

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Friday 28th February 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everybody. Hopefully the half-term week was pleasant and restful, giving us all a renewed enthusiasm for the second half of the academic year.

There is lots to look forward to this term and as some classes have already found out, lots of exciting learning opportunities to undertake.

This week we have already had visits from Blast from the Past to immerse children in their History themes. Year one were greeted by Amy Johnson CBE and learned about her pioneering achievements in the world of aviation. Johnson, born in Yorkshire in 1903, flew during the second world war and made the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia.

Year Five were delving a little further back in time to the age of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They were busy with a great range of practical learning activities including deciphering runes, investigating long ships and the studying the Viking calendar. "It was a really fun day because we were able to play games which were all about the Vikings. We went against each other just like the Vikings used to fight battles." Lacey Y5.

This week also saw the arrival of our cricket coach for Years 5 & 6. Let's hope they have a little more success than the national team have had recently. The Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership also visited with their rowing machines which are always a firm favourite – well done to all our budding rowers who put in 110% effort.

Next week sees the return of the annual events World Book Day (Thurs) and Careers Week. On Thursday, children (and adults) can dress up as a book character or wear "something comfy". Voluntary contributions will be welcome and any money donated will go towards supporting class book corners. Careers week will see visits from a range of professionals to talk to children about their jobs and what they do.

The weather forecast for the weekend is looking promising, let's hope the spring term is starting to live up to its name.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Weston Mill Team



**A huge thank you to Mrs Prynn for building a music wall
for the children in foundation to enjoy!**

Attendance

We are continuing to strive for our attendance target of 96% and are making some progress to achieving this and ensuring our children regularly attend school to achieve success. If your child's attendance is less than 90%, you will be asked to attend an attendance meeting with Mrs Gleed. It is important that these meetings are attended to ensure that we are providing the right support for your child to continue to attend school regularly. Our attendance policy can be accessed using the following link:

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies](#)

A gentle reminder to parents that contact **must** be made with school on your child's first day of absence and each day until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council. Arriving late for school after 9.10am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Weekly attendance for 24th February to 28th February.

The UK Government expectation is **96%**. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

This week, our whole school attendance is **91.3%**

This week's winners are : **DUN Class**, and **MOZART Class**.

MOZART	94.9%
PRICE	91.5%
ZIMMER	94.2%



BRITTEN	84.0%
DUN	96.2%
HOLST	87.2%
TCHAIKOVSKY	89.0%

Wellie Request

We are looking for donations of old wellies so more children can access our Forest School. If you have any please they would be greatly appreciated



Celebrating Success

Year	Value awards	Star Learners
Nursery	Jessica	Lyla-Rose
Reception	Joshie	Rabbi
Year 1	Evie	Henry
Year 2	Bonnie	Scotty
Year 3	Mantas	Harry M
Year 4	Vihana	Samuel
Year 5	Benjamin	Marcie
Year 6	Ritisha	Oscar



Our Learning

Nursery have had a great start to the term with planting our beans in line with our theme 'Things That Grow'.

Firstly we sat as a group to organise the planting cards to ensure we took the right steps, once we all understood the instructions we began planting!

It was amazing to see the children engaged and show such a caring nature towards the bean and they are super excited to watch them grow.

Miss Bulley was very impressed with how much the children already knew about Things That Grow, as one child was able to tell her that bees spread seeds to help flowers grow once that have collected their honey!



Our Learning

Brahms and Mozart Class have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning in the Springtime Sunshine. The children have worked collaboratively and created their own garden centre for their new topic 'How does your garden grow'. There have been many smiles and giggles bug hunting, exploring movement using hoops, balance beams and the trim trail. The children have been using large construction to build dens and forts. There has also been some excellent problem solving where the children have created water ways from guttering at different levels to make the balls flow down.



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct school uniform. If you require additional items of school uniform, please speak to Mrs Lavers who will be more than happy to help from our spare uniform.

here's a 10% discount code for your parents to save money on uniform from [MyClothing](#).

