

WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary:

Monday 14 July - Owls Stone Age workshop

Friday 18 July – Break up for summer at 3.15pm

Monday 1 September – INSET day (school closed to all children)

Tuesday 2 September – INSET day (school closed to all children); Teddy Bear's Picnic for new starters – 1.15-2.30pm

Wednesday 