

Westdale Infant School

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Weekly Attendance Update

This week: 96.6% This Year so Far: 97.5% | Target: 97%

Mrs Sawford kicked off the week with the Phonics Workshop for our Robins & Wrens classes. Thank you to those who came, we hope you found the session useful to support your children with their learning.

On Thursday, we managed to get 194 children successfully photographed and siblings too! There were lots of very smart children with big smiles. We cannot wait to see the pictures when they come back.

Thank you to those families who took time to drop in on Friday for the Coffee Morning—and a special thanks for the homemade cakes, they were all delicious!

Staff Shout Out

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Mr Flint who started at Westdale last week.

Mr Flint is a very experienced teacher, currently also working at a school in Mansfield part time.

He will be teaching the Robins class on a Monday whilst Mrs Sawford does her very important Deputy Head work.

He was a real hit with the children this week, they especially loved his guitar playing skills!

A big Westdale welcome Mr Flint, we are very happy to have you on board.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 1st October

Year 1 Goose Fair Day (in school)

Friday 2nd October

School Closed to children—
INSET DAY

Tuesday 13th October & Thursday 15th October

Robins & Wren's Parents Evenings

Wednesday 14th October

Little Star's Parents Evening



Important Information School calendar:

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

Parent's Evening Booking

Just a reminder to book your parents meeting on Arbor. On your dashboard there is a section titled 'Guardian Consultation', you can then book a slot with your child's teacher for the dates & times available.

If you need any help with this, please contact the school office.

Thank you!



Year 1 Goose Fair Day (in school)

We have a fantastic day lined up on Thursday 1st October for our Puffins & Kingfishers class.

The Goose Fair Day is planned with lots of exciting activities and we even have a fair ride coming to the playground. There will hot dogs and treats too!

Just a reminder the payment is open on Arbor, under Activities & Trips. To cover the cost we are asking for £6 per child. Thank you so much, we appreciate your contributions so much, which allow these fantastic events to go ahead.

The option is there to pay in instalments if you wish, please contact the office if you need to discuss the payment, we will help where we can. Thank you.



Class Dojo Winners – This week

This weeks contenders were-

Kingfishers— Isaac & Nella

Kookaburras— Harrison & Lara

Puffins— Charlee & Wynter

Cockatoos— James & Lily

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



Harvest Donations—collecting week commencing 5 October

This year we are collecting food and toiletries for the local food bank as part of our Harvest Celebrations. Our Harvest Celebration Assembly will be in school this year, where the children will reflect on where our food comes from and show our Westdale Kindness by sharing and helping others via local Food Banks.

We would welcome donations of any tins, dried food items, toiletries etc.

Please bring any items you are able to donate to the school office.

Thank you, as always for your support.



Owl Visit 3rd November 2026 —Robins & Wrens

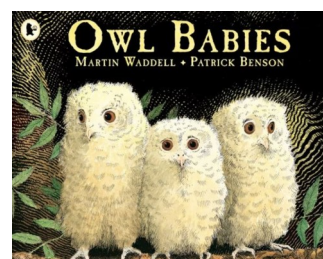
To begin the next topic based on 'Owl Babies', we have arranged for Go Falconry to come in to school with some birds & owls for the children.

This event is so exciting for the children, they get to meet the birds up close, find out all about them and even see them fly around the classrooms!

To help this visit go ahead, we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child.

This can be paid either in full, or instalments via Arbor, Trips.

We would be very grateful, and hope that this event can go ahead as we know the children will love it!



Take a look here: [HOME | GOACTIVEFALCONRY](#) to find out more about the birds we might see.

Responsibility

We choose together



Big congratulations for our new School MP's and Play Team

Due to the high level of interest and application from Year 2, we undertook an official vote on Thursday. The ballots were officially counted today and after a recount in Cockatoos the children chose their representatives.

Puffins—Rue and Ethan

Kingfishers—Noxy and Mabel

Cockatoos—James and Hadi

Kookaburras—Sebastian and Iris



Play Leader



School Parliament

Everyone counts

Our new Play Team denoted by their Hi Vis jackets are—Elliott and Mabel, Noxy and Larae, Effie, Monty and Freya, Isabella and Connie. Thank you for everyone who applied. Eco Team still to be announced ...

Visit from GB Bronze & Silver Medallist

On Monday 5th October we have an exciting visit from Joel Fearon who is a GB Bobsledder and Sprinter. Some of Joel's achievements include

- 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics Bronze medallist
- 2013 World Cup Silver medallist
- 2016 & 2017 World Cup Bronze medallist
- Britain's 3rd fastest sprinter over 100 metres at 9.96 seconds!!

Joel will be coming to talk to the children about the importance of sports and physical activity and be sharing some insight into his successful games.



School Facebook Page



Please follow our school facebook Page '**Westdale Infant and Nursery School**'.

We would really appreciate it if you could share the posts to raise awareness of our super school! Particularly the post about the upcoming Open Morning on Saturday 10th October, for our September 2027 intake, school and nursery.

Thank you

Benedict's Law



Benedict's Law is a 2026 legal framework in England that requires all schools to implement strict allergy safety measures, including wholeschool allergy policies, staff anaphylaxis training, and access to spare adrenaline auto injectors. It was introduced after the 2021 death of five year old Benedict Blythe from anaphylaxis and is embedded in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.

All staff have undertaken Allergy & Anaphylaxis Training during the inset days in September before school started.

We now have our spare auto injectors in the hall in a central place and in our Little Stars nursery so that they can be easily accessed in the event of any emergency in school. These are secure and safe out of children's reach.





Autumn Dates

Thursday 1st October – Y1 Goose Fair day (In school)

Friday 2nd October – Inset day (School closed for children)

Friday 9th October – Harvest Thanksgiving (In school, please bring all food donations to the school office)

Saturday 10th October – Little Stars + F2 New starters for 2027 open morning (9:30-12pm)

Tuesday 13th + Thursday 15th October – F1 + F2 Parents Evening (3:30-6:00pm)

Friday 6th November – Diwali Celebration Assembly (In school)

Tuesday 10th + Thursday 12th November – Y1 + Y2 Parents Evening (3:30-6:00pm)

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly (In school)

16th – 20th November – Anti Bullying week

Monday 16th November – Odd Sock Day

Friday 20th November – Children in Need Day

Tuesday 24th November – Flu immunisations (F2/Y1/Y2)

3rd November – DEADLINE for Christmas art design

More information will be sent out VIA Arbor/Dojo. If any of these date change, we will let you know ASAP.

