



Newsletter

Friday 27th September, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been another fantastic week at Westwoodside Church of England Academy, filled with learning, fun, and exciting events.

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many children and parents enjoying our Parent Read session this week. The school was buzzing with excitement and a love for reading. It was also a pleasure to catch up with many of you at the coffee morning afterwards. Your feedback and ideas are invaluable and will help us continue to improve and enhance our school community.

Friday morning was filled with excitement as our Year 6 pupils eagerly waited for the bus to arrive and take them off to their Robinwood residential trip! As I write this, they are about to take on the thrilling challenge of the Piranha Pool. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return!

As part of our efforts to raise awareness and promote positivity, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on Thursday, 10th October with a special non-uniform day. To mark this occasion, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed in the colour that makes them feel happy! We aim to brighten up our school, Westwoodside, and even the world by spreading joy and positivity. Your child can wear their favourite "happy colour" as we join together to raise awareness for mental health and well-being.

It has also been fantastic to see some of our newly trained Sports Leaders already out on the playground leading fun and energetic sessions this week. One of my personal favourites is a game called Splat, though I'm still trying to figure out how the children are so much quicker at it than I am! I think I'll have to get some practice in to keep up with them!

We are currently working to raise funds for a new set of books for our Reception to Year 2 children. The Little Wandle phonics programme has been hugely successful in our school, with reading results over the past two years exceeding the national average — a wonderful achievement we're all proud of. However, many of you have shared that the books we send home don't always capture the children's interest. By improving this library of early reading books, we aim to further enhance the children's love for reading and support their progress.

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To do this, we are hoping to raise £963 to purchase 204 new early reading books that are closely matched to the children's phonics learning, allowing them to better practice their reading at home. We've already received generous contributions from some local companies, who together have pledged £500 towards this goal. If anyone knows of other businesses or organisations that might be able to help us reach the full target, please do get in touch!

A quick reminder that our Meet the Teacher evenings will be held on Tuesday, 8th October and Thursday, 10th October. The booking sheets will be available in the entrance foyer from Monday morning and throughout the week. Please note that appointments will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to sign up early to secure your preferred time.

I am also delighted to confirm that our Year 2 children will be attending the annual Christmas Journey experience at Wesley Church on Tuesday, 26th November. This is always a magical and meaningful event for our students, and we're excited to participate once again.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Best wishes,

Mr Rush
Deputy Head Teacher



£963

Want to help?

Little Wandle needs your help!

Thanks to generous contributions, we've already received £500 towards a new set of Little Wandle books for our Reception to Year 2 children.

If you, or your business, would like to donate towards this fabulous project, then please contact the office. All contributions are gratefully received. Every little helps.



Raised
so far

£500



Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 pupils currently enjoying their Residential weekend at Robin Wood activity centre

Breakfast Club!

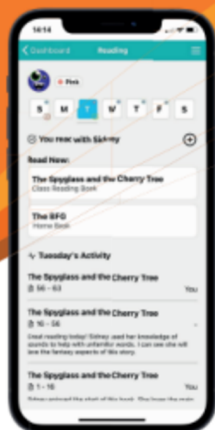
Don't forget we offer a Breakfast Club!



Breakfast club is open every morning from 7:30 AM to 8:50 AM. We offer a range of healthy breakfast options to help your child start their day energised and ready to learn.

The cost is £3.50 per session. If you're interested in booking a space for your child, please contact the school office for more information or to reserve a space.

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Boom Readers of the week

A huge congratulations to our Boom Readers of the Week! These children have earned the most gems on BoomReader by showing fantastic dedication to reading both in school and at home. Well done to all of you for your hard work and enthusiasm — **keep it up!**

R/1 - Harrison

1/2 - Lilly

3/4 - Dermot

4/5 - Emily

6 - Michael



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After School Clubs

From exploring music and performing arts to honing athletic skills, there's a wide range of opportunities for your child to discover new passions and develop valuable skills.

