



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

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)

Friday 2 May – Eagles class Come Dine With Me

Monday 5 May – Bank holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 6 May – Cri du Chat Awareness Day (details to follow) & Robins class outdoor learning

Thursday 8 May – Sparrows class outdoor learning

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) & **Blackbirds class outdoor learning**

Friday 23 May – Break up for half term & **Puffins class Come Dine With Me**

Monday 2 June – School reopens

Wednesday 4 June – Eagles class outdoor learning

Thursday 5 June – Sparrows trip to Lower Moss Wood

Friday 6 June – Blackbirds trip to Chester

Thursday 12 June – Robins class outdoor learning

Thursday 19 June – World Music Day & New starters parents evening

Monday 23 June – Eagles class outdoor learning

Tuesday 24 June – New starters Gruffalo Games & **Shavington Academy Y6 transition day (and tomorrow)**

Thursday 26 June – Sparrows and Eagles outdoor learning

Friday 27 June – Magpies trip to Liverpool World Museum & Sparrows Come Dine With Me

A message from Mr Cutts

As the days lengthen and the first signs of spring emerge, it's a natural time for reflection and for looking ahead. The last few weeks have been full of energy and inspiration at Weston, from the creativity on show during STEM Week and class assemblies, to the confidence and eloquence of our young public speakers.

This term has reminded me just how much our children thrive when given the chance to explore, express and challenge themselves in new ways. Whether it's performing in front of an audience, sharing a piece of learning, or speaking up about something that matters to them, they continue to demonstrate courage, curiosity and kindness. It makes me incredibly proud.

As we head into the Spring holiday, I know many families are looking forward to a well-earned break. I hope it brings rest, laughter and perhaps even a bit of sunshine.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for being part of our Weston community. There is plenty more to come this year and I look forward to all that we will continue to achieve together.

STEM Week 2025: A Week of Curiosity, Creativity and Change

What a brilliant week we had celebrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) across the school! With this year's theme of *Change and Adapt*, every class threw themselves into a packed timetable of hands-on activities, scientific exploration and thought-provoking learning.

Each day saw a different focus, from understanding physical and environmental changes to thinking like engineers and mathematicians. Classes explored everything from materials that change shape and state, to animals that adapt to survive and even how we ourselves can adapt and improve the world around us.

A real highlight of the week was Wednesday's whole-school Mad Science assembly, which brought explosions, experiments and plenty of excitement to the hall. The children were captivated and we're confident a few future scientists were inspired that morning!



On Thursday, our first-ever Weston Science Fair took centre stage and what a success it was! Children brought in home-made 3D science projects and models, showcasing everything from erupting volcanoes and solar systems to circuits, habitats and brilliant inventions. The care, creativity and effort that went into these projects was truly outstanding. Both staff and pupils loved exploring the display so much that we extended it for an extra day!

A huge thank you to families for supporting the children with their home projects and to Mrs Armitt for organising such a successful and inspiring week. Science Fair winners have been proudly displayed in the school entrance but we are incredibly proud of all the children's efforts.



A Generous Donation to Support Wellbeing Spaces

We are incredibly grateful to one of our school grandparents for a kind and generous £100 donation, which will be used to enhance our calm spaces - The Nest and The Den.

This funding will allow us to purchase new sensory and wellbeing resources including mindfulness books, calming lights and a weighted lap pad. These additions will help children who need a quiet, supportive space to regulate their emotions, reset, or access adult support during the school day.

Thank you again for this thoughtful contribution - it will make a real difference to the children who need it most.

Respect and Responsibility in Our School Community

We were recently made aware that a parent was overheard making an inappropriate comment about a child's hair in relation to headlice. While we do not know who made the comment and there is no evidence of a current headlice outbreak in the class concerned, the nature of the remark was prejudicial and upsetting to those who heard it.

Comments that make assumptions based on a child's heritage or appearance are not acceptable and do not reflect the inclusive values we uphold at Weston. We want to reassure all families that such incidents are taken seriously and addressed in line with our commitment to equality, respect and safeguarding.

Thank you for continuing to support a culture where all children are treated with dignity and kindness.

Kingfishers Rock the Stage!

A huge well done to our brilliant Kingfishers, who wowed us all with their class assembly this week!

The children proudly shared their recent learning from across the curriculum including in science (rocks and soils), maths (fractions), and music - including a joyful performance of *Don't Worry, Be Happy*. They even treated us to a catchy rock-themed song, complete with rock star props that brought their learning to life.



Thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes and supported the children in learning their lines. It was a lively, confident and entertaining showcase - we are proud of them all.



Year 4 Blow Us Away with Their Brass Recital!

A huge well done to our hard-working Year 4 pupils, who delivered a brass recital to parents on Thursday following several weeks of expert trumpet and trombone tuition.

The recital was the culmination of their learning this term and showcased just how much progress the children have made in developing their musical skills, confidence and teamwork. From bold blasts to beautifully controlled notes, the children impressed us all with their rhythm, timing and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Miss Diamond, Mrs McKenzie, and our visiting music tutors for making the experience such a positive one and to all the parents who came along to enjoy the performance. What a fantastic way to round off their brass journey!

Rocking Our Socks for World Down Syndrome Day!

Last week, Weston proudly took part in World Down Syndrome Day, celebrating individuality and raising awareness in a fun and meaningful way.

The children (and staff!) embraced the "Rock Your Socks" theme with enthusiasm - donning mismatched, colourful and crazy socks to mark the occasion. The turnout was fantastic and certainly brightened the corridors!



In assembly, pupils learned about Down Syndrome and explored the importance of celebrating our differences and showing kindness and respect to everyone. It was a thoughtful and inclusive session that many of the children continued to talk about afterwards.

Thanks to your generous support, we also raised funds through the sale of gingerbread sock biscuits in aid of Down Syndrome Cheshire. A huge thank you to everyone who donated—we are proud to support such a valuable cause.

As always, your involvement helps us create an inclusive, compassionate school community. Thank you!



Weston Shines at TCT Public Speaking Competition

Earlier this week, three of our Year 6 pupils represented Weston at The Cornovii Trust's annual Public Speaking Competition.

All Year 6 pupils across the trust took part in the initial stage of the competition, with three finalists from each school selected by teachers and peers to take part in the grand final. This year's theme was "My Big Ambition" and our Weston representatives spoke with confidence, clarity and passion

about their hopes for the future.

From personal goals to global aspirations, the speeches delivered by all participants were truly inspiring and it was a privilege to hear our pupils articulate their dreams with such thoughtfulness and maturity.

Although another school took the trophy home this time, Archie, Olivia and Ella did Weston proud and we couldn't be more impressed with their performance and the way they represented our school.

Well done to all involved. It was a brilliant event that gives our children the opportunity to grow in confidence



and share their voices!

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:

- Parents/Carers consultations
- Hive Easter holiday
- Cheshire Cricket
- Increase in school meal costs
- Down Syndrome Day
- Sickness and vomiting illness awareness
- Mrs Whittaker's absence (Magpies)
- Water bottle reminder
- Love Music Trust
- Height and weight programme 2025
- Magpies class teaching arrangements (Magpies)

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