

Westdale Infant School

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Weekly Attendance Update

This week: 98.5% This Year so Far 98.5% | Target: 97%

Welcome Back to Westdale Infant School!

It's so wonderful to see everyone back after the summer holidays! The children have been absolutely buzzing with excitement, and it's been lovely to share their news and see how much they've all grown over the break. We've had such a calm and settled start to the new term, and I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our staff for making this possible. A very special welcome to all our new families joining us – our new Wrens, Robins and Little Stars have made a fantastic start to school life, with lots of smiles, excitement, play, chats and busy times already! What an amazing start to our new academic year.

INSET DAY—FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN



Individual Photographs

Please note—photographs of the children individually will be taken on **Thursday 24th September** during the school day.

You will be sent proofs following this with details of how to purchase.

Get practising those hair do's and best smiles!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 7th September

Robins & Wrens start full time school (8.45am—3.15pm)

Wednesday 9th September

Sports Club starts (Year 1 & 2)

Thursday 10th September

Open Classroom Visit for Robins & Wrens parents 3.30pm

Wednesday 16th September

Meet the Teacher—Puffins & Kingfishers 5pm
Little Stars—New parent meeting 4pm

Thursday 17th September

Meet the Teacher Event—Kookaburras & Cockatoos 5pm



Important Information School calendar:

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY IMPROVEMENTS



This is our new sensory room, it's a space for small group learning, ELSA, and just when someone needs a quiet calm place to be. This used to be part of our dining room—a space that was only really used at lunchtime. Following a successful capital funding bid, we were awarded money to repurpose the area. We used our democratic voice to name it 'the Burrow'. It's been a big hit so far!

Our Year 1 classrooms got a much needed revamp too, new carpet, new paint! We're going for calm environments—greens and browns. Look out for the new furniture coming soon & also a new set of toilets in the October half term .



A big thank you to Mr Curtis for organising and facilitating trades people during the holidays as well as some of the painting, repairing, cleaning and clearing .



We also had a refresh and repaint in our Little Stars nursery class too!



We're so proud of our school ...



Robins and Wrens



Y2 Kookaburras and Cockatoos

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Class Dojo Update

To safeguard the wellbeing and work-life balance of our staff, we will be introducing a Class Dojo Policy. While this piece of work is completed, please use the following guidance for appropriate use of the parent-teacher messaging facility.



To send a general short message that doesn't need a response from the teacher
e.g. Bobby's P.E pumps are in his bag, I have forgotten the water bottle– please can you provide a drink today?



To send a message about absence from school, medical appointments, dinner enquiries or pick up arrangements. These messages come via the school office.

To share a photo from home that your child would like to share with the class
e.g. a swimming certificate, a day out etc.

To enquire about your child's progress– a telephone call or face to face meeting is more appropriate for these matters.

To request some support from the teacher via a phone call or a meeting face to face.

To make a complaint. Any complaints should be put in writing and sent to the school office for the attention of the class teacher in the first instance.

Please note that teachers will not read or respond to messages whilst teaching. Urgent messages during teaching hours must come in via the office. Dojo messages will be checked at points between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm. Outside of this time is classed as 'quiet hours' and staff will not receive a notification of your message.

**All communications with teachers, especially via text message where both tone and meaning is open to interpretation must be respectful and considerate.
Your support and cooperation is appreciated.**



SEND Inclusion Service Cognition & Learning Team

NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home

General Outline

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning

We will then provide many practical tips for supporting these learners at home

Course Details

Monday, 23rd November 2026 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

VENUE: Taking place via MICROSOFT TEAMS

(Joining instructions will be sent out separately prior to the session taking place)

The course Presenters will be
Bridget Thornhill, Ruth Screeton, Sandhya Sharma from the
Cognition and Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service (SIS)

PLEASE NOTE: This event is FREE so there is no charge for attending

TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://notts-parent-event-supporting-dyslexia-at-home-23-nov-26.eventbrite.co.uk>

Closing date:
Monday, 16th November 2026 at 12:00 noon

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