

Westdale Infant School

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Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 95.9% | This week: 94.7% | Target: 97%

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. We shall be doing lots of activities to support in class over the week. Please see information for Mrs Sawford's poster competition further down, we cannot wait to see what is produced!

Next week is Year 2 Art Gallery, we would love parents/carers/grandparents to attend and pop into the classrooms at 2.45pm on Thursday to see the wonderful art work the children have produced.

Please remember that we break up for February half term on Friday 13th February and are closed for one week.

Happy Weekend Everyone!



Staff Shout Out

This week's shout out goes to our Deputy Head & Early Years Lead Mrs Sawford. Not only does she show exceptional diligence and commitment to her role as Deputy Head, she works so hard behind the scenes and also teaches the Robins Class!

This week, Mrs Sawford was at school on Saturday, overseeing and managing improvements to the sandpit in our foundation playground.

Mrs Sawford started our new Facebook page to celebrate our wonderful school and community; constantly ensuring that key information is shared and signposted.

As Early Years Lead, Mrs Sawford has been leading & supporting the team in F2, alongside Mrs Brown and Miss Zullo; during Miss Fenton's absence. Mrs Sawford we think so much of you and always appreciate you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/02/2026

Children's Mental Health Week

10/02/2026

Safer Internet Day

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 3. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance

Inset Days for 2025/2026

12 June 26
27 July 26

School Assembly Focus

In assembly this week we have been learning about the British Value, Liberty. We learnt about Rosa Park, how she was an upstander – challenging inequality and helping to change laws and unfair systems – working towards the right for everyone to be who they want to be.

We revisited our Value – Everyone Counts – that we all belong.

We are using some of our school fund money (our fundraising pot) to ensure every classroom has a copy of Rosa’s story – to remind us how to be brave and challenge inequality by being an up-stander.



Safeguarding Focus for Staff

This week’s safeguarding focus for staff has been the Prevent Duty & our responsibilities as staff.

Safeguarding is at the heart of the Prevent policy, as well as the wider counter-terrorism strategy. With an overall aim to safeguard children, young people and adults from the threat faced by those who pose extremist or radicalised views, it places a duty on public sector organisations, such as us as a school to prevent people from being drawn towards such views and ensures that support is in place for those who are vulnerable.

Staff undertake training in this before employment and we do a bi-annual refresher training to keep us up to date with any changes in legislation and current issues facing our local area & country.

Class Dojo Winners

This week’s class dojo winners are: ...and the duck race winner was

Robins—Rue & Charlee

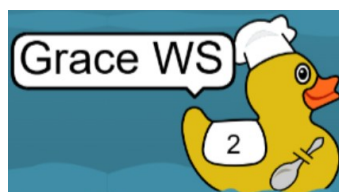
Wrens—Isaac & Oliver

Puffins—Ezra, Freya, Jesse, Nelly & Zayn

Kingfishers—James, Riley & Lily

Eagles—Kendra, Grace & Enzo

Owls—Christian, Daisy



**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



class WISHLIST

Robins & Wrens— Amazon Wishlist

Our Robins & Wrens classes have put together a small wishlist of items that would support the learning in both classes at the moment. If anyone is able to and would like to help us, we would be super grateful!

These items once bought will come off the shopping list. Here is the link : <https://amzn.eu/06rYh4lt>



We are refreshing our OPAL play items for the children at lunchtimes.

Mrs Clarke & Mrs Taylor have put together a wishlist of items that we need, if anyone has any of these at home we would really love any donations to school. Don't forget our bingo!

Hula hoops, bean bags, old duvet covers, skipping ropes (ropes only), soft balls, ankle strap balls, chalk, ribbon wands, swing ball, pegs and tarpaulin.

Any items can be delivered to the school office please.

PRIZE ALERT!!!

School Facebook Page



Please, please, please follow the school page on Facebook. Lots of really helpful & useful information is shared on there which will support our families. Share and share with families and friends!

Any parents following the page will be entered into a draw for a £10 Waterstones voucher. Make sure your name is clear! The Facebook page will be checked on Thursday evening.

Winner announced in Gold Book Assembly on Friday

The official facebook page is [Westdale Infant & Nursery School](#)

In assembly this week, Mrs Sawford launched an art competition for Children's Mental Health Week (9th-13th February). Here are details of the competition. She can't wait to see your entries!

Children's Mental Health Week Competition

INTRODUCTION

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2026, Place2Be is happy to share an activity to explore this year's theme **THIS IS MY PLACE**.

Belonging is the feeling of being a valued part of the groups and places that are important to us. It means feeling cared for and comfortable to be ourselves.

This resource encourages children to explore their sense of belonging by creating a personal map, which can include places, groups, or activities or something not physical, where they feel they belong.



THIS IS MY PLACE Art Activity

What does belonging mean?

Do you know belonging isn't felt from just one thing or one place. There are so many ways we can feel like we belong. See some examples below:

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At Home: with supportive family members/carers who know you well, even your quirks.

With Friends: those special people who truly understand you, make you laugh, and stand by you.

At School: in classrooms where ideas are shared, with teachers who believe in you, and among friends.

Within Yourself: feeling comfortable to be you and accepting yourself as you are.

In Activities & Special Interests: that you enjoy and are passionate about ex: arts, maths, reading...

Within the Environment and Universe: being outdoors or looking at the stars to feel belonging not only with other people but all that exists on our planet and beyond, good times and difficult ones.

In Communities: religious or cultural groups, neighbourhood communities, online spaces or volunteer organisations.

Watch this link with your grown up for inspiration! <https://youtu.be/QHRaeZePGyg>

WHAT ARE MAPS?



Maps are used to outline and describe different parts of the world. Maps have lines, colours, and symbols that help us understand important things about places and where to find them. We might notice things like countries, cities, mountains, rivers, or deserts on a map.

Fun Fact

Using available materials, create a map showing all the places, groups, and activities that help you feel like you belong.

Your map could look like one you've seen before with real places, or it could be completely imaginary with unusual features and outlines.

1 Draw the main outline of the land and what it looks like:

- Is it an island surrounded by sea or does the land cover the whole page? Maybe it is shaped like something you like (for example an island in the shape of a bird)
- Perhaps it is completely imaginary and out of this world (such as candy clouds)

What is the environment like:

- Does it have one big city or are there many villages and towns?
- Are there mountains, forests, lakes, volcanoes, beaches, etc?

2 Using your choice of words, colours, symbols and patterns, add everything that gives you a sense of belonging to your map.



Your map can be as simple or detailed as preferred.

- Create your own map showing all the places, groups and activities that help you feel like you belong.
- Use any materials you like... pencil crayons, felt tips, pastels, paints, collage- the choice is yours!
- No bigger than A3 size please!
- Bring your entry to the office for Mrs Sawford by the end of Thursday 12th February.
- Winners from each year group announced in Friday Gold Book assembly.
- 10 dojo points for all entries!

Good Luck!

Site Improvements

On Saturday, one of our parents Wayne Adcock and his work colleagues came to school to make improvements to our sandpit which is outside in the foundation play area.

They concreted the centre for us and put new sleepers in which were donated and delivered by Chris O'Brien, another parent of a child in foundation stage; in to make this a much better, longer lasting resource for our children.

Help like this is invaluable for school; we have limited budgets and resources to enable us to do projects like this.

We would like to express a huge thank you for the work, time and resources, Chris, Wayne and his colleagues gave us.



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 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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