



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Tuesday 1 October - Harvest activities (KS1)

Friday 4 October - Harvest assembly

Monday 7 October – Year 5/6 tag rugby competition

Thursday 10 October - Scholastic Book Fair here for 1 week & **Year 3/4 football competition & Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day**

Monday 14 and Thursday 17 October - Parent and Carer consultation evenings

Tuesday 15 October - Flu vaccination nasal spray (whole school)

Thursday 24 October - Eagles class assembly (arrive 9.50am for a 10am start)

Friday 25 October - INSET Day (school closed for all children)

Monday 4 November - School reopens

Friday 15 November - Children In Need

Tuesday 19 November - Year 4 Bikeability

Thursday 21 November - Owls class assembly (arrive 9.50am for a 10am start)

Monday 2 December - Eagles class to Crucial Crewe (am); KS2 to New Vic Theatre (pm)

Monday 9 December - Sparrows class nativity (pm and evening)

Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December - Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 11 December - EY and KS1 theatre trip (pm)

Thursday 12 December - Magpies class assembly (arrive 9.50am for a 10am start); Robins and Puffins performance (pm and evening)

Tuesday 17 December - Christmas crafts (EY and KS1)

Wednesday 18 December - Choir to perform at Shavington Christmas concert (evening)

Friday 20 December - Weston's Got Talent; Break up for Christmas

A message from Mr Cutts

What a fantastic start to the new school year we have had! It's been wonderful seeing our expert team support the children into such a successful start and the school is buzzing with learning and fun. Our new starters across the school and in Sparrows class have settled very well. It's hard to believe that Reception are just completing their second full week at school – they look like they've been here all year with their confidence, manners and happy smiles! The remnants of the summer keep trying to make an appearance but at some point we'll all have to accept that it's going to get colder. Please make sure that your child has a named coat (ideally waterproof) for those inevitably cold and wet days that are just around the corner.

Clubs

The children have really enjoyed the various clubs that started last week. There is a lot of variety and different options will be available to different age groups throughout the year. The current clubs



include Eco, Critical Thinking, Mindfulness Colouring, Board Games, Choir, Netball, Photography, Lego, Story Time, STEM and Weaving – lots to do!

There are still some places available in our sports after- school clubs. [Click here to access more information and book your child in.](#)

There will also be a cricket after school club starting next Thursday for children in Year 4, 5 and 6. This will be led by a qualified cricket coach who also provides cricket sessions within curriculum time for all year groups. Other children will have access to the after school club after October half term. The cost of the club is £3 per session and the sessions are after school until 4.15pm. There are 24 places available and they can be booked on School Spider.



Magpies Class

Parents will know that Mrs Whittaker was absent from school for part of last year due to the impact of a life-changing medical diagnosis. We were delighted to welcome her back in September and she was very happy to be back and doing what she loves. As with all longer-term absences, Mrs Whittaker had a short phased return to help her to readjust and so the class was taught by Miss Diamond for some afternoon sessions at the start of term. Miss Diamond covered Mrs Whittaker's absence last year and is very much part of our team. Just when Mrs Whittaker was set to return fully to the classroom, she has suffered a significant and very unexpected family bereavement, leading to understandable absence. Where possible, the class will be taught by Miss Diamond during this absence. She had a pre-arranged commitment this week meaning that another teacher taught the class yesterday and today but will be with us going forward, while needed. Parents should know that the children are in excellent hands and that Mrs Whittaker is being supported through what continues to be a very challenging period of time for her.

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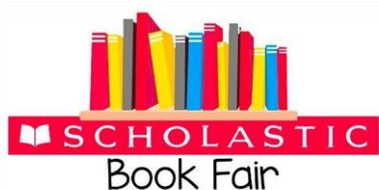


Many thanks to everyone who has completed the quick permissions form in the School Spider app. Please could the small handful of parents who have yet to complete it, please do so as soon as possible.

