this day.

Overview of Family Feedback about Our School



We asked you for honest, kind feedback, and this is what you said. With 80 respondents out of 178 families, your insights have proven invaluable in understanding how well we are performing and identifying areas where we might enhance the experience for our children and you as our valued parents.

Firstly, we're delighted to report that an overwhelming 99% of you strongly agree or agree that your child is happy at school. This is a testament to the magical and supportive environment we strive to create. It's equally reassuring to note that 97.5% of you feel your children are safe within our school. Ensuring a secure environment is fundamental to our educational ethos, and it's wonderful to see your confidence reflected in your responses. Furthermore, 99% of parents believe their children are well looked after, and 95% feel that the behaviour at our school is good. Again, it's good to see the dedication and commitment of our team is appreciated and shines through.

On the topic of our core values, we are pleased to see that 100% of you strongly agree and agree that we put a strong emphasis on teaching the principles of kindness, respect, and hard work. This aligns with our aim to foster not only academic excellence but also strong character development in every child. Additionally, we are pleased that 97.5% of you feel welcomed in our school community, which is essential for establishing a strong partnership between families and our staff – our aim is to make this 100% – we want everyone to feel included!

It's positive to see that 97% of you think that your child is making good progress in their learning, and 92% agree that they enjoy their educational journey here, with only 4% expressing disagreement (we will work on that). This shows that children are motivated and interested in their learning and our learning offer.

Safety and relationships are always a high priority at Westdale and we asked you about your experiences. 15% of respondents indicated that their child had faced relational conflicts or bullying. However, the majority of you feel that such issues are dealt with effectively and promptly, which is crucial in maintaining a supportive atmosphere. We know that children fall out and have to learn to navigate relationships – and it's good to see your trust in how we approach and support your child. Moreover, 95% of you appreciate our approach to helping students understand and regulate their emotions, supporting our commitment to mental well-being.

Leadership is another area where you expressed strong support; 99% believe our school is well led and organised. Communication has been identified as a strength, with 100% of you finding our use of Dojo and weekly round-ups effective for staying informed about school activities and updates.

94% of you feel that the school maintains high expectations for all students, and 97.5% believe that your child is doing well academically. Importantly, 95% of you support our restorative and relationship-based policy, which reflects our commitment to fostering a positive school culture, where we can learn from our mistakes and know how to put things right.

In terms of areas for improvement, we acknowledge the desire for more engagement with our governing body; we are pleased to inform you that we will be introducing 'introductions' in our weekly round-ups. Additionally, some parents / carers expressed a wish for a more frequent review of student progress and how your child is doing. We are currently reviewing this aspect to ensure you feel fully informed on your child's development.

Thank you to everyone who took part. We really do value your continued support, engagement and trust. Your feedback is paramount in helping us cultivate an environment where every child can thrive and every family feels valued; we will continue to work towards this together.

With the next weekly round up—we will tell you what you said about our offer for children with special educational needs.

Each of us are different but we all belong

This week we also celebrated our orange band of the rainbow—**each of us is different but we all belong**. We celebrated all the different countries we have links with, languages we speak, celebrations and festivals we enjoy as well as food we like to eat. Thank you for all those families who responded to our questionnaire back in the Autumn term, about our families. It was amazing to learn about all the different cultural heritages we share, we counted links with 27 countries and 17 different languages spoken. Part of our future school development plan will be to widen our understanding of each others experiences, similarities

