



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Monday 24 February – School reopens; Year 6 on residential all week

Friday 28 February – Puffins and Owls outdoor learning

Thursday 6 March – World Book Day

Friday 7 March – Robins and Blackbirds outdoor learning

Monday 10 March to Wednesday 12 March – Year 4 residential

Thursday 13 March – Y5/6 football competition

Monday 17 March – RSPCA assembly; STEM week (see letter for details)

Monday 24 and Thursday 27 March – Parent consultation meetings

Tuesday 1 April – TCT Year 6 public speaking competition

Thursday 3 April – Kingfishers class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Friday 4 April – FoWs Easter event; Break up for Spring holiday

Tuesday 22 April – School reopens

Friday 25 April – Englesea Brook Community Peace Garden officially opens (Weston involvement tbc)

Thursday 1 May – Puffins class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Monday 5 May – Bank holiday (school closed)

Monday 12 May – KS2 SATS week

Tuesday 20 May – Puffins trip to Nantwich Museum

Thursday 22 May – Robins class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Friday 23 May – Break up for half term

Monday 2 June – School reopens

A message from Mr Cutts

As we head towards the half-term break, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been another fantastic and action-packed few weeks at Weston.

Across the school, there has been so much to celebrate—whether it's the enriching learning experiences happening in classrooms every day, the exciting trips and events that bring our curriculum to life, or the fantastic external feedback we have received from recent visits and reviews. Our staff work tirelessly to make every opportunity count for our children and I am incredibly grateful for their dedication, energy and ambition in ensuring the very best for all pupils.

I'd also like to thank parents for taking the time to complete our recent parent survey. We are delighted with the positive feedback and we will be sharing a full response after half-term. Your thoughts and support are invaluable in helping us continue to grow and improve.

Wishing everyone a well-earned break and looking forward to all that's to come next half-term!

Crewe Fire and Rescue Visit Year 5

Yesterday, our Year 5 pupils had an exciting and informative visit from Crewe Fire and Rescue, who delivered their Smokebusters programme, helping to raise awareness of fire safety.

The session included:

🔥 A Fire Safety Talk – Teaching children important lessons about fire prevention, staying safe, and what to do in an emergency.

🚒 Exploring the Fire Engine – The children had the chance to take a close-up look at the fire engine and learn about the various tools and equipment

firefighters use in their life-saving work.

🌫️ The Smoke Tent Experience – A hands-on demonstration that allowed pupils to understand how smoke behaves in a fire and how to stay low and navigate safely in a smoky environment.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn vital safety skills in an engaging and memorable way. A huge thank you to Crewe Fire and Rescue for taking the time to visit and for delivering such an invaluable experience!



Weston's Butterfly Garden Will Soon Be Blooming!

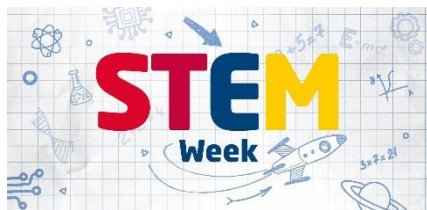
Earlier this term, Fearne and Leilani from our Eco Club impressed Mr Cutts with a fantastic presentation about making our school grounds more butterfly-friendly. After researching and planning their ideas, they successfully pitched for the creation of a butterfly garden, securing the support needed to bring their vision to life.

We are delighted to share that the butterfly garden has now been created near the main gates! It has been carefully planted with wildflower seed and other pollinator-friendly plants to provide a welcoming habitat for butterflies and other insects. To clearly mark this special area, it is now surrounded by a small picket fence.

We kindly ask parents and children to take care around the garden when entering and leaving school. Please ensure that children do not walk on or damage the area so that we can all enjoy this beautiful addition to our school grounds as it grows and flourishes.

A huge well done to the Eco Club for their hard work and dedication in making Weston a greener, more butterfly-friendly place!








Exciting STEM Week Ahead!

We are looking forward to an action-packed STEM Week, beginning on Monday 17 March, where children will engage in a range of science, technology, engineering, and maths activities based on the theme 'Change and Adapt'.

Throughout the week, each day will focus on a different scientific concept, with activities taking place in classrooms and across the school. Some key highlights include:

 **Mad Science Assembly (Wednesday)** – A fun and engaging whole-school assembly led by Mad Science, exploring how materials change and adapt.

 **3D Science Models (Thursday)** – Children are encouraged to create 3D models at home related to science and bring them in for our very own Science Fair. We hope to see lots of creative entries on display!

