

Westdale Infant School

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Happy Friday! As we end the first month of the year, we are starting to see some signs of Spring around school. Daffodils are popping up and we took part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch, welcoming blackbirds, blue tits, magpies and robins to the grounds. Our CookStars ended the week by making some delicious corned beef pasties, and Chinese rice to celebrate Chinese New Year!



A big congratulations to this week's House Point Winners, **EARTH!**

Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **94.84%** | 27th – 31st January: **94.69%** | Target: **97%**

Attendance Matters

This is just a reminder that it is our duty to monitor attendance continuously in school, as part of our safeguarding procedures. We review this information on a termly basis and letters are sent out to inform families of current attendance percentages where necessary.

Of course, we understand that illness plays a big role in attendance, especially at this time of year. However, we are obligated to contact families where attendance drops below 90%, even if your child has been off sick. If you do receive a letter and have any concerns, or would like some support, please contact our Attendance Lead, Mrs Sawford.



Parent / Families Code of Conduct

Here is a link to raise awareness of our [Parent and Families Code of Conduct](#) which has been reviewed by our governors. This is our charter to ensure we continue to work together with respect, empathy and understanding, and to help us model all these values to our children.



Upcoming Events

03.02.25 – 07.02.25

Children's Mental Health Week

08.02.25

POW Valentine's Disco
(5:30pm – 6:30pm)

11.02.25

Safer Internet Day

14.02.25

Break Up for Half Term

We have created a quick QR code for families if they have any **safeguarding concerns**. You can also find this on the reception door and it makes a **direct referral to MASH**.



Next week's [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 2**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, we will be focusing on the importance of wellbeing and mental health for our children and families. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and lots of activities, ideas and resources will be shared throughout the week. Until then, here are some links if you would like to know more or to access further support:

- [Place2Be – Know Yourself, Grow Yourself](#)
- [Early Help Nottingham – Mental Health Support](#)
- [Nottinghamshire CAMHS – Mental Health Support](#)



Online Safety Day

On Tuesday 11th February, we will take part in the national Safer Internet Day. Our focus will be online safety rules in classes, and we will be reviewing our school charter. We are organising a day and time for families to come in to share the children's learning on this topic, this will be communicated via ParentMail next week.



Staff Shout Out

Miss Crowder is one of our incredible Teaching Assistants who supports our children in Ladybirds and Butterflies. She is calm, caring, smiley and so helpful! Thank you for all your hard work Miss Crowder, you make such a difference to Westdale!

CoolMilk in School

We would like to remind parents that children under five are entitled to free milk in school through a company called 'CoolMilk'. Please register on their [website](#) if you would like to access this for your child, and if you would like to continue this once your child has turned five, please can we ask you to re-register with CoolMilk and make payments through their [website](#). Once you have confirmation, let the office know so we can check orders as soon as possible.

POW Valentine's Disco

We are now holding one mega disco on Saturday 8th February from **5:30pm to 6:30pm**. We are delighted to see so many people interested in the event and hope you have a wonderful time! Families still to pay will have received a payment link today via ParentMail, and if you are still interested in booking a place, please contact the office. We have a couple of spaces left!

Rattle & Roll Holiday Clubs

Rattle & Roll are providing holiday clubs at the Junior School over February Half Term. Please see the attached flyer if you would like to know more.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!