

# Westdale Infant School

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## Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 95.8% | This week: 97.3% | Target: 97%

A warm welcome back to the first of our Spring Terms, even though the weather is very much still winter! We hope that all of our families had a restful, fun Christmas. We have been hearing lots from the children this week about time spent with families and what you have all been up to.

This week we had the pantomime in to show us a performance of Jack & the Beanstalk; our hall was transformed into a magical scene and the children were mesmerised. The children voted a unanimous yes for another booking in January 2027! Thank you for supporting this magical experience!

On Friday morning our Year 1 children took part in a 'Dino Dig' with the Education Group. The children learnt so many facts about a range of dinosaurs, found and examined fossils. The expert was very impressed by how engaged the children were and their expertise. A really super morning, thank you again for your support in this.

## Staff Shout Out

A huge staff shout out this week to our wonderful Site Manager, Mr Curtis. Mr Curtis worked tirelessly to make sure the site was safe for all our children, families & staff this morning. Mr Curtis was in at 3 am clearing snow and ensuring the classrooms were all toasty for when the children arrived!

We really appreciate you Mr C! Thank you for all that you do for the school that doesn't always get seen.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

13/01/2026

Year 2 Maths Workshop for Parents 2.30pm

15/01/2026

F2 Maths Workshop for Parents 9am

Year 1 Maths Workshop for Parents 2.30pm

Am—Height & Weight check for Wrens & Robins children



## Important Information School calendar:

Next week's School Dinners will be Week 2. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance

## Inset Days for 2025/2026

12 June 26  
27 July 26

## School Dinners—Week Commencing 12.01.2026

### Change to dinners - week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday as normal week 2 menu.

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> have been swapped over.

Tuesday will be jacket potato with ice cream

### **Special taster dinner Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Thursday will be a special **all day brunch** (sausage, bacon, hash browns, baked beans and scrambled egg followed by cornflake tart). We invite all children to try a hot dinner on this day—even if you don't usually have one! With the cold weather set to stay, a hot dinner is just the thing to keep them going. If you'd like to try a dinner but are usually packed lunch on this day please let us know by emailing the school office by the end of Monday. **Go on give it a try!**

### Jack & The Beanstalk Pantomime

On Wednesday we had M&M Productions in school to deliver the Jack & The Beanstalk pantomime to our children in Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2.

The hall was absolutely transformed! All the children were absolutely in awe of the performance, they all joined in and loved it! They especially liked Mrs Roadley & Miss Brown's dancing parts.

Watch this space for a couple of sneak peak photos and the next page for some comments from the children about the show! This was such a huge hit, we have booked for next year already, when the story will be Cinderella.

Thank you for your support with allowing this to happen—seeing how happy and engaged the children were was very special.



# Jack and The Beanstalk

I liked it when Jack asked Jill to marry him

Mia-Rose

We all loved the 6,7 bit

Sebastian

I liked it when the boy asked her to marry him

Araoluwa

I loved the K-pop Demon Hunter song

Isaac

I liked the Gruffalo giant coming to the castle and looking through the letter box

George

I liked the bit when they danced to demon hunters

Ava

I liked Miss Brown and Miss Roadley dancing

Mia-Rose



## Celebrating birthdays in school

We love to celebrate birthdays at Westdale, however, as per our Food Policy and encouraging healthy eating; we ask that no sweets or cakes are brought in for classmates for celebrations please .

If you do wish to celebrate with friends; stickers or bubbles are always a big hit!

Thank you for your support.

## Lost Property Appeal!

One of our Year 2 children has lost some special keyrings.

It's a bunch of key rings, including one with a Lego dinosaur with his name on, a minion one with his name on, a Santa's village on, Stitch and a red one with his name on it too.

If anyone has found this we would be very grateful if you could hand into the school office please. Thank you

  
Nottinghamshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

### Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

#### Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Webinar for Parents and Carers (Primary age)

This one and a half hour webinar aims to provide parents with a understanding of common mental health difficulties in young people. We will explore mental health difficulties such as anxiety and how this might present in primary aged young people. We will also explore how you can support a young person's mental health and how to refer to the MHST.

**Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Webinar**  
Tuesday 17th March 2026  
at 10:30-12

Parents can join via Web using this link:  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>  
by inputting the Meeting ID and Passcodes from the poster, or by scanning the QR code below. Please note, parents won't be able to join until the day.



Meeting ID: 362 625 135 315  
Passcode: 02VJ356





## SEND Inclusion Service Cognition & Learning Team

### NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning

We will then provide lots of practical tips for supporting these learners at home

**Please note this is the same material covered in November 2025 but held at a later time for parents who cannot attend the morning session**

#### Course Details

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**  
**(EVENING)**

#### **Taking Place via Microsoft TEAMS**

(Joining instructions will only be sent out separately to those booked on correctly)

The course presenters will be **Bridget Thornhill, Ruth Screeton** and **Sandhya Sharma** from the Cognition & Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service(SIS)

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**This is a FREE event and there will be no charge for attending**

**TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE [Ctrl + Click Link below:](#)**

<https://notts-parent-event-understanding-dyslexia-supporting-at-home.eventbrite.co.uk>

An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

**Closing date: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 12:00 noon**  
(half-term 16-20-Feb-26)

Enquiries – Judith A Knight : [sis.sjrw@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:sis.sjrw@nottsc.gov.uk) or Tel: 0115 854 6464

Looking for professional football sessions for ages 2-12 that are fun,  
no-pressure and led by experienced coaches?

New Saturday sessions starting  
this month in **Carlton**:  
9.30am: 4-7s  
10.30am: 8-12s

League teams and beginner  
training running throughout the  
week in **Arnold, Forest  
Fields, Hucknall** and  
**Bestwood**



Membership starts at £5.50/session or pay-as-you-play  
With 200+ happy members, we're the best around!

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All coaches are  
experienced,  
fully-trained and  
DBS certified



We currently have places in Little Stars for current intake and are accepting applications for September 2026 onwards. Please apply as soon as possible to inform our planning.

Please pass onto anyone you know who has nursery aged children.

There is lots more information on the school website at [www.westdaleinfants.com](http://www.westdaleinfants.com) including a virtual tour.



**Little Stars at Westdale Infants**



**We have places available at our Little Stars Nursery.**

Start your child at our school earlier to support with transition to school.

Join our school for transition sessions in the Summer term

We can offer:

- Qualified experienced teachers
- Teaching and learning that aligns with our school
- A bespoke learning area - designed and furnished by Early Excellence
- Flexible hours—longer hours at our school based Wraparound Club
- Hot school dinner available
- Use of main school facilities— PE in the hall, main playground

**Come and join our Westdale Community**

Speak to a member of our team

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