Lost Property

Despite the children wearing PE uniform on PE days, we still end up with lost property – mostly jumpers and cardigans that the children shed throughout the day. When they are mislaid, it is really easy to reunite them with their owner when they are clearly named. Without a name, it is near-impossible. Even though some children have a bloodhound-esque ability to sniff a jumper and immediately identify its owner, we can't always rely on that strategy! Why not learn my handy poem!

In our Lost and Found parade,
Name your clothes,
don't let them fade,
No need for sniffing jumpers here,
Labels make their owners clear.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 10 October for one week. There will be books for all ages with a wide and up-to-date selection on offer. Every single book you buy provides us with commission that we can spend on more books for in school. More details will follow about the ordering process.



Friends of Weston Village Primary School

Our wonderful Friends of Weston gave all of the new starters in Sparrows class a little treat to welcome them to big school. FOWs do so much good in our school community thanks to a team of wonderful parent volunteers. This includes organising big family events such as fireworks displays and fairs, events for the children such



as movie nights and discos and fun in-school activities such as Easter

egg hunts. Everyone is welcome and your time and ideas would be very much appreciated. Why not find out more by joining their meeting next Thursday at 7.30pm at The White Lion. They'd love to see you!

Year 6 Ambassadors and Buddies

All our Year 6 children are assigned an ambassador role. They were given their roles and badges this week and will soon start working on their action plans. The children are looking forward to the challenge of leadership. Their roles include Community, Digital, Eco, Inclusion, Learning, Sports and Safeguarding and Wellbeing. There is a lot for them to get their teeth into this year and we will share their many endeavours with you.

The Year 6s are also loving being buddies to the new starters, helping them to settle in, make friends and play safe and fun games at playtimes. Sparrows class also love having new friends in Year 6 who are friendly faces around school.

Harvest

Our harvest assembly is in two weeks' time on Friday 4 October. As ever, we are requesting food donations. We are continuing our partnership with local charity Chance Changing Lives and their Community Pantry and any food that you donate will be given to them and ultimately support those in need in our community. Please send this food in on the day, Friday 4 October. They have requested that we send in the items on the picture below. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Ask your child to sing you our harvest songs – they love them!

Rev. Rachael will be in school during the same week to provide some harvest-themed workshops for children in Years 1 and 2.

Harvest Appeal

Beans and sausage	Tomato sauce
Juice/cordial	Brown sauce
Cereal	Porridge Oats
Meals in a tin	Cereal
Gravy granuals	Hot Dogs
Sugar	Jam
Coffee	Marmalade
Sweetcorn	Corned Beef



Attendance

Here is the attendance for this week. Please continue to support your child's good attendance by getting them into school on time every day and speaking to us if you have any concerns or require support. We will do the same.

Class	Attendance
Sparrows	99.3%
Robins	97.3%
Puffins	96.9%
Kingfishers	97.4%
Blackbirds	98.1%
Magpies	99.6%
Owls	96.7%
Eagles	96.6%
Whole School	97.7%

School Photographs

The children should have all brought home their school photo proofs and information on ordering them. The deadline for ordering is Monday 7 October.

Flu Nasal Spray

Information was sent home regarding the nasal spray flu vaccination, which all children are eligible for. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, types of flu can vary, so it is recommended to have it annually to maximise protection. The spray will only be administered by the vaccination team with parental permission, so please complete the e-consent form ahead of our date – Tuesday 15 October.

Reception and Year 7 2025

Don't forget to apply for a school place if your child is due to start primary school or secondary school in September 2025. Details are on the poster. I have already shown lots of prospective parents around school and look forward to sharing it with others throughout the term. If your child needs a place then you must apply, even if you have other children at the school.

**Apply online
for a school place**
It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2025.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

**You can apply from
1st September 2024 at
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2024 for secondary

15th January 2025 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

**Cheshire East
Council**

World Mental Health Day

We are supporting World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10 October. Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing for children and staff is a priority at Weston and we want to show how much we value it by encouraging everyone to wear something yellow on the day. For ease, we will make this a full non-uniform day with something yellow. This might be a jumper, hairband, socks, onesie – we'd like to make our school a sea of yellow and talk with the children about why.