MONDAY

Forest School for Reception to Year 2

TUESDAY

Dance Club for Year 1 to Year 6

WEDNESDAY

Music Club for Reception to Year 2

Multi-sports Club for Year 3 to Year 6

THURSDAY

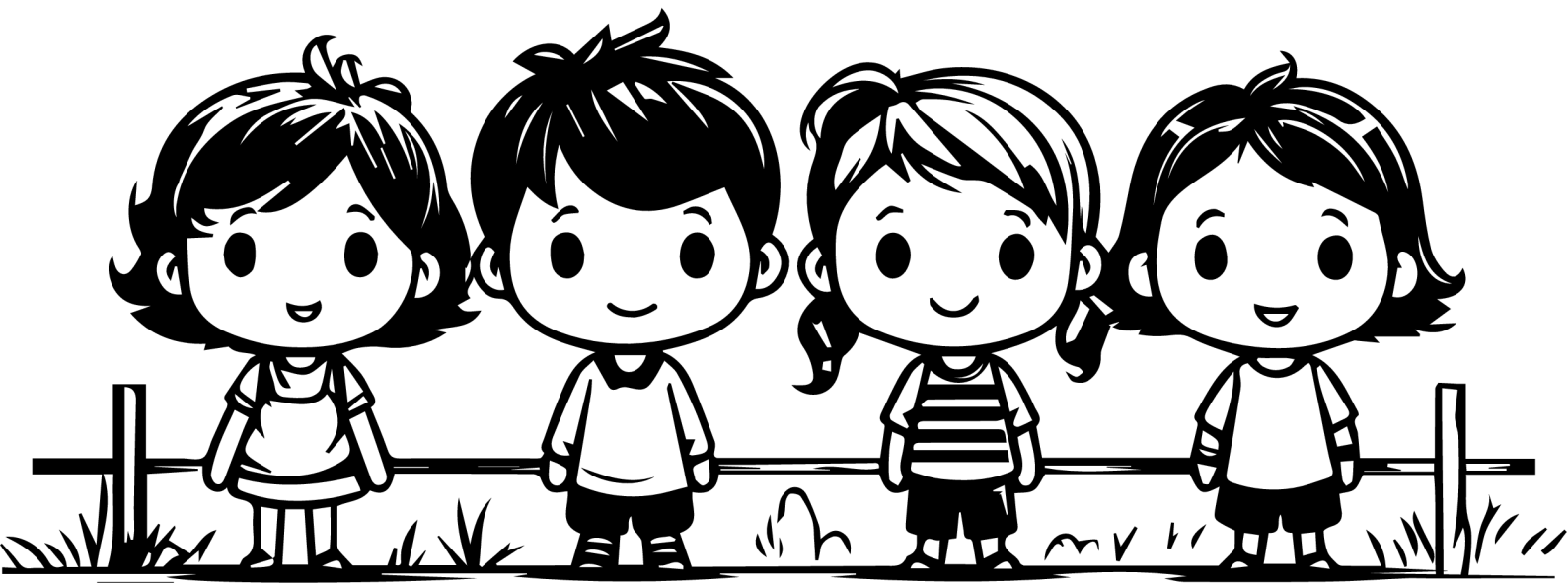
Choir for Year 3 to Year 6

Multi-skills club Reception to Year 2

FRIDAY

Performing Arts for Year 3 to Year 6

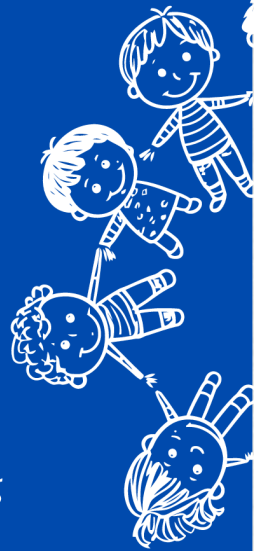
To register for any of the After School Clubs, simply contact the office or click on the links on any of the flyers which are on the school notice-boards, or which you will have received via email from the school.



Attendance

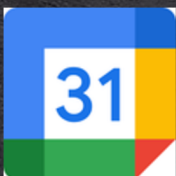
Attendance continues to be a top priority at Westwoodside. However, with the usual seasonal coughs and colds in the air, our attendance has dipped slightly this week, bringing our overall year-to-date average to 95.4%. We understand that if children are unwell, they may not be able to attend school, and their health always comes first. However, if your child is experiencing only mild symptoms such as a slight sore throat or just the sniffles, please do encourage them to come to school. Every day of learning is valuable.

Please remember how important regular school attendance is, not just for academic progress but also for social development and building positive routines. Let's aim to keep our attendance figures up in the coming weeks!



Upcoming Events

- 29/9 Year 6 return to school from Robinwood at approx 4pm
- 30/9 Parents meeting booking in available
- 3/10 Library Van visits school
- 3/10 Harvest festival at Haxey church 2pm
- 8/10 Meet the teacher evening one 3.40 – 6.20
- 10/10 World Mental Health Day - Wear Your Happy Colour
- 10/10 Meet the teacher evening two 3.40 – 6.20
- 18/10 Break up for Half term
- 26/11 Year 2 visit Wesley Church for The Christmas Journey



Remember to see further dates please log into the School Jotter App where you can view and subscribe to the school calendar

Stars of the week

N - Jasmine
R/1 – Jack-Joe
1/2 - Lilly
3/4 - Oliver
4/5 – Lucy
6 – Hallie

Remarkable Work

Take a look at some of the great work we've done in school this week.



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