WESTDALE INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY ROUND UP • 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

A big welcome to Autumn Term 2 to all our families. We hope you all had a restful and fun October break. It has been lovely hearing all about your holidays and Halloween events!

This week we started off with Go Falconry visiting our Robins & Wren's classes with some beautiful Owls to kick off their Owl Babies topic. See some photos further down.

Next week we have a busy week with events, see below. If you haven't yet booked your Parents Evening appointments, please contact the school office ASAP.

Upcoming Events

10th November 2026	Year 1 & Year 2 Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
11th November 2026	Remembrance Assembly (internal)
12th November 2026	Year 1 & Year 2 Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
16th November 2026	Odd Sock Day
	Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence'
20th November 2026	Children in Need Day (donations on Arbor)
24th November 2026	Flu Immunisations 1pm (F2 – Year 2)

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR KITCHEN TEAM!

Staff shout out this week goes to our wonderful Kitchen Team, Mrs Zullo and Mrs Oliver. With our change of caterers to Aspens, and things being very last minute before the holidays, they have been super flexible, very accommodating and have worked hard to make sure the children have all been supplied with their lunches and have been happy! A HUGE thank you.



OPAL TOY APPEAL!

If you're thinking of having a toy clear-out ready for Santa to arrive, we would love your help!

Our midday supervisors, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Chappell, are hoping you can help them improve our OPAL playtimes by donating any unwanted toys or outdoor play equipment.

We're looking for donations of:

- Any type of vehicles – big or small
- Barbies and action figures
- Duplo Lego
- Hula hoops
- Musical instruments
- Dinosaurs
- Old pots, pans and wooden or plastic utensils
- Baby dolls and doll pushchairs
- Dressing-up outfits
- Chalk
- Skipping ropes
- Plastic animals
- Fidget poppers

Rather than letting old toys go to waste, they could bring hours of fun, imagination and happiness to our children during lunchtime play.

No donation is too big or too small – every little bit helps! Thank you for supporting our OPAL play and helping us make lunchtime even more fun for everyone. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Mrs Simpson & Mrs Chappell

CELEBRATING SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

We would love to see photos of the children's sporting achievements by **Friday 20th November**. This is so we can celebrate them in our PE assembly on **Wednesday 25th November** and display some pictures on our PE board in the hall.

Examples could include swimming medals or photographs of sports and activities children take part in regularly outside school. Please email photographs to the school office at **office@westdale-inf.notts.sch.uk**, and they will be forwarded to the PE team. Thank you!





OWL VISIT – GO FALCONRY

On Monday, our Robins and Wrens classes had an extra special visit from the wonderful owls at Go Falconry. The children learnt all about the owls, they even got to meet Sarah, Percy & Bill – the owl babies and even saw them swoop across the classrooms. What an amazing opportunity! A big thank you for your support in making this event possible.





A wonderful week of learning, teamwork and exciting experiences at Westdale!





SITE SAFETY

Please could we ask parents and carers to remind children not to swing on the main green pedestrian gate on Digby Avenue.

Unfortunately, swinging on the gate has recently damaged the closing mechanism, causing the fixings inside the gate post to break. As the post is made from very strong, dense metal, repairing it was a lengthy job, taking two days to complete and resulting in significant costs for the school.

We would really appreciate your help in reminding children to use the gate safely and to avoid swinging on it.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



SCHOOL DINNERS UPDATE

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the school dinners since we returned from the half term break. We are working hard behind the scenes with our new suppliers, Aspens, to make sure the transition is smooth with minimal disruption for the children.

Aspens staff have been very present on site this week, supporting our kitchen team and checking in with our Business Manager to ensure things are on the right track.

We will be sending out the full menu's next week – requesting numbers up to Christmas for meal choices. The menu's look great, and the food is all freshly prepared in the morning (even the bread is homemade). We would like to encourage children who haven't had school dinners before to see if they like the new menu so please order lunches if you wish for them to try.

Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 16th December. We will also be sending the menu for this in due course.

Again, thank you for your patience and help with very short deadlines!