

Westdale Infant School

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Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 95.8% | This week: 94.6% | Target: 97%

Wow, we have completed one half of Spring 1 already!

What a busy half term we have had.

Just a reminder to book your appointments for Parent's Evening if you haven't already, please note the date change for the Robins class.

Have a look at the Mothers Day gift process further down, if you wish to purchase something for your loved ones. Deadline for orders to be received by Mothers Day is **2nd March 2026**.

We have arranged for Partake Theatre to come in for our Year 2 children to start off their project of The Great Fire of London, on the 26th February. Payments are live on Arbor, we are grateful for your contributions, thank you.

We wish all of our families a safe and happy half term break.

Staff Shout Out

This week's staff shout out goes to the whole Westdale team! Everyone has worked so hard, with lots of staff illness recently everyone has really pulled together and mucked in!

We are so proud of our staff team, we have very dedicated, hard-working colleagues who ensure the children are at the heart of what we do every day.

Lots of staff go above and beyond to ensure the children are safe and happy; we really appreciate you all!



UPCOMING EVENTS

25/02/2026

Year 1 Robot Day
(internal)

26/02/2026

Robins & Wrens 100 days at
school celebration

Year 2 Partake Theatre Event

11/03/2026

Little Stars Parents Evening



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 Assembly Focus



This week's assembly focus has been about Children's Mental Health Week & Online Safety.

This week in assembly and class we have been learning about the importance of good mental health.

The focus has been on understanding and developing our sense of **belonging** – a value we share on our school rainbow – *each of us is different but we all belong!*

We have talked about the fact that everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved – central to these places should be home and school. Our competition has enabled children to explore and celebrate this in their own creative ways. It's been amazing to see all the wonderful places and people that support our children to feel safe and happy.

For more information about understanding and supporting your child's mental health – have a look at the links below.

[Our approach to child mental health – Place2Be](#)
[Mental Health Advice and Workshops for Parents - Be U Support](#)
[Children's Mental Health Week - Place2Be](#)

Tuesday was our **Safer Internet day**. In assembly we talked about the importance of being safe online, how to use IT safely and responsibly. We also thought about our digital wellbeing – the importance of taking regular breaks away from screens. Understanding and regulating your child's digital use, can be challenging and baffling. See the link below for further information on keeping your child safe online – guidance, tips and advice. It's so important to teach, support and be vigilant about your child's online activities. We want to ensure that we work together to keep our children safe and responsible.

[Childnet — Online safety for young people](#)

[Parents and carers | CEOP Education](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Free online safety virtual workshop | NSPCC](#)

Safeguarding Focus for Staff

In our safeguarding meeting this week we have been talking about online safety— how to keep our children safe in an online world. We reviewed:

- The main risks to children online
- Avoiding victim blaming language and behaviour
- The signs to look and listen out for
- How to act if you suspect a child is being harmed online

Use it to:

- How it is a school responsibility under Keeping Children Safe in Education to train staff in online safety



Class Dojo Winners



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

Robins— Rue & Daniel

Kingfishers—Riley & Ishaan

Wrens— Isaac & Oliver

Eagles— Grace, Mason & Kendra

Puffins—Isabella & Zayn

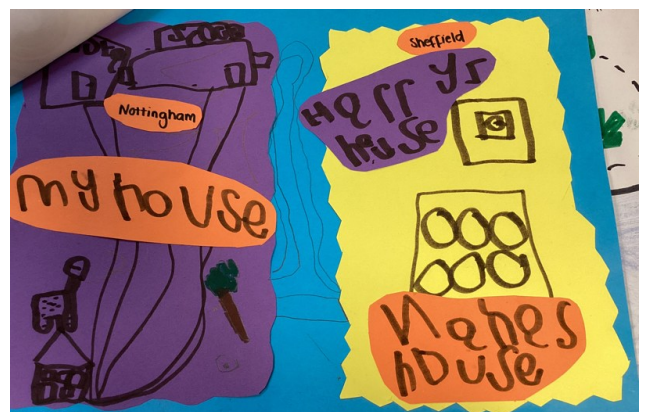
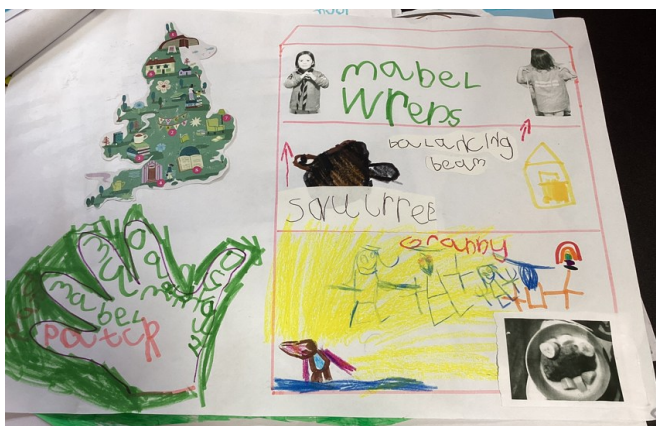
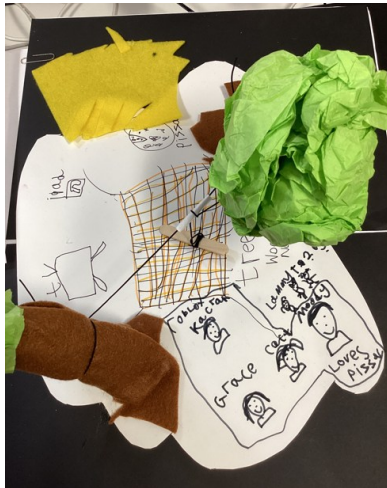
Owls—Christian, Myleyah & Lola

Mrs Sawford's Competition

We had some amazing entries for the competition we launched last week for the 'my place' map.