Code = **UNIFORM10%**

Expires = 31/03/2025

Compulsory Uniform Items

Navy school jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)



White or blue polo shirt (with or without the school logo)



Trousers or shorts, or skirt (mid grey)



School Uniform

Update Below!

Parents are reminded that their child should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days. We ask that children wear their school jumper/cardigan as part of their PE kit only. **Hoodies are no longer permitted.** We appreciate your continued support and invite parents to speak with Mrs Lavers if they require any support for any items of uniform.

PE Kit

White polo shirt or t-shirt
(with or without logo)



Black shorts



Navy/Black jogging bottoms



Important Dates

Class Assembly Dates

Year 2 Friday 21st March 2025 @ 9.15

Year 1 Friday 4th April 2025 @ 9.15

Year EYFS Friday 23rd May 2025 @ 9.15



Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

For all events and any changes click below:

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar](#)



Important Dates

Spring Term New PE Days

Due to the Cricket Coach having to change his days to visit Weston Mill, we will need to change PE days.

Please could your child wear their PE kit to school on the following days:

Year 2 Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 3 Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 4 Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 5 Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 6 Mondays and Wednesdays

Thank you for your support with this.

Important Dates



This year, as part of the **Year 6** leaver's production, we will be participating in the TRP Playhouse project. The performance date will be **Friday 11th July at 12pm**: the performance will take place at the Theatre Royal Plymouth. Further details and ticket information will follow nearer the time, but we wanted to ensure parents/carers had the date in advance.

Important Dates



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025.

We would like to invite children to come dressed as their favourite book character. Alternatively, children may wear comfy mufti clothes.

Our school Reading Champions have suggested that each child could donate an amount (perhaps 50p). These donations will be used for each class to purchase a few new books for the class library. The books will be chosen by a vote in each class.

Thank you for your kind support.

Important Dates



Careers Day



On Friday 7th March, we are holding a Careers Day! This is about raising children's aspirations for their futures and learning about a wide variety of jobs.

We are looking for a variety of visitors to come in and talk to the children all about their careers and occupations! If you, or anyone you know, are able to help, please follow the link to complete the form and we will get back to you with more details. <https://forms.office.com/e/CsDHj0YHTs>

Thank you!



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Important Dates

Mozart and Brahms Class trip to the garden centre week beginning Monday 10th March

Thursday 3rd April- EYFS Easter stay and play
2pm-3pm

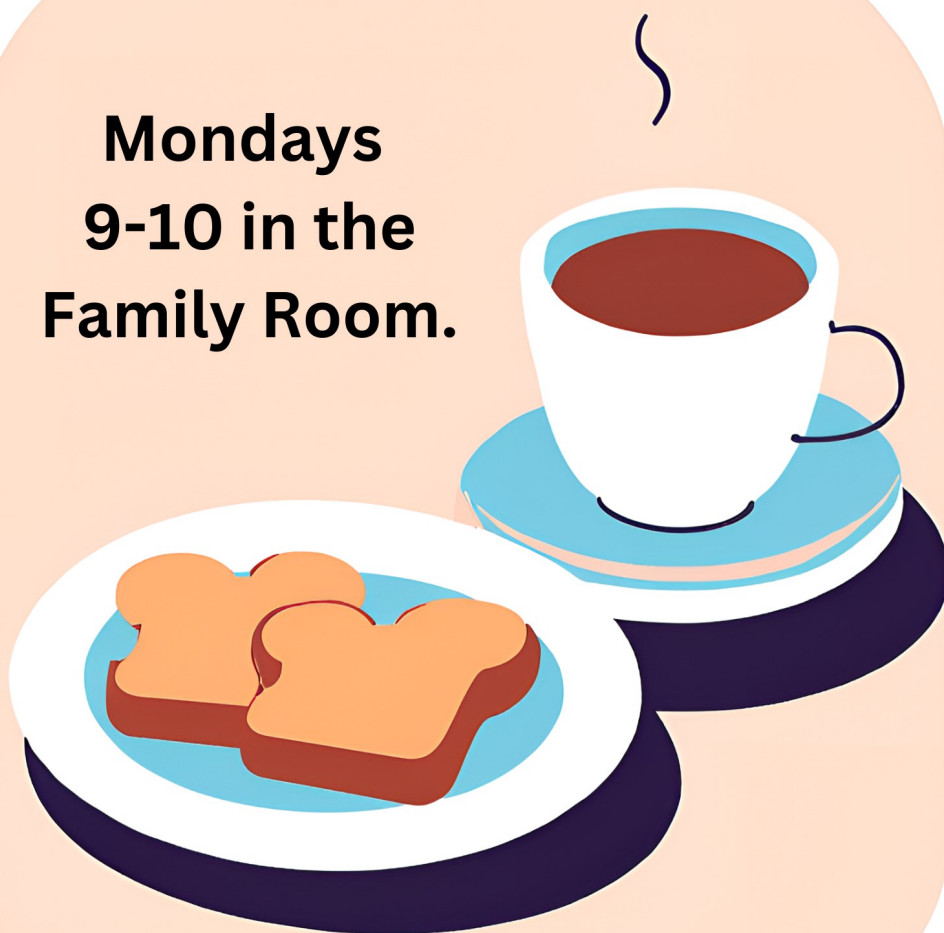
It's on the calendar!

