

Westdale Infant School

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Happy End of Term everybody! We hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday, full of fun and time with loved ones. We have enjoyed the sunshine for our last week, and it was fantastic to see so many of our Y2 families join us for a Ukulele Concert on Thursday afternoon. Suns and Rainbows were very brave and played and sang beautifully, well done!

Our very important School Parliament met this week with Mrs Lewis so we will be sharing the minutes from that in the new term. Thank you for your input!

A big congratulations to the overall term's House Point Winners, **AIR and FIRE**! We held a special disco for the winners to celebrate on Thursday morning and loved the dancing and singing!



Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **94.61%** | 31st March – 4th April: **93.13%** | Target: **97%**

Easter Celebrations

Thank you so much for taking the time to make such brilliant Easter Boxes! We are blown away every year by your efforts and it is a super fun way to raise funds for the school. Thank you for your support and to those who made extra, it meant that everyone at school was able to take one home.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 22nd April

School Starts

Wednesday 30th April

- F2 Maths Workshop (9-10am)
- Y1 Maths Workshop (2-3pm)

Important Information

Please can we ask all parents and carers to ensure they have up-to-date contact details registered with the office.

School calendar:



The first week back after Easter, [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 1**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance.

Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to POW for organising our annual Easter Colouring Competition, we raised **£85** for the school! It was so hard to choose winners as they were all such amazing designs and you could see how much time and effort had gone into them. Congratulations to the children below and enjoy your prize!

- Amaali (Little Stars)
- Elijah (Ladybirds)
- Orla (Butterflies)
- Marnie (Moonbeams)
- Maddy (Comets)
- Noah (Suns)
- Blossom (Rainbows)



Eid at Westdale

We shared the festivities of Eid in our Wednesday assembly this week. The children were proud and excited to talk about how they had celebrated with their families! We thought about all the wonderful celebrations that we as a community share at Westdale – how they are similar and different and how it's good to learn about each other and our experiences.

Staff Shout Out

This week, we would like to give a special shout out to Mrs Glover, one of our brilliant Administrators in the school office. As she celebrates a milestone birthday, it's the perfect opportunity to express our gratitude and highlight her value in the team. Enjoy the celebrations—you truly deserve it! From everyone here at the school, thank you again for all that you do and Happy Birthday!



Mental Health Support Team

Please find attached to the round up the Spring newsletters for schools and parents from the Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

HAF Programme – Local Area

The Department for Education's [holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme](#) provides healthy meals, enriching activities, and free childcare places to children from low-income families, benefiting their health, wellbeing and learning.

- Willow Farm Primary School, Gedling: <https://eequ.org/book/tb-sport-haf-at-willow-farm-with-tb-sport-13797>
- St John the Baptist Primary School, Colwick: <https://eequ.org/book/tb-sport-haf-at-st-johns-colwick-with-tb-sport-13802>

Easter Events – Local Area

Please see attached a couple of flyers for events taking place over the Easter Holiday.

- The Mapperley Churches and Gedling Borough Council Easter Sheep Trail is returning for another year. From **Saturday 5th April till Sunday 20th April**, look out for printed pictures of fluffy sheep in shop and business windows. Each sheep will have a different name, collect them all for a prize. More information and trails sheets can be collected from participating shops and businesses on Mapperley Top... or come along on Good Friday Morning to Mapperley Precinct.

- On **Saturday 19th April** come along to St James Church for Easter Fun! 2pm till 4pm, there will be bouncy castles, an Easter activity trail, the church will be open with prayer stations, there will be craft activities in both the church and church centre, as well as an Easter themed cafe. This is a free event, everyone is welcome!
- At St James Church Easter morning begins with a Sunrise Service at Gedling Country Park Beacon. On **Sunday 20th April** at 5.40pm come along to hear a retelling of the Easter story with worship songs and prayer, as the sun rises over our community. There is also an Easter morning Communion Service in the church at 9am, followed by the Easter Day All Age service and EPIC EGG HUNT around the church gardens at 10.30am. We hope you can join us!



