

Westdale Infant School

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Happy Friday everybody! We have loved seeing so many families in school this week. We held two informative Phonics Workshops for F2 and Y1, and ended the week with a fantastic Coffee Afternoon for Macmillan Cancer Support. The cakes were absolutely delicious!

Congratulations this this week's House Point Winners, Earth!



Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **97.81%** | 23rd – 27th September: **97.6%** | Target: **97%**



Harvest Festival 2024

We will be holding our Harvest Celebrations on Monday 14th October and would to see you all there! We split the day into two parts so please check below for your class timings:

- **F1 (Little Stars) & F2 (Ladybirds and Butterflies):** School Assembly at **9:15am** (please come to the main office after drop-off if you would like to attend).
- **Y1 & Y2:** St James Church at **1:30pm** (please contact the office if you can volunteer to walk down with the children).

If you are able, please bring any harvest donations to school on the morning of Monday 14th October and we will take them to the church. These items will be sent to Carlton Food Bank which is connected to Hope Nottingham.

The items that are most needed at the moment are:

- Shampoo and shower gel
- Tinned meat and tinned potatoes
- Tinned puddings (rice pudding, custard, sponge)
- Sweet treats such as biscuits.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 1st October

September 2025 Starters –
School Tour (9:30am)

Thursday 3rd October

School Photos
(please note, sibling photos from
8:15am)

Important Information

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

We have added a lot of dates to the [school calendar](#), please find a summary attached to the round up. QR link:



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

Staff Shout Out

We would like to say a huge thank you and a sad farewell to the brilliant Mr Peat! Mr Peat has been at Westdale for eight years and started as an apprentice, helping with our PE provision and becoming a firm favourite with the children. Over the years, he has been a vital part of the team and we are going to miss him very much! Good luck Mr Peat!



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We held a special coffee afternoon to help raise essential funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. We raised over **£120** so thank you for all your support! Total amount to be confirmed soon. It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and catch up after a busy start the term, and a massive thank you to those who baked and donated cakes.

If you would like more information about the charity or want to seek advice and support, please see the [charity website](#).

Parents of Westdale - Christmas Wreath Making

You should have received a ParentMail form inviting you to PoW's Christmas wreath making workshops. These will be taking place on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th November, from **6.30-8.30pm** in a candlelit St James Church. These sessions are to raise money and also provide a social event to help build a community around the school. You are more than welcome to invite friends and family though. Please see the ParentMail form for full details and how to book.

The sessions were really lovely last year - here are some photos.



Robin Hood Half Marathon 2024 - A Message from one of our Governors Jackie Moss

Having overtrained last year at age 60 for my first half marathon and caused myself lots of pain I've decided to run this fabulous event again. My personal aim is to enjoy it so I haven't set up a fundraising page. However my son in law Ollie, (who is now a Westdale parent), has, and so has Nic, a fellow Childline volunteer. Both are raising money to support children and young people particularly with their mental health. Childline is a confidential counselling service for young people up to the age of 19 and Papyrus is a charity aiming to prevent suicide in young people under the age of 35. During the majority of 3-hour counselling sessions at Childline we will have 3 young people describing suicidal thoughts and 1 who is seriously considering suicidal or actively suicidal. If you would like to show support for me please do so via either of the links below.

For Ollie and Papyrus: [Oliver Barnes is fundraising for PYPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide](#)



For Nic and Childline: [Robin Hood Half Marathon - GiveWheel](#)

Secret Santa Plea

We know it is rather early to mention Christmas... but we need a new Santa! If anyone would like to volunteer, we ask that you are available on Thursday 19th December for a couple of hours in the morning. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer or know more!



Behaviour and Culture Workshop 2024

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Behaviour and Culture Workshop last week. It was great to be able to share our work on behaviour and inclusivity. Here are a couple of pieces of Parent Voice from the workshop...

- 'Hearing how parents of SEN children feel really made me think'
- 'I will be more empathetic and patient towards my child'
- 'I love the concept of Emotional Literacy being part of my child's education'

We look forward to holding future workshops on the topic of Behaviour and Culture and hope to invite guest speakers to join us and share their expertise.



Some feelings in the BLUE ZONE	Some feelings in the GREEN ZONE	Some feelings in the YELLOW ZONE	Some feelings in the RED ZONE
 Bored	 Calm	 Frustrated	 Overjoyed
 Hurt	 Happy	 Worried	 Wild
 Sick	 Okay	 Energetic	 Angry
 Tired	 Focused	 Silly	 Out of Control
 Exhausted	 Proud	 Excited	 Terrified
 Sad	 Relaxed	 Annoyed	 Furious
Low levels of energy and down feelings	Calm energy and a sense of control	Higher energy and stronger feelings	Extremely high energy and strongest feelings

Have a lovely weekend everybody!