

# Westdale Infant School

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## Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 96% | This week: 97% | Target: 97%

This week our focus has been democracy, see the next page for our assembly discussion this week.

Following last week's amazon wishlist shout out, we have had 3 books bought for school, we are so very grateful. A huge thank you to those who have supported us with this!

Thank you also to those who have donated clothing after our appeal! I think the wet snow day wiped us out of spares.



## Staff Shout Out

This week's staff shout out goes to our lovely Miss Wheelhouse.

Miss Wheelhouse has been back with us recently to help us at wrap-around. She now has a full time job locally so is sadly leaving us today.

We wish you lots of luck Miss Wheelhouse and we will miss you lots!!



This week's class dojo winner is Rue in our Robins Class.

Well done Rue!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/02/2026

Year 2 Art Gallery for Parents  
2.45pm

13/02/2026

Break up for February Half  
Term



## Important Information School calendar:

Next week's School Dinners will be Week 1. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance

## Inset Days for 2025/2026

12 June 26  
27 July 26



This week in assembly on Monday we talked about one of our British Values – Democracy. We talked about the meaning of the word and how we see it happening in our school life – that everyone has a voice and we choose together.

We looked at the Houses of Parliament as our national democratic body and reminded everyone who their school parliament representatives are in their class.

**Challenge: ask your child about democracy and try and vote for somethings in your house – i.e. what film to watch, which book to read, what to have for tea.**

**This week's staff safeguarding focus.....**

We will be updating you weekly about discussions in school that focus on keeping all children safe. Every week in our staff meeting, we discuss an area of safeguarding from either local concerns, what's going on in our community or from statutory guidance. This ensures our school staff remain trained and updated in all areas of safeguarding, that we remain vigilant and skilled in keeping your child safe and responding in a timely and professional manner. This week we have been discussing Private Fostering and our duty.

**What is private fostering?**

Private fostering is defined as an arrangement made by parents (or someone with parental responsibility) for a child under 16 years old (or under 18 if disabled) to be cared by someone who is not a close relative for a period of more than 28 days. Close relatives include grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings.

**Safeguarding measures**

Children who are privately fostered may be more vulnerable to abuse or neglect, making safeguarding measures crucial. Practitioners should ensure that the local authority is aware of the private fostering arrangements and report any concerns to them.





Grace from our Eagles class has worked really hard this week on creating bird feeders for

" The Bird Garden Bird Watch". Grace made bird feeders using lard, oats and sunflower hearts. Grace and Miss Ridley hung the bird feeders on the trees and tracked throughout the week how much the birds ate. We were so happy to see that the feeders had almost gone! Time to make more!

We were so lucky to sit and watch a Robin come to the feeder to eat their favourite seeds " Sunflower hearts".

Grace even made herself into a Robin! Wonderful work Grace !

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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