

Westdale Infant School

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Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 95.8% | This week: 96.4% | Target: 97%

This week we celebrated World Book Day. The children (and staff) looked amazing in various outfits & pyjamas. What a fantastic day!

Thank you to all those parents who have booked Parents Evenings. Due to the tight time constraints there is only one appointment per family, thank you for understanding.

We still have a few red noses for sale, these are £2, available on Arbor under the school shop.

We are also collecting money to donate directly to Comic Relief, this is also payable on Arbor.



Staff Shout Out

Staff shout out this week goes to Mrs Chamberlain, our Puffins teacher & SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator).

Mrs Chamberlain works really hard behind the scenes supporting our children & families, writing bids for funding and signposting families to extra support; as well as teaching the Puffins class in Year 1.

We really appreciate you Mrs Chamberlain, you are fabulous!



UPCOMING EVENTS

11/03/2026

Little Stars Parents Evening

17/03/2026

Parents Evening (Robins, Eagles, Puffins & Kingfishers)

19/03/2026

Non Uniform Day—Eid

Parents Evening (Wrens & Owls)

20/03/2026

Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform)
£1 donation on Arbor



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

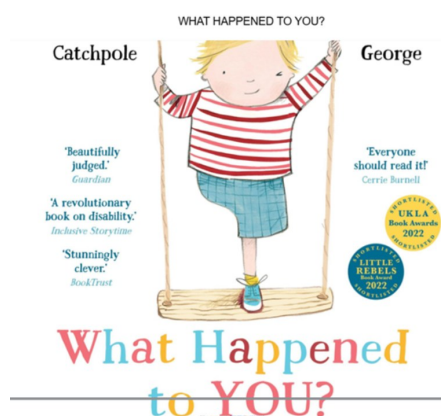
School Assembly Focus

This week we introduced Protected Characteristics in an age appropriate way; these are the nine specific aspects of identity legally protected from discrimination under the UK Equality Act 2010.

We focused on disability and difference, both seen and unseen.

We read the story by James Catchpole – based on his own experiences of having a disability / difference.

We talked about hidden and visible differences – and the importance of not limiting people's potential and opportunity. We looked at other disabilities, in relation to hearing, sight mobility, learning difficulties, neurodiversity. The children were keen and proud to share their own personal experiences and differences in their families – a brother who uses a wheelchair, a parent with a prosthetic leg, siblings with neurodiversity. We also looked at one of our local heroes, Richard Whitehead, a paralympic Gold Medalist who runs with prosthetic legs. We spoke about at Westdale, everyone is welcome and everyone belongs. That we should treat all people with kindness and respect.



Safeguarding Focus for Staff

Young carers- we looked at who these children are, how to identify them and how to remove barriers to their learning and well being . A young carer is anyone under 18 who looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or addiction. It is estimated that as many as 1 in 5 pupils in schools in the UK could be young carers at some time before they reach 18, yet schools often have difficulty or don't identify. These children may be providing support that includes practical and or caring responsibilities that would normally be expected by an adult – such as providing emotional support, providing personal care, caring for younger siblings. Further information and support can be found at [Young carers support | Nottinghamshire County Council](#) or ask your child's teacher.

Class Dojo Winners

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

Robins— Harry & Magnus

Kingfishers— Darcee & Jake

Wrens— Sahar, Koen & Edie

Eagles— Ayrton & Novah

Puffins— George & Hugo

Owls— Arlo & Jesse S

Hub—Christian & Myleyah



Ramadan Celebrations



Hayaa in our Robins Class is observing Ramadan and was keen to share these photos with her friends and the school.

Her Ramadan calendar counts down the days of fasting. Each day Hayaa opens the corresponding number on the calendar, and behind each flap there is a word such as "Niyah," which translates to "intention" in English.

Mum shared that Hayaa is really enjoying their morning routine with the calendar.

Eid Celebrations

Some of us in our community will be celebrating Eid in a couple of weeks, as Ramadan comes to an end. Our School Parliament discussed how we could celebrate with our friends; we decided to invite all children to join in with celebrating Eid in school, by a non uniform day on Thursday 19th March.

Children can come in their special clothes, as long as they are not too precious. If you are celebrating Eid in your home remember to send in photos of the celebrations!



Science Day – Monday



Next week is Science week and we are acknowledging the wonder of science in school on Monday. The focus will be on the importance of asking why and being curious. We will be discussing the importance of science – how it helps us to understand and look after our world, our communities and ourselves. We would also love to acknowledge any scientists in our community – so if you work in Science and or technology, please e mail in and let us know- you may get a mention in assembly!