Every child who entered has received a certificate to show how proud we are of them. Here are some of the entries below.

The winners are: F2 (Mabel & Rue), Year 1 (Isabella & Zayn), Year 2 (Grace & Vinnie)



Site Improvements

You may have noticed that on Wednesday we had some new doors fitted to the main school entrance on Digby Avenue.

Our very old blue doors have been replaced with a new more accessible wider door and a more modern entrance.

Thank you for your patience on Wednesday with accessing the school office.



We've also had some new banners advertising our Little Stars Nursery.

We have one on Digby Avenue near the new crossing and one on Westdale Lane.

Have a look to see if you can see them on your way past!





We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Taylor, our Kingfisher teacher, after Easter as she leaves Westdale. We wish her well in her new ventures.

Yesterday, we held interviews in school for a new Kingfisher teacher; we were pleased to have a strong field of applicants who want to join our community. After an outstanding interview, teaching task and further interview by the children – we are pleased to welcome Miss Annie Croft to Westdale Infants after Easter as the new Kingfisher teacher. Miss Croft is an experienced Early Years and Year 1 teacher who is currently teaching in Beeston. Her talents include playing the piano and violin; she nearly pursued a career in musical theatre – but was swayed by a calling to teaching. We are so excited by what she will be able to bring to school! We know the children will love her, as her values align so closely with ours at Westdale. She will be visiting next term to get to know the Kingfisher children and families – I'm sure everyone will make her feel very welcome, very quickly.





This year we are doing things differently for Mothers Day gifts.

Every child has produced a piece of art work which they will bring home today.

This is what you need to do:

1. Follow this link [Class Fundraising Personalised Gift Shop – Class Fundraising Gift Shop](#)
2. Set up an account—selecting Westdale Infant School
3. Select what product you wish to purchase
4. Upload a photo of your child's artwork (you can use a laptop, phone or tablet to do this)

There are some lovely items such as cards, coasters, notebooks, keyrings, magnets and mugs starting at £3.49.

School receives 10% of any purchases made.

Orders need to be made by Monday 2nd March to get your order in time.

We have a limited number of Design-Yer Noses for sale for Red Nose Day.

Please pay £2.50 via the Arbor shop from today and then collect your nose from the school office.

In addition to this we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 20th March and you are able to donate £1 or more for this any time between now and the 20th.



This year World Book Day is Thursday 5th March.

The focus for us this year is ensuring reading is fun. Therefore we would like to invite children to wear anything on World Book Day that makes them happy - whether that's World Book Day dress-up, their pyjamas, their uniform or any other clothing.

We would also like children to bring in their favourite book as the children will be sharing them with another class during the afternoon. Please make sure the book is labelled with your child's name.

Your child will bring home their special £1 book token on this day so they can go and choose a book from the selection for free!

Bird Watch Week

Christian from the Eagles class has made our resident Robin a new bird house! Christian has worked really hard at home using tools , paints and lot of patience! The robin comes to visit us at school every morning and every afternoon. The robin feel so safe with us he is nearly taking seed from our hands. Well done Christian for all your kindness and hard work we are very proud of you!



Important Information

Missed a School Vaccine?

We've got you covered!



If you live in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire and have a school-aged child who has missed a vaccination you can make a free appointment for one of our catch up sessions.

Call Intrahealth on
0333 358 3397 option 4
followed by option 2



Monday 16th February 2026	10am-4pm	Hucknall Family Hub (Ashfield Family Hub) Broomhill Road, Nottingham NG15 6AJ
Monday 16th February 2026	10am-4pm	Chilwell Family Hub Great Hoggett Drive, Chilwell NG9 4HQ
Tuesday 17th February 2026	10am-4pm	Intrahealth Unit 2A East Bridgford Business Park, Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, NG13 8PJ
Tuesday 17th February 2026	10am-4pm	Retford Family Hub Spa Lane, Retford DN22 6EA (Car Park on New Street)
Wednesday 18th February 2026	10am-4pm	Armbrook Family Hub Home Close, off Bestwood Lodge Dr, Arnold NG5 8NE
Thursday 19th February 2026	10am-4pm	Mansfield Woodhouse Family Hub Swan Ln, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield NG19 8BT
Friday 20th February 2026	10am-4pm	Nottingham High School Waverley Mount, Nottingham, NG7 4ED

Scan the QR code for more information and a full list of clinics:



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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