

WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Monday 12 May - KS2 SATS week

Friday 16 May – Puffins Stay and Learn (from drop-off)

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

Monday 9 June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks & Year Philosophy workshops (delivered by Shavington HS staff)

Thursday 12 June - Robins class outdoor learning

Friday 13 June – Magpies outdoor learning & FOWs inflateable fun session (3.30 – 6pm)

Monday 16 June – Reception and Year 6 height and weight & Town Sports (Field events)

Wednesday 18 June – Town Sports (Track events)

Thursday 19 June – World Music Day & New starters parents evening & Year 6 English Workshops (led by Shavington HS)

Friday 20 June – FoWs Frozen Friday (Iollies for sale at hometime)

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

It's hard to believe we're already well into the summer term, and as always at Weston, the calendar is packed with events, visits, and opportunities for our children to shine. From upcoming trips and assessments to our plans for welcoming the new Reception intake and supporting children with transition, there's a strong sense of momentum and purpose in school. You can expect more details about next year's classes in June.

One of the real highlights of recent weeks has been seeing so many parents in school. Whether you've attended a class assembly, joined a Stay and Learn session in Sparrows, come along to the Year 1 and 2 phonics sessions, or surprised the children as a Mystery Reader (we've had at least one every day!), thank you. These moments of connection matter. A strong home-school partnership has a powerful impact on children's learning, confidence and happiness—and we're hugely grateful for the way you support that.

And of course, the children love it when you're involved... although one child did describe the mystery reader experience as "better than maths but worse than golden time," which we've taken as a solid mid-range endorsement.

Weston Pupils Help Open the Englesea Brook Peace Garden

Earlier this week, four of our pupils—Amaya, Layla, Harry and Teddy—proudly represented Weston at the official opening of the Englesea Brook Peace Garden.

This special moment marked the culmination of a project that began two years ago, when Weston



children were involved in the original design of the garden. Since then, the vision has become a reality thanks to a generous grant, community support, and lots of hard work.

At the opening event, our pupils read a beautiful poem they had written about peace, receiving warm praise from the guests. Afterwards, they were treated to some well-deserved cake and a tour of the museum.

The new garden, which includes a Peace Tree sculpture also created by Weston pupils, is a serene space for reflection and

is now open for everyone to visit. We would encourage Weston families to pop by and enjoy a peaceful moment in this lovely community space.

Well done to our wonderful representatives—you made us all very proud!

Bedtime Book Bag Project

We have received a generous £300 donation from the Wybunbury United Charities in support of our book project.

This exciting initiative is designed to promote a love of reading among some of our youngest and most disadvantaged pupils. The result is our Bedtime Book Bag Project, which will provide a small number of carefully curated story bags for some of our youngest pupils to take home and share with their families. Each bag will include:

- A beautiful picture or early chapter book
- A soft toy "reading buddy"
- A bookmark with simple story-sharing tips
- A mini reading diary to encourage regular bedtime reading

The goal is simple but powerful - to promote a calm, positive bedtime routine and help make reading feel truly special at home.

After SATs, some of our Year 6 ambassadors will help bring the project to life by selecting books, designing materials, and helping decorate the bags, leaving a small legacy for the younger children.

We're excited to launch this scheme next half term and are grateful to Wybunbury United Charities for enabling us to create something both meaningful and lasting.





Summer Fun at the Wychwood Scouts Fair!

Looking for summer fun? Join the 14 SWC Scouts for their Summer Fair at Wychwood Village Hall on Sunday 6th July, 12–4pm! Expect stalls, games, and activities for the whole family.

Reflecting on VE Day – 80 Years On

Yesterday, pupils across the school took time in

assembly and in class to learn about and reflect on the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We explored what Victory in Europe Day meant for those living



through the Second World War, the emotions people felt at the end of the conflict, and the importance of remembering the sacrifices made.

It was a thoughtful and respectful day, helping children to deepen their historical understanding and appreciate the significance of this key moment in British and world history.

Be More Abigail Day

This week, Weston held a joyful and meaningful event to mark International Cri du Chat Syndrome Awareness Day—a cause very close to our hearts. Our celebration, "Be More Abigail Day," honoured one of our much-loved pupils, Abigail, who lives with this rare genetic condition.

The school was awash with colour as children arrived in bright outfits, rainbow accessories, unicorn prints,



and even one sock shorter than the other—symbolising the shortened chromosome that causes Cri du Chat Syndrome. It was a day full of creativity, kindness, and positivity, just like Abigail herself brings to our school community.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the CDC Support Group via ParentPay and who bought one of Abigail's mum Jo's delicious home bakes at the end of the day. Your generosity helped raise awareness and support an important cause while celebrating one of our own in the most joyful way.



Year 6 – Ready for SATs!

Next week is SATs week for our fantastic Year 6 pupils. These tests are just one part of their primary journey and offer a chance for them to show some of what they've learned – but they don't define who they are or what they're capable of.

We are incredibly proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown across the whole curriculum this year. Their hard work and positive attitudes have

impressed us all and now it's simply time for them to give it their best.

We look forward to welcoming them into school in good time each morning next week, where a calm start and some pre-test toast will help everyone begin the day feeling settled and supported. You've got this, Year 6!

Come Dine With Us!

We've been delighted to welcome parents and carers into school over ecent weeks for our *Come Dine With Us* lunches – a special chance to share a meal and spend some quality time with your child during the school day.

Whether enjoying a school dinner or bringing their own packed lunch, the children have loved sharing this time with their grown-ups around and having them experience a taste of lunchtime at Weston.

Every class will have the opportunity to take part in one of these Friday lunchtime events before the end of the year and we hope that families enjoy the opportunity as much as the children do. Thank you for your support in making these events such a success!



<u>Puffins' Performance</u> Packs a Punch!

Well done to our brilliant Puffins class, who delivered a fantastic assembly for parents and the rest of the school last week! The children showcased their learning from across the curriculum with confidence, enthusiasm and plenty of smiles.

Highlights included their stunning *Starry Night*-inspired artwork, imaginative writing based

on Grandad's Island, and an impressive demonstration of their scientific knowledge about plants. There

was even some fabulous maths, including a very catchy 3 times table song that had the whole audience tapping along.

The assembly was brought to life with music, featuring a joyful rendition of *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* and other songs that really showed off the children's creativity and teamwork.

A huge thank you to Miss Griffiths and the Puffins staff team and to all the parents who came along to support the children – we're very proud of them all!

Sports Day – New Date! Please Note the Change 📢

Please be aware that **Sports Day has been moved from Thursday 3rd July to Tuesday 1st July**. We're flagging this clearly now so parents and carers can plan ahead – especially if booking time off work.

The event will take place during the morning, with parents welcome to access the school field from 8:45am. Races and activities will begin shortly after morning registration and will run until approximately 11:30am.

Further details will follow nearer the time, but please save the date – we'd love to see as many of you as possible cheering the children on!



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:

- Blackbirds Trip to Chester
- Miss Watkins is leaving
- Sparrows Trip to Lower Moss Nature Reserve
- Puffins Trip to Nantwich Museum
- Cri du Chat Syndrome Day
- May Half Term Holiday Club at The Hive

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