

Westdale Infant School

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Welcome back everybody! We hope you had the most wonderful holiday and made some magical memories. It has been a cold start to the new term but we were happy to see blue skies and sunshine return.



We are off to a flying start already with all the usual fun and learning. We also had some special visitors in Year One, including a baby dinosaur! New CookStars groups made their first creations on Friday, delicious banana bread and honey tea loaf, and we are excited to see what they cook up for the rest of the term!

Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **94.77%** | 6th – 10th January: **97.6%** | Target: **97%**

Donations Plea

Please can we ask families if they able to donate any uniform, especially tights, joggers and trousers? These are most needed in Reception classes, but bigger sizes are also appreciated! Thank you for your support.

September 2025 Starters

This week saw our final tour of the school before applications close on Wednesday 15th January for **Reception** places. Please note that this is also the deadline for applications to **Year Three**.

Applying online means that Gedling Borough families can access their school offer on national offer day, before offer letters are mailed out, and the easiest way to apply for a place is [online](#).



Current Vacancies

We are on the lookout for a new Dining Room Assistant! Please follow this [link](#) if you would like to know more or to share with anyone who might be interested.

Upcoming Events

17.01.25

Kickboxing Trial

03.02.25 – 07.02.25

Children's Mental Health Week

06.02.25

Safer Internet Day

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:



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

Y1 Dino Dig

On Friday 10th January we had a very special visitor who held a 'Life Long Ago' Workshop and brought prehistoric life into Westdale! In large sandboxes, the children located and identified fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past, such as Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops, and a few other surprises! Comets and Moonbeams then learnt when each dinosaur lived, where they came from, what they ate and much more. Our young palaeontologists also had the opportunity to meet a baby dinosaur, a three-year-old Triceratops braved the hall to say hello!



Sickness in School

Please see the below information about when to keep your child off school due to illness:

Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting families to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; families can pop into their local Boots Pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Staff Shout Outs

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Mrs Chappell**, an all-round superstar in our school! From supporting in Reception classes, assisting with dinners, and helping our youngest children, we don't know what we would do without you! Mrs Chappell is so kind, patient and fun, and makes such a difference to the day-to-day life of our school community, thank you.



We would also like to wish **Mrs Burt** a very Happy Birthday as she celebrates a milestone birthday this week! We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating and everyone here sends their birthday wishes.



Kickboxing Trial

On Friday 17th January, we have invited in a local PE provision to hold a kickboxing trial in school. A few children from each class will take part and give their feedback on the session. We will keep you posted!



Cognition and Learning Team

Please find posters attach to the round up which detail sessions available from the Cognition and Learning Team. These include the following topics:

- Supporting your Child as they Move to Secondary School
- Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home
- iPad Apps for Learners with SEN.





Valentines Disco

Saturday 8th February
St James Church Centre

Session 1: 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Session 2: 6.45pm - 7.45pm

Kid's Disco provided by Studio 3 Dance
Snack and a drink included

**£5 per child, children from any year can attend
either sessions, book and pay through parent mail**



Have a lovely weekend everybody!