

Westdale Infant School

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Happy Friday everybody! It was a fantastic start to the new term and we have been super busy in school this week. We had a very special owl visit in our Ladybirds and Butterflies classes, we celebrated Diwali in assemblies, Christmas songs are being practised, and our CookStars club have made their first delicious creation, a custard tart! We have also loved seeing all your Christmas Drawings which have now been sent off to the printing company, thank you again for your support.



Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **96.45%** | 5th – 8th November: **96.51%** | Target: **97%**

Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and to support this, we are holding an **Odd Socks Day** on Tuesday 12th November and a **Non-Uniform Day** for Children in Need on Friday 15th November.

This year's Children in Need theme is "making life lighter for children" which will be explored in class during the week. If you are able, we ask for a **£1** donation for our non-uniform day to support the charity. Please give donations to the class teachers on Friday morning.

Odd Socks Day supports anti-bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. It is a light-hearted and symbolic gesture that serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of. All children and staff are encouraged to embrace their individuality and support others in doing the same.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 12th November

- Odd Socks Day
- Y1 & Y2 Parents Evening

Thursday 14th November

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Friday 15th November

- Children in Need – Non-Uniform
- POW Family Quiz

Important Information

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

Quick link to school calendar:



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

The Great Orchard Clean Up

Please note that we have had to postpone the clean up of our orchard area. Please keep an eye out for the new date and if you are able, we would love to have your support! You can contact the office to register your interest (it will including activities like clearing, weeding, planting and caring for our existing plants) or wait for the new date to be confirmed. Thank you.



Mapperley Christmas Festival – Choir Performance

Our choir are busy practising for their performance at the Mapperley Christmas Festival on Sunday 24th November and we would love to see you there! Songs books are now with the choir children but we also have the lyrics and songs on our [website](#) so you can join in at home.



Staff Shout Out

We would like to give a warm Welcome Back to one of our superstar Teaching Assistants, Mrs Slater! We have missed you so much in school and, of course, the children in Ladybirds and Butterflies are already huge fans. Thank you for being so caring and we really appreciate all your hard work!



School Calendar

In response to feedback from last year, we are working really hard to make sure you have plenty of notice about school dates and events. Our school calendar is always available on our [website](#) and we display term date summaries around the school and on the [letters section](#) of the website. A big date for your diaries is our **Sports Day!** Please make a note of Wednesday 9th July 2025 and our sports day will take place in the afternoon.

POW Pumpkins

Mapperley Library very kindly displayed all our Pumpkin Colourings from the recent POW fundraiser. They looked brilliant and thank you again for taking part!

Speech and Language Therapy Advice Line

The Community Children and Young People's Services (CCYPS) have recently set up a Speech and Language Therapy advice line for families. Please see the leaflet attached to the round up if you would like to find out more.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!