If you want to find out more information or want to be a scientist with your child this weekend / next week – have a look at some of the activities and experiments on the following website - [Activity packs - British Science Week](#) remember to send us pictures of your experiments!

Look out for updates on our investigations in school in next week's weekly roundup.

World Book Day

Wow, what an amazing array of costumes we had! A huge well done and thank you for all of your efforts. The children all looked fabulous.

Again, a massive thank you to Sienna's mum who made the amazing balloon bookworm for us.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



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World Book Day continued.....





The Gedling Green Book is designed to encourage residents to engage in nature-based activities to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Take a look at the information below to find out more! It contains really good information about local parks and walks.

[PowerPoint Presentation](#)



POSTNATAL WELLBEING CBT GROUP

We invite you to join our 6 week
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy group
with Sarah Melton & Ella Adcock



MON 1ST JUNE
12.30-2.30PM
RUDDINGTON, NG11

WE OFFER:

- Postnatal group for women with children under 2 years
- 6 weekly 2 hour sessions in a supportive setting
- Facilitated by two BABCP accredited CBT Therapists
- Attend with or without your baby
- CBT tools to support with managing postnatal stress, anxiety and low mood
- Take home resources
- Connection with other postnatal women
- Maximum of 12 participants

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www.serenitycbt.co.uk / serenitycbt@outlook.com



We have been asked to share this flyer by one of our lovely Westdale Parents.

‘Alongside being a Westdale mum, I’m also a Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapist. My colleague Sarah and I are launching a 6-week Postnatal Wellbeing CBT Group in Ruddington starting Monday 1st June, for mothers with children under two.

I know many families in the school community may also have younger children, so I thought it might be helpful to share’.

Please pass on to any friends/family who you feel may find this useful.

Easter Colouring



Easter colouring competition sheets are being sent out in reading folders on Friday 6th March. It is £1 to enter, which needs to be paid on Arbor.

Closing date is **Wednesday 25th March 2026**. The competition winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 27th March 2026.

Class Photographs

We now have a confirmed date from the photographers for the class group photographs.

These will take place on **Wednesday 15th April 2026**.

All children will need to attend school in uniform on this day. We will send a further reminder nearer the time.

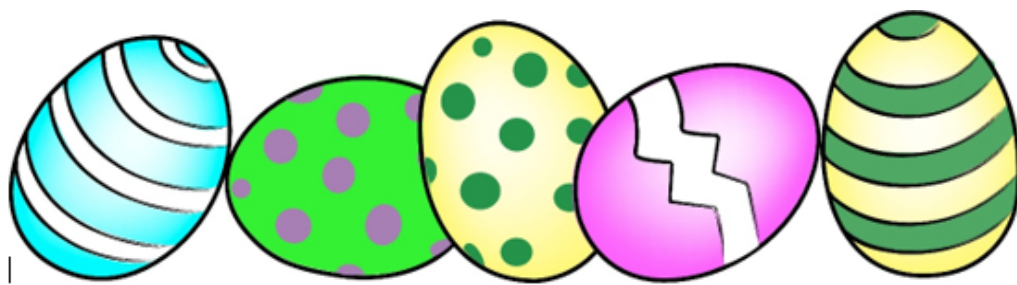


Summer Term Trips

We are in the process of organising Summer trips for F2, Year 1 and Year 2.

Year 1 will receive a letter today - F2 and Year 2; look out for a letter in the next couple of weeks. **Please note—these will appear under payments/trips on Arbor NOT the school shop**





Easter Fun and Fundraising

As part of our continuing fundraising efforts to purchase resources for classrooms and outside areas we would like the children to decorate an egg box (or a lid) and fill it with Easter goodies. This can be any chocolate/sweet treats, for example mini eggs or small chocolate bunnies totalling £1. Please remember NO NUTS.

You can then pay £1 via Arbor and your child can pick another box to take home as their own.

This is always really popular and children love making them as well as choosing one to buy. We do hope that there will be enough boxes made so that all children can take one home to enjoy. If you are able to make more than 1 box this would be greatly appreciated.

We have a few empty egg boxes in the office if you would like to collect one to fill.

Please bring your boxes to your child's class teacher on Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th March so they can be put on display in the hall.

Please pay the £1 donation via Arbor by 9.00am on Wednesday 25th and during the day the children will be able to pick the box they wish to take home.

KAPOW are running an Easter colouring competition. Children will bring home a sheet on Friday 13th March which needs returning to their class teacher by Wednesday 25th March. Please ensure you have paid the £1 entrance fee via Arbor by this date. There will be Easter treats for the lucky winners!

Thank you.



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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