 **Dress-Up Day (Friday)** – To round off the week, children will dress up in the colour of their class's planet as part of a space-themed celebration. Staff will be the Sun, and we are hoping to create a giant solar system on the playground!

It promises to be a fantastic week of discovery, hands-on learning, and scientific fun! Look out for more details on Class soon.

Exciting Residential Trips Ahead for Year 4 and Year 6

We are thrilled to be offering our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils the opportunity to take part in some exciting residential trips in the coming weeks.

- **Year 6: Boreatton Park**

After the half-term holiday, our Year 6 pupils will be heading off to Boreatton Park for a week of adventure! They will be taking part in activities such as high ropes, team-building challenges, and many other exciting



experiences that will help them build confidence, develop new skills and create lasting memories.

- **Year 4: Tattenhall**

In March, our Year 4 pupils will be going on an action-packed residential trip to Tattenhall for two nights. This trip will combine plenty of fun with adventurous activities designed to help children learn, grow and shine both as individuals and as part of a team.

We are very excited about these upcoming adventures and can't wait to see our pupils challenge themselves, develop new skills and create wonderful memories together.

Trust Update: Collaboration Across Schools

Our work with The Cornovii Trust (TCT) continues to strengthen links across our schools, with exciting developments in family support, writing and mathematics.

Family Support with Our FLO

Our Family Liaison Officer (FLO), Helen Potts, is now well established and working hard to support children and families at Weston. Helen is based on-site every Tuesday afternoon and is available to offer advice and guidance on a range of issues, including attendance, wellbeing and signposting to support services. Parents can contact her via the school office (01270 814848) or by email at h.potts@alsagerschool.org.

Writing Collaboration Continues

Our writing collaboration with trust colleagues remains a key focus, with Weston staff involved in shared moderation and work on KS2 to KS3 transition. These ongoing projects are helping to ensure consistency and high standards in writing across all phases of education.

Weston Hosts Maths Trust Event

Last week, we welcomed colleagues from across the trust to Weston for a trust-wide maths morning, hosted by our maths lead, Mrs Tyrrell. The event provided an opportunity for primary and secondary teachers to observe lessons, share pedagogy and discuss best practices for embedding mastery and transition strategies.

Visitors observed Year 5 and 6 maths lessons, taught by Mr Robinson and Mrs Lawton/Mrs Tyrrell, and shared fantastic feedback on Weston's approach, including:

- ✚ Pre-learning strategies that help pupils build confidence before tackling new concepts.
- ✚ Mass engagement techniques that ensure every child is actively involved in lessons.
- ✚ Well-embedded oracy strategies that encourage children to explain, justify, and deepen their understanding of maths.

One of our secondary colleagues, who also leads the Cheshire and Wirral Maths Hub, commented:

"There is so much that we would love to take into our secondary schools, but also some really concrete strategies being used at Weston to develop oracy in maths that we would love to explore further."

The next step in this exciting project will be to visit secondary schools within the trust, mirroring the approach we took in our writing collaboration. This will help us identify ways to build on the excellent maths teaching at Weston and ensure a seamless transition into KS3.


We are proud of our role in these trust-wide initiatives and look forward to continuing our work with colleagues across all phases of education.



We're Hiring – Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to join our fantastic staff team at Weston Village Primary School. This is a great opportunity for a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to support pupils with special educational needs, helping them to thrive in school.

For full details about the role, including how to apply and key deadlines, please visit:

 [The Cornovii Trust Vacancies – Weston](#) If you know someone who would be a great fit, please share!

Robins Class Step Back in Time with Victorian School Day

Robins Class had a fantastic trip to The Children's Country House, Sudbury, where they explored the Museum of Childhood and became toy detectives, investigating the differences between historical and modern toys. The children loved the Victorian classroom experience so much that they lobbied Miss Wright to let them relive it at school—so that's exactly what they did!



Today, they travelled back in time for a Victorian school day. Dressed in Victorian-style clothing, they immersed themselves in traditional lessons, focusing on the three Rs—reading, writing, and arithmetic. They practised writing on mock blackboards, experimented with 'fancy' handwriting and even took part in a role-play scenario featuring Victorian-style discipline (all in good fun, of course!).

The children were incredibly excited about the experience, with some even looking forward to having a strict teacher for the day! It was a brilliant way to bring their history learning to life and wonderful to see our children so engaged in their learning.