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar](#)

Important Dates

Tea, Toast and Talk

**Mondays
9-10 in the
Family Room.**



**just pop in for a quick chat and
a cuppa**

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Nursery	j.bulley@discoverymat.co.uk
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Year 2	k.kombostiotis@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 3	j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4	j.butson@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4	s.mann@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 5	a.hewlett@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 6	l.wallace@discoverymat.co.uk

Family Support Team

			
Mr Steve Mann Assistant Head of School Deputy Designated Lead for Safeguarding Safeguarding Behaviour Attendance Family Support	Mrs Zoe Lavers Family Support worker First Contact to Signpost Parents Foodbank Courses for parents/Carers Services Families Community Support School Life Parents Questions & Answers Local Issues Coffee mornings Under 5 Group	Mrs Becca Gleed Head of School Designated Lead for Safeguarding Education and Curriculum PTFA Contact Family Support	Mrs Laura Harris INCO SEND Support SEND and Behaviour Support for Parents School Nurse Referrals DLA Applications GP Letters

Lunch Menu

Please note week 3 Friday will be fishfingers instead of fishcakes.

Hot paninis will be available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.


Cheese or Ham.

Nursery Children can now choose from Red, Green and Blue Option.

NEW DATES











Lunch Menu



WEEK 1


W/C - MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 25TH NOVEMBER, 16TH DECEMBER, 20TH JANUARY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 10TH MARCH, 31ST MARCH

MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Margherita pizza with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (E)	CHOICE 2 - H, W Chicken curry with rice Allergens: (Su)	 All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)
 CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Katerveg meatballs served with homemade tomato sauce & pasta Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So)	 CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Chickpea & sweetcorn burger served in a bun with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (So)	Meat Option Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) Climate Friendly Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H, V Golden pastry topped vegetable pie, gravy & roast potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce)	CHOICE 2 - H, V Tangy cheese, quinoa & vegetable muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
 DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad	DESSERT - H, W, V Butternut and date cake Allergens: (Glu)(Wh), (E)	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter or Yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (Mi)	 DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Fruity cornflake tart with custard Allergens: (Wh), (Bar)
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT 				


Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Check alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DESH, V = VEGETARIAN

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sunflower (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (M), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

 = Climate Friendly

DID YOU KNOW
 You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!
Tilda



Lunch Menu

WEEK 2

W/C - MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2ND DECEMBER, 6TH JANUARY, 27TH JANUARY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 17TH MARCH

WINTER WARMER HOT PANINI
Choose from Ham & Tomato or Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips and vegetables.