National Fitness Day

We observed National Fitness Day on Wednesday. Fitness is something we are passionate about and our curriculum promotes daily physical activity, including via the Weston Mile, which the children run every day. On Wednesday, Mrs Buckley and Miss Griffiths led a very active playtime.



Meet The Teacher

Thank you for attending our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. Our home/school relationship is of utmost importance to the success of the children and the initial step is us getting to know each other. Please contact your child's teacher via phone or Class Dojo or catch them at the end of the day. We will do the same in order to maintain an ongoing dialogue with you about your child.



The Cornovii Trust

We are delighted to have been joined in TCT by another primary school this September. Pear Tree Primary School in Nantwich have joined our trust and I am really looking forward to the opportunities that this will provide children and staff. As our trust grows, the work we do across our schools becomes more and more impactful and Pear Tree are a very welcome addition to the TCT family. For parents who may not know, Weston and Pear Tree are joined in the trust by two other primary schools – Alsager Highfields and Audlem St James – and by two secondary schools, Alsager and Brine Leas. I look forward to sharing news of our exciting collaborations and opportunities with you throughout the year.

No Dogs on School Grounds

For the safety and comfort of all our pupils, please remember that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. This standard policy helps ensure a safe environment for everyone.



Nut-Free School

For the safety of children with severe allergies, Weston is a nut-free school. Parents must be vigilant about packing lunches. Common offenders include Kinder Bueno and other chocolate/hazelnut-based items. We regularly check lunches and remove items deemed to be a risk.

Medication

Please ensure all medications are handed to the office with the appropriate documentation. It is your responsibility to ensure that inhalers and epipens are up-to-date.

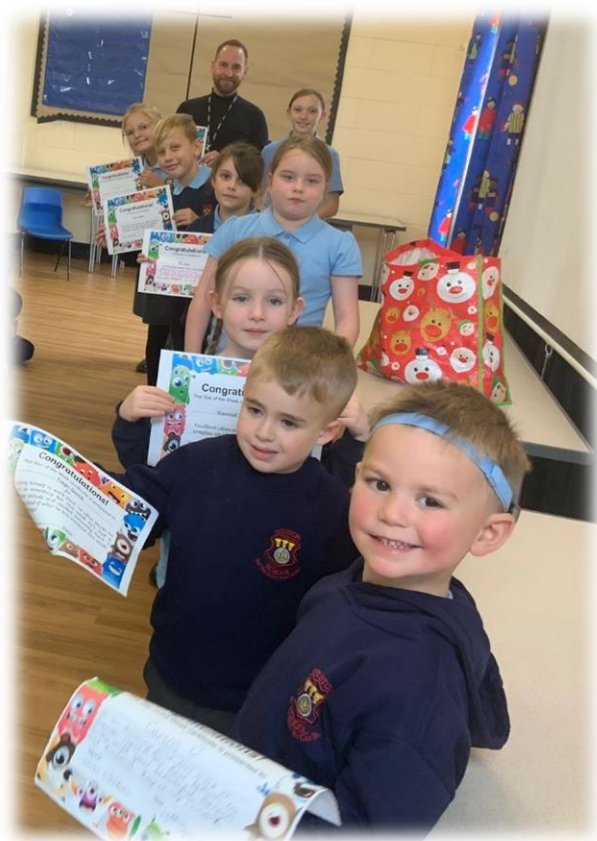
Stars of the Week

Here are most of the most recent stars of the week. They embraced the Secrets of Success in a number of different ways and their teachers told the whole school how they had been successful, in Celebration Assembly. I can't tell you how thrilled I was to get a certificate too!

Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the most recent school communications:

- Swimming Lessons (Y5 & Y6)
- Medical Needs
- Academy Photographs
- NHS Nasal Flu Campaign 2024
- Enrichment Clubs
- Meet The Teacher
- The Hive (breakfast session booking cut-off time update)



Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thomas Cutts