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Happy Friday everybody! It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our recent parents' evenings! Your continued support truly makes a difference in our school community. Exciting news - our school photos have started to arrive and are making their way home! We cannot wait to kick off some Easter fun next week with activities that are sure to bring plenty of smiles. Don't forget to change your clocks this weekend!

A big congratulations to this week's House Point Winners, **WATER!** We have booked a special disco for next week for the overall term House Points Winners, go for it everybody!



Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **94.67%** | 24th – 28th March: **95.31%** | Target: **97%**

Easter Plans

POW's **Easter Colouring Competition** closes on **Tuesday 1st April** and we will be announcing the winners on Friday 4th April. If your child would still like to enter, please make sure drawings (with £1 attached) make their way to class teachers or the office before next Tuesday. Money raised will be put towards buying resources for classrooms, so thank you for your support!

We are also looking forward to seeing **Easter Boxes** next week. All children are invited to decorate an egg box (or a lid) and fill it with Easter goodies. This can be any chocolate/sweet treats, e.g. mini eggs or small chocolate bunnies, totalling £1. Please remember **NO NUTS**. The children will then be able to bring in **£1 on Friday** to donate and pick another one to take home as their own. We will display all the lovely creations in the hall next Friday.

CookStars Update

Sadly, this was our last term with Natasha leading the CookStars Club. We have absolutely loved seeing the children take on various baking and cooking challenges and will look for an alternative club in the future. Thank you, Natasha! We ended with delicious Easter biscuits and cheese straws. 😊

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Upcoming Events

Mon 31st March – Fri 4th April

Bring in Easter Boxes

Tues 1st April

POW Easter Colouring Competition
Deadline

Thurs 3rd April

- School Parliament Meeting (internal)
- Y2 Ukulele Concert (2:40pm)

Fri 4th April

- Easter Boxes Sale
- Easter Colouring Competition Winners Announced
- Break Up for Easter Holidays

School calendar:



Next week's [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 1**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance.

Eid at Westdale

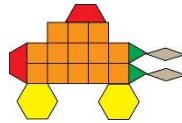
We are approaching the happy occasion of Eid al-Fitr which marks the end of Ramadan, a month of reflection, fasting, and spiritual growth. From the evening of Sunday 30th March through to Monday 31st March, families and friends will gather to celebrate with feasting and prayers. Eid is a wonderful time to appreciate the values of compassion, unity, and gratitude. Let's embrace the spirit of Eid by sharing kindness and warmth amongst ourselves. Wishing you all a very Happy Eid! Enjoy this special time, and we look forward to hearing about your celebrations.



Maths Day 2025

What a fantastic World Maths Day we had on Monday! The children delved into the world of patterns, exploring various types that included repeating patterns, symmetrical patterns, rotational patterns, circular patterns, tessellating patterns, and even numerical patterns. It was wonderful to see them engaging with the creative side of maths, especially as they searched for examples of patterns in nature.

One of the highlights was our Connect4 challenge, where the children had a great time honing their skills in this classic game. We were very impressed by the excellent strategies they employed throughout the matches! A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated or loaned us a Connect4 game; your support made this activity possible and added to the fun of the day. Here's to more maths adventures in the future!



Staff Shout Out

We want to give a massive shout out to Miss Bolger, our wonderful class teacher in Butterflies. From her warm smile to her supportive words, she makes a real difference in our school. We all appreciate you and everything you do, Miss Bolger! You make learning so much fun, and it's heartwarming to see how much the children thrive under your guidance. Thank you for all your hard work, we are incredibly lucky to have you at Westdale.



Miss Wheelhouse

Today we say goodbye to one of our wonderful Wraparound Playworkers, Miss Wheelhouse. We are all sad to see her go, but we're also so excited for her as she embarks on an amazing new opportunity working abroad! Miss Wheelhouse has been a valued member of our team, bringing joy and enthusiasm to our wraparound care. We hope the next chapter in your life is filled with adventure, happiness, and success, Miss Wheelhouse! Thank you for all your hard work.



Valley Road Playing Grounds

We would like to share some news about a local play park! Next Thursday 3rd April, from **3:15pm to 4pm**, there will be a special event hosted by the Friends of Valley Road Playing Grounds. The long-awaited building of the new play area has officially started, and they'd love for you and your children to come along and see the progress. It's a fantastic opportunity to visit the site, chat with the builders, and witness some of the new equipment being installed. You may remember that some of our classes helped with design ideas! Please see the [Facebook Event Page](#) for more information.

Unwelcome Visitors!

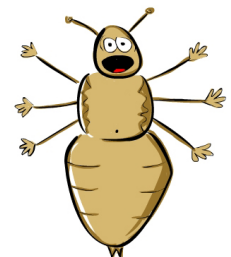
There have recently been cases of lice and nits in some classes. We know they are a pain. We're sure most of you know the louse is the parasitic insect; the nit is the egg, so it's the lice that jump from head-to-head – not the nits!

Advice for Treatment

- If you find them, treat with a lotion – see a pharmacist. Please note that one application may not be enough, and you may need to try different types of lotions. I know some people don't like treating young children with harsh lotions but there are alternatives.
- **USE A NIT COMB REGULARLY.** This really does work but needs to be done every day for a week, then once a week to keep the hair free.
- Use conditioner on the hair and don't wash out until you have gone through with the comb.
- Tea tree oil or shampoo is recommended by some people too.
- Really bad cases (I've seen this) will need the nit eggs pulling out by your nails!

There is no need to keep your child off school but if your child has a really bad outbreak of lice, it may be a thoughtful gesture to prevent spreading the problem, to keep your child at home just until you have treated her/him.

Finally, please don't worry about lice and nits. We know they make you want to scratch, it takes time combing through hair and there still is a 'stigma' attached to having them (despite the fact they prefer clean hair) but overall lice and nits are a minor problem – and one we have to learn to live with!



Nursery Applications

We are now taking applications in Little Stars nursery for September 2025! Please see our [school website](#) for more information or contact us at littlestars@westdale-inf.notts.sch.uk if you have any queries.



Easter Holiday Clubs

Rattle and Roll are running holiday clubs from the 7th - 10th April at Westdale Juniors. There are FREE places plus food for anyone who receives benefits-related free school meals. You can book directly [here](#) or you can call 07722014301. Please see a flyer attached to the round up for more information.

Next Level Sports are holding Easter Holiday Sports Camps in the Gedling area. Please see flyers attached to the round up for more information or see their [website](#) for details of others.



Have a lovely weekend everybody!