MONDAY	MEAT FREE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Baked bean and sausage pasta bake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE Katerveg mince chilli and rice Allergens: (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Chicken chow mein Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F)
CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn dippers with seasoned potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H, V Tasty cheese wheels with herby diced potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu)	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Vegetable sausage, mash and gravy Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Roast Quorn fillet, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Homemade cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW

DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad Allergens: (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruity flapjack Allergens: (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, W, V Westcountry root cake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter Allergens: (Glu), (O), M/C: (Wh), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, V Zesty cake with custard Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Su), (Mi) m/c (Bar)
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Lunch Menu

WEEK 3

W/C - MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 9TH DECEMBER, 13TH JANUARY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 3RD MARCH, 24TH MARCH

MONDAY

CHOICE 1 - H, W
Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh)
m/c (Mi), (Bar)

CHOICE 2 - H, V
Crispy samosa with rice
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh), (E)

DESSERT - V, VE
Fruit salad

TUESDAY

CHOICE 1 - H
Chicken paella

CHOICE 2 - V, VE
Quorn nuggets with diced potato
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh)

DESSERT - H, V
Orange honey cake
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)

MEAT FREE WEDNESDAY

CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE
Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread & pasta
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se)

CHOICE 2 - H, V
Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c (Se)

DESSERT - H, V, VE
Custard biscuits with fruit slices
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh)

THURSDAY

CHOICE 1 - H
Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy & roast potatoes
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh), (E)

CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE
Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy & roast potatoes
Allergens:
m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)

DESSERT - H, V, VE
Fruit Platter
Allergens:
(So)

FRIDAY

CHOICE 1 - H
Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh), (F), (E)

CHOICE 2 - V, VE
Quorn fingers served with fresh chips
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh)

DESSERT - H, W, V
Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce
Allergens:
(Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) m/c (Bar)

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Lunch Menu

ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS



NOVEMBER **BONFIRE NIGHT** (TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER)

Hotdogs with seasoned wedges, Warming chilli and rice, Jacket potatoes with bonfire beans and cheese, Toffee apple cake and custard



DECEMBER **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** (SEE YOUR SCHOOL FOR DATE)

See your schools poster for the full Christmas menu and date



JANUARY **SIX NATIONS** (FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY)

Fish fillet and chips or pasta, Cheese and leek plait, served with French green beans and carrots, Melting moments



FEBRUARY **TEDDY BEAR DAY** (MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY)

Winnie the Pooh honey chicken with seasoned wedges and coleslaw, Kung Fu Panda stir fried noodles with veg, Paddington Bear marmalade cake



MARCH **INTER. SCHOOL MEAL DAY** (THURSDAY 13TH MARCH)

Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, Italian Frittata, Lamington tray bake, Salad bar includes Swedish beetroot and apple salad



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Head Lice

Dear Parents

RE: HEAD LICE

Following a few cases of head lice at school, please use the information on this sheet when you look through your child's hair.

FOR THE FOLLOWING TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE WE ADVISE THE FOLLOWING: -

IT IS MUCH EASIER TO CHECK FOR HEAD LICE IF YOU HAVE WET HAIR.

Wash your child's hair and rinse.

Put conditioner on the hair and comb through (roots to ends) with a head lice comb. Rinse off conditioner as normal.

If you find head lice, please repeat this every day for ten days. You should then get rid of all the lice.

Please repeat for each member of the family, if you find head lice.

If you have big problems please visit your GP surgery, where they may prescribe lotion to treat.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EGGS NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT ONE AT A TIME. COMBS OR LOTION DO NOT GET RID OF THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE GLUED TO THE HAIR.

Please see the NHS advice below for further information.

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Any parents who missed the consenting process and still wish their child to have the flu vaccine, please ask call 01392 342 678 and a consent form can be completed over the phone and you will be assisted with booking into one of our community clinics to have the vaccination done.

Anyone who has already completed a consent form and their child did not get the vaccine for any reason will automatically receive and email inviting them book into a community clinic.



NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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Helping to protect children, every winter

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS
ARE IN CREDIT.

WE ARE RUNNING A NO DEBT POLICY

PLEASE CLICK BELOW FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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PLEASE CLEAR ANY DEBT NOW

[ParentPay](#)