

Westdale Infant School



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Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: 95.8% | This week: 95.8!!% | Target: **97%**

On Monday we started our Science week with a variety of experiments and investigations including ‘dancing raisins’ and ‘balloons into rockets’. We used school funds to purchase each year group two science books to share in class and discover more about the wonders of science and pique curiosity. The investigations and discussions have inspired many questions and interest—we’ve also heard from parents about how their children are inspired to be scientists in the future! We can’t wait to see this happen!

Thank you to those families who attended the Little Stars Parents Meetings on Wednesday, we hope you found the information useful.

Next week we have further Parents’ Evenings, Thursday we have a non-uniform day to celebrate Eid and on Friday it is Red Nose Day where we will be raising money to donate to the cause.

UPCOMING EVENTS

17/03/2026

Parents Evening (Robins, Eagles, Puffins & Kingfishers)

19/03/2026

Non Uniform Day—Eid
Parents Evening (Wrens & Owls)

20/03/2026

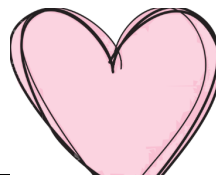
Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform)
£1 donation on Arbor to go directly to Comic Relief

Staff Shout Out

This week’s shout out goes to our lovely Miss Potter. Miss Potter is one of our Little Star’s Teachers and is also the school lead for PE.

Miss Potter has started up a sports club after school on Wednesday’s with Mr Jones (our PE coach), which has been extremely popular. The equipment she has resourced has provided some amazing games for the children.

We love you Miss Potter, for your calm nature, your kindness and your enthusiasm to help the 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

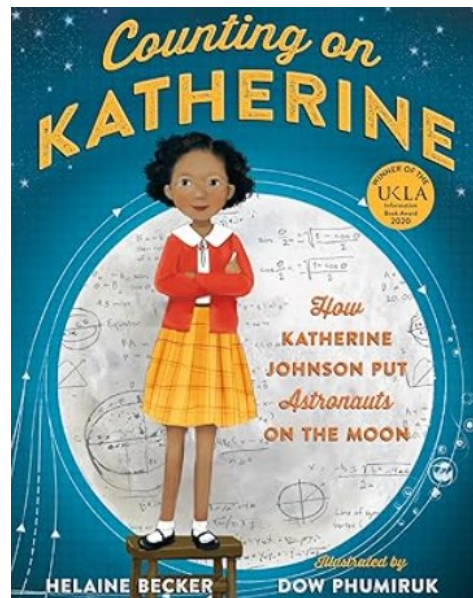
12 June 26
27 July 26

School Assembly Focus

This week's assemblies have been linked to Science week as well as a focus on International Women's Day which was celebrated on the 8th March. We talked about the importance of being curious, asking questions and the importance of 'wonder'.

For International Women's day we took time to about how we can make the world a fairer place for all people. We talked about celebrating women's achievements and talked about equality, respect and empowerment.

We thought about these questions—is there such a thing as a toy for a boy or a girl? Can girls play football? About the importance of not limiting potential and celebrating our strengths, differences and similarities.



Safeguarding Focus for Staff

This week's staff safeguarding focus has been a focus on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

We went through statutory requirements under Keeping Children Safe in Education to be vigilant and report concerns and suspected cases of FGM. For more information; please look at this website.

[Female Genital Mutilation - Prevent & Protect | NSPCC](#)

Class Dojo Winners

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



Robins— Harry & Isobel

Kingfishers— Monty & Ezra

Wrens— Edie, Hudson & Sahar

Eagles— Ayrton, Ava & Novah

Puffins— George & Nelly

Owls— Tilly, Shirley & Christian



We are very pleased that our wraparound club and also the lunch kitchen have both received a 5 in our recent un-planned food hygiene safety visit by Gedling Borough Council.

A big well done to our wraparound staff and lunch staff!

Local Community



Friends of Valley Road Playing Grounds (NG3 6HW) needs your help

Save the date - our 2026 summer fair will be on **Saturday 25 July 2026**.

We have applied for funding from Jigsaw Homes Foundation. Hopefully we will get to go to the residents vote sometime in April.

Please like this post / share with anyone you know who lives in a Jigsaw property near the park and ask them to follow this page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofvalleyroadplayinggrounds/permalink/1306108798025556/>

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!



KAPOW Disco



Saturday 16th May 2025

3pm—5pm

The Punchbowl, Porchester Road, function



Price: on sale in Arbor - £10 in total per family, older and younger siblings included. Free squash and snack for children. **Please email or in app message on Arbor with how many adults & how many children.**

Need to know: Parents required to stay with children

Fundraising for the school: leave donations in the school office or bring on the day:

- bottles for a tombola

- lucky dip prizes - hot wheels, fidgets, squishies, palm sized teddies etc

Don't forget: Please bring £ loose change £ to the disco for the tombola, lucky dip, Pokémon / Squishmallow treasure map and glitter tattoos

Science Day 09/03



Eco Team

Our Eco Team met with Mrs Lewis and Miss Ridley in the absence of Miss Brown. We were all keen to make a start on the planter at the front of school and the children got stuck in weeding, digging, and clearing up the litter from the front of school. We will continue with our work next Friday afternoon – Eco team make sure you have your wellies and gardening gloves!

APPEAL!!!

The children are keen to plant once we have cleared – if you are growing any seedlings or have any spare seeds at home (vegetables) and can spare a few, let the office know.

Thank you



Easter Colouring



Easter colouring competition sheets have been sent out in reading folders. 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.



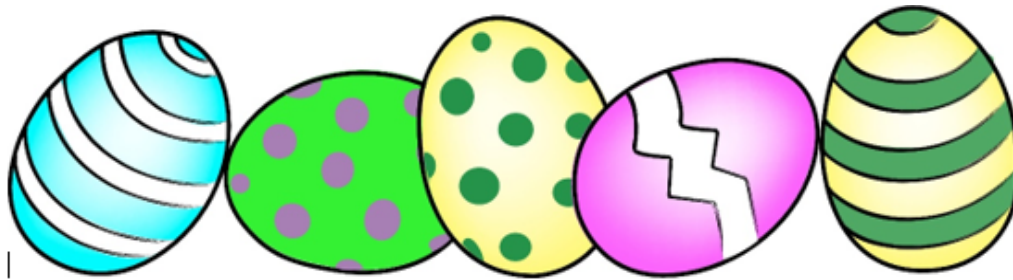
Summer Term Trips

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

Please note—these will appear under payments/trips on Arbor NOT the school shop

Polite reminder: we need your help to ensure these trips take place. Please support by your payment. We are here to help however if payment is a challenge—just talk to the class teacher or school office. We don't want any child to miss out.





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.



Holiday Camps



Easter 2026

Westdale Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



LOCATION:
Westdale Junior School, Mapperley

COST:
£28 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted
FREE places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

DATES & TIME:
8:00am - 5:00pm
Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April
Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April

HOW TO BOOK:
Scan the QR code to book and use code HOWEJU to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)



To book a funded place via EEQU, please scan this QR code

rattleandrollperformance.com
enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com



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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