

Westdale Infant School

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Weekly Attendance Update

This week: 96.7% This Year so Far: 97.0% | Target: 97%

What an exciting and inspiring experience for our children on Monday. We took part in a **sponsored fitness circuit** with a GB athlete, giving everyone the opportunity to get active, challenge themselves and push their limits.

The excitement continued with a fantastic assembly, where we learned all about his incredible achievements in **bobsleigh and sprinting**. Hearing about the dedication, determination and hard work needed to compete at such a high level was truly inspiring!

The event was a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to get moving, build their fitness and discover the importance of perseverance, resilience and believing in themselves. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and gave their best effort throughout the circuit.

A huge well done to all our children for their fantastic participation, and a big thank you to everyone who supported the event. We are incredibly proud of the effort, energy and determination shown by everyone involved!

An unforgettable day that reminded us all that with hard work, commitment and a positive attitude, we can achieve great things!



Staff Shout Out

This week's staff shout out goes to our fabulous Teaching Assistant & Year 2 Hub Leader, Miss Crowder.

Miss Crowder is such a dedicated team member, who works very hard supporting our children, ensuring they achieve the very best they can.

This week, Miss Crowder has also nominated herself to join the governing body as the Staff Governor for this year. A huge thank you Miss Crowder, for all you do daily for the children & staff.

We appreciate you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 10th October

Open Morning for September
2027 starters 9.30am

Tuesday 13th October & Thursday 15th October

Robins & Wren's Parents
Evenings

Wednesday 14th October

Little Star's Parents Evening

Thursday 15th October

Year 2 Sea Shanty Sing-a-long
2.30pm
Year 2 DT dress up day

Friday 16th October

Break up for 2 weeks half term



Important Information School calendar:

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

Visit from GB Bronze & Silver Medallist

Joel Fearon





Halloween Prize Draw

The deadline for the Halloween colouring entries is **Tuesday 13th October**, please return them to your child's class teacher.

Each class will have a winner who will receive a small prize. There will also be an overall winner who will receive an additional prize.

Each entry needs to be paid on Arbor please, under School Shop. It is £1 per entry.

Winners will be chosen & prizes handed out in assembly on Friday 16th October.

If you are able to donate any small prize, i.e. Halloween colouring book/craft items please bring to the office.

Thank you!

Book Sale to raise funds





Eco-Team Update

Miss Brown has reviewed all the Eco-Team applications and was very impressed by everyone's ideas and thoughts. The appointment has taken a while because there were so many enthusiastic applicants! I have shared some examples of great applications!

In Year 2, we have appointed **Cole** and **Esme** from Cockatoos, and **Lara** and **Leo** from Kookaburras. They have already made a start by helping to clear the leaves outside Year 2 during their lunchtimes.

In Year 1, we have appointed **Everly** and **Isobel** from Puffins, and **Mabel** and **Scarlett** from Kingfishers. In Foundation, we have appointed **Jude** and **Annie** from Robins class, and **Kairo** and **Margot** from Wrens.

All Eco-Team members now have their green badges, and we look forward to starting eco-activities after the half term.

My Eco Team Application Form

My Name: Levi
My Class: Cockatoos

1. I love nature!
(Draw a picture of your favourite thing in nature—it could be a tree, a flower, a bug, a bird, or you helping in the garden!)

Bird, tree, flower

2. Eco Superhero Checklist (Tick the boxes!)

- I love plants, bugs, and animals. ☒
- I am great at turning off lights and taps. ☒
- I like getting my hands dirty in the garden. ☒
- I hate litter and want to keep our school clean! ☒

3. The Green Challenge
If you see a plastic bottle dropped on the playground floor right next to a recycling bin, what will you do?
I will pick it up.

My Eco Team Application Form

My Name: Isobel
My Class: Cockatoos

1. I love nature!
(Draw a picture of your favourite thing in nature—it could be a tree, a flower, a bug, a bird, or you helping in the garden!)

Bird, flower, ladybug

2. Eco Superhero Checklist (Tick the boxes!)

- I love plants, bugs, and animals. ☒
- I am great at turning off lights and taps. ☒
- I like getting my hands dirty in the garden. ☒
- I hate litter and want to keep our school clean! ☒

3. The Green Challenge
If you see a plastic bottle dropped on the playground floor right next to a recycling bin, what will you do?
put it in the bin.



An understanding of children's emotions and feelings—Parent and carer Coffee Morning 09/10/26

It was wonderful to see so many families at school today for our coffee morning on children's mental health. Noshin Choudhury, our Education Mental Health Practitioner link, shared information on understanding children's emotions, the support and courses that the Mental Health team offer, as well as facilitating a really positive discussion afterwards. Parents fed back that it was reassuring to see that their experiences were common and normal—and hopefully went away with some strategies to try and signposting for further information. We will be sending the presentation out, as requested—watch this space. If you feel that a referral would be beneficial to you, please speak in the first instance to the class teacher or e mail the office FAO Mrs Lewis—who is our Mental Health Lead in school. Thank you to everyone who attended it was great to see you all and thank you for your time and interest.



Harvest Thanksgiving—Friday 9th October

Today in our Harvest Celebration, the whole school enjoyed coming together, sharing harvest songs and reflecting on harvest in the past and now. We talked about being thankful for all our wonderful food that we are so lucky to have in our shops and homes. We also thought about our Westdale Values—'smiles and kindness are everywhere' and how we can share with others.



This is just a small selection of the donations we received for harvest from our families.

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to search through cupboards, or even go shopping! These will be very gratefully received.

Thank you again

Safeguarding Focus

In our staff safeguarding meeting this week, we talked about physical punishment.

This is a form of physical abuse which may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or drowning, causing physical harm to a child.

We talked about that parents/carers could use physical punishment to control behaviour, which can sometimes be part of a wider pattern.

Physical punishment is ALWAYS a safeguarding concern.

We talked about signs to look out for, such as bruising in certain areas of the body, burns, scalds, bite marks, frequent re-occurrences of injuries.



Autumn Dates

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.



Holiday Clubs—October Half Term

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OCTOBER 2026

09:00 - 15:30
AGES 5-11

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October 2026

Mapperley + Woodthorpe Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.

Running at:
Westdale Junior School
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
Paid and HAF places available

Stanhope Primary school
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
Paid and HAF places available

Woodthorpe Primary School
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
Paid Places only

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9AM - 3PM AGED 5-11

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Killisick Road, Arnold, NG5 8BY

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