Children's Mental Health Week: Knowing Yourself and Growing Yourself

Last week, we took part in Children's Mental Health Week, with this year's theme being 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Each day, the children explored a different Inside Out 2 character, helping them to understand and talk about a range of emotions.

Throughout the week, children took part in a variety of engaging activities designed to support their emotional wellbeing, including:

- 😊 Monday – Joy: Finding and sharing happy moments, creating gratitude jars, and celebrating positivity.
- 😞 Tuesday – Anxiety: Learning self-soothing techniques, mindfulness strategies, and ways to manage worries.
- 💚 Wednesday – Envy: Exploring gratitude and celebrating what makes us unique.
- 😬 Thursday – Embarrassment: Building confidence and resilience through growth mindset activities.
- 💙 Friday – Sadness: Recognising the importance of expressing emotions and seeking support. Children also wore their favourite colours to celebrate their individuality.

It was a fantastic week filled with thoughtful discussions, creativity, and self-reflection, and the children engaged brilliantly with the activities. Thank you to everyone who supported the week, helping to ensure that children develop a strong understanding of emotions and the tools to manage them.

Young Voices: A Night to Remember!

What an incredible experience for our Young Voices Choir as 45 of our KS2 children took part in the Young Voices concert at Manchester's Co-op Live Arena!

Performing as part of a 5,000+ strong choir, our children sang a fantastic range of songs, from the timeless music of Bob Marley to an old-school garage rave! The atmosphere was electric, and the children embraced every moment of the experience, creating core memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising this unforgettable opportunity, to our amazing volunteers and staff for their support, and to Friends of Weston for providing the brilliant Young Voices T-shirts.

A truly magical evening filled with music, energy, and joy—well done to all involved!



Friends of Weston Updates

Silent Disco Success!

The KS2 Silent Disco was a huge hit, with children singing and dancing their hearts out to a choice of three fantastic playlists! It was a brilliant event filled with fun, energy, and some serious dance moves!

World Book Day Costume Collection

A massive thank you to parents who have supported the World Book Day costume and book donation drive. Your generosity will help ensure that every child can take part in the fun.

Young Voices T-Shirts

A huge shoutout to Friends of Weston for providing the Young Voices T-shirts, helping to make the event even more special for our choir members.



Easter Event Coming Soon!

Watch this space for details about an exciting Easter event coming up soon!

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our FOWs team and our wonderful school community!



Blackbirds and Magpies Impress in Their Class Assemblies

Blackbirds and Magpies recently took to the stage for their class assemblies, giving parents a fantastic insight into the broad and exciting learning they have been doing over the past few weeks.

The children proudly shared their work, spoke with confidence about their learning, and treated the audience to some wonderful singing. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and hard work shine through.

A huge well done to all the children and staff for putting together such engaging and memorable assemblies. We hope parents enjoyed celebrating the children's achievements as much as we did!



Commitment to Excellence: SIP Visit & Safeguarding Review

As part of our ongoing drive to ensure the highest standards for our pupils, we recently welcomed external specialists into school for two important reviews.

Our School Improvement Partner (SIP) visit highlighted the school's strong leadership, effective teaching, and commitment to continuous improvement. These visits provide valuable external validation of our strengths while helping us identify key areas for further growth.

In addition, our Safeguarding Children in Educational Settings (SCiES) Review reaffirmed that Weston is a safe, caring, and supportive environment for all pupils. The team spoke to children, staff, parents, and governors, scrutinised records and policies, and were highly impressed by the strong safeguarding culture embedded throughout the school.

We welcome these opportunities to reflect, refine, and further strengthen what we do to provide the best possible experience for our pupils.



Year 4 Brass Lessons with Love Music Trust

This term, our Year 4 pupils are embracing an exciting musical opportunity—learning to play brass instruments with a specialist tutor from Love Music Trust.

Through these lessons, the children are not only developing their instrumental skills, but also gaining a deeper understanding of musical notation, rhythm, and ensemble

playing. They have been working hard in their sessions and are even taking their instruments home each week to practise and refine their skills.

To celebrate their progress, we are planning to invite parents to a short recital in a few weeks' time. Details will be shared soon, but we can't wait for you to hear how far they've come!

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.



Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the most recent, still-relevant, school communications:

- Leavers Hoodies 2025 (Year 6)
- Headlice Prevention and Treatment Advice
- Conway Centre Residential 2025 (Year 4)
- Come Dine With Us (Year 3)
- After School Sports Clubs Spring 2

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