New Squirrels Group

Here is some information about a new Squirrels group for children aged 4-6 in the local area:



Squirrels

Seeking bright eyed and bushy tailed new recruits

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family tree. Where 4-6 year olds can join in too. Taster session: 31st March. 5pm - 6pm.
Sessions continue after Easter on 28th April.

1st Porchester Scout Hut
St James Church
Marshall Hill Drive
Mapperley
NG3 6FY

Come join us!

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Easter Camps – Local Area

We are pleased to be able to share a range of half term activities and community coaching sessions:

MAS Coaching Football Camp

This half term MAS Coaching are running a football camp for children aged 5-15 years at Stanhope Primary & Nursery School and Carlton Le Willows Football Centre. Details of the camp can be found below:

- Week 1: Carlton Le Willows Football Centre (*HAF funded sessions)
- Dates: Monday 7th April, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th April 2025
- Week 2: Carlton Le Willows Football Centre
- Dates: Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th April 2025
- Times: 9am - 3.00pm
- Age: Suitable for children 5 - 15
- Cost: Free places plus lunch for families eligible for benefits related free school meals.
- £25 per day, £60 for all 3 days, 10% sibling discount (packed lunch required)

TB Sport Holiday Clubs

This half term TB Sport are running holiday camps across Nottinghamshire at venues including Colwick St John's and Willow Farm. Details of the camp can be found below:

- Venue 1: Colwick St John's
- Dates: Monday 14th April – Thursday 17th April 2025
- Venue 2: Willow Farm Primary School
- Dates: Monday 14th April – Thursday 17th April 2025
- Times: 8.30am - 4pm
- Venue 3: Manor Park Infant & Nursery School
- Dates: Monday 14th April – Thursday 17th April 2025
- Times: 8.30am - 4pm
- Age: Suitable for children 4 - 14
- Cost: Free for families eligible for benefits related free school meals.
- £23.99 per child per day



Click the following link to book: <https://tbsport2.classforkids.io/camps>

Westcarr Coaching Activity Days

This half term Westcarr Coaching are running a series of Activity Days children aged 7+. Details of the camp can be found below:

- Venue: Arnold Hill Academy
- Dates: Monday 7th – Thursday 10th April
- Times: 9.30am - 2.00pm
- Age: Suitable for children 6-16
- Cost: Free for families eligible for benefits related free school meals.

- £15 per day, including lunch for all other children.

To book please phone / text 07368606512 or email: westcarrcoaching@gmail.com

Other HAF Providers

- Ace Sports Midlands LTD - Calverton Village Hall
- Holiday Activities For Kids (HA4K) - The Good Shepherd Primary Catholic Academy
- Rattle and Roll Performance - Arnbrook Primary School
- Rattle and Roll Performance - Hawthorne Primary School
- Rattle and Roll Performance - Westdale Junior School
- Sport4Kids Nottingham - Carlton Forum Leisure Centre



Films at the Bonington

Keep the kids busy over half term with a fabulous family film on the big screen at the Bonington Theatre in Arnold. Family friendly film options include: Dog Man (U), A Minecraft Movie (PG). Visit The Bonington's website to book tickets or find out more about other things going on at the theatre.

Gedling Leisure Centre - Activity Programme

There are lots of affordable fun activities taking place across all four Gedling Leisure centres for children to enjoy and to help them to stay active this half term. Options include family swim sessions, badminton, bouncy castles, roller discos and more. Visit School Holiday Activities - Gedling Leisure for the full list of activities.

Easter Themed Activities

If you're looking for Easter themed activities to entertain your children you'll be pleased to know that Gedling Borough Council have organised an Easter Trail on Carlton Hill and an Easter Hunt at King George V Park. Families are being encouraged to get out on the high street and spot as many eggs as they can in shop windows between 7-14th April. Participants can bring their trail sheet to Piggins or Bubblelush on Saturday 12th April to collect an Easter treat.

Why not craft yourself an Easter Bonnet and head to King George V Park & Rec (Standhill Road) between 10am -12noon on 19th April. Participate in an Easter Hunt, find the Easter word and win chocolate eggs.

If you have time and the ability to travel, the shell-abrations don't have to end there. This Easter break lots of cracking events are taking place across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Egg-plore the Visit Nottinghamshire Website to find out more.

Happy Holidays everybody!