

Westdale Infant School

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Happy Friday everybody! We hope that you have had a lovely week Enjoying the beautiful weather after school! It has been a very hot and busy week in school with our Maths Workshops and a lovely goodbye assembly for Miss Asher. Please remember that Monday is a bank holiday and school is closed, we will see you all Tuesday! Enjoy the long weekend.

Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **94.6%** | This week: **96.73 %** | Target: **97%**

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to a very kind Year 1 parent who has donated some lovely dress up costumes that we know the children will love for their OPAL play, we will be showing the children these in assembly next week. Thank you!

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)

ECO Team

The children really mucked in and tackled the large planter that had been overrun with weeds. They were absolutely thrilled to wear their new gardening gloves and wield the tools as they dug out the stubborn weeds. They were great at naming the different parts of the plants and loved pulling up the roots. Their curiosity was piqued when they discovered some enormous worms wriggling in the soil!



UPCOMING EVENTS

05.05.25

Bank Holiday (School Closed)

07.05.25

Y2 Maths Workshop (9am)

08.05.25

VE Celebrations (internal)

23.05.25

Non-Uniform Day



Important Information School calendar:

Next week's [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 3**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance

Staff Shout Out

This week we said a very sad goodbye to our lovely Miss Asher. Miss Asher has been with us since September 2024 as a Year 1 class teacher in Comets. We will really miss your kind, nurturing and calm presence in the classroom and around school. We know that many of the children will really miss you! Enjoy your new adventure Miss Asher and keep shining!!



VE DAY – Thursday 8th May 2025

Just a reminder of our VE Day Celebrations on Thursday 8th May. Please remember to send your children in their best red, white & blue outfits to commemorate this special occasion. We'll be organising a picnic for all the children in the playground, so they can enjoy a traditional street party atmosphere and some tasty treats together.

Don't forget, party plates will be sent home on Tuesday 6th for you to fill with **a few snacks** for your child. Please give these to the classroom staff on the door on Thursday 8th at drop off. Just a quick reminder that school lunches will be served as normal, and please, no nuts on the snack plate. Let's make this a memorable day!

Maths Workshops

Message from Mrs Chamberlain

A huge thank you to all the parents in F2 and Y1 who joined me for the maths workshops! It was wonderful to see so many of you working alongside your children on the essential skills of mathematics. During our session, we explored the importance of recognising small numbers through "subitising" rather than merely counting up higher. Understanding these number facts is crucial as it enables pupils to solve abstract calculations, such as $7 = __ + 5$ with ease.

We discussed how vital it is for children to develop rapid recall of these number facts as they progress through their learning at Westdale Infants and beyond. For instance, knowing that $2 + 4 = 6$ can help children solve $20 + 40$, $0.2 + 0.4$, or even $2b + 4b$ effortlessly. Number facts are just as important as times tables when it comes to passing those exams children face in the future.

To support your child's fluency with these facts, we will be sending home a weekly homework pack, along with a record sheet/diary, for six weeks starting the week of 12th May. Please encourage your child to engage with the simple games, which should take no more than five minutes a day. We aim for them to find tasks so easy that they can answer automatically without the need for counting.

The following comments are some of the feedback from families who attended,

"It was a great opportunity to learn how to support my child at home."

"The explanations of the theory were really helpful in understanding how maths is taught in school."

"I enjoyed working with my child whilst learning myself."

"I now feel more confident in helping with maths."

A big thank you to everyone who participated, and I look forward to seeing you at the Y2 workshop on 7th May. If you haven't signed up yet, there are still plenty of places available, so do let the office know!



Parents & Carers of Westdale – Infant School Meet Up

Join us at the Westdale Infants gazebo at Valley Road "tractor" park (NG3 6HW) new playground opening. Saturday 10th May 2-4pm

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofvalleyroadplayinggrounds/permalink/1068358141800624/>

Bring a picnic and any outdoor games you have.

POW (*Parents and Carers of Westdale*) have organised this meet up as a way for Westdale Infants children, parents and carers to socialise. We will look to organise more meet ups if this is successful.

Find out how you can help out: we are looking to do a school/ parents disco in June and a summer fair after sports day in the playground. A few extra hands will really help 😊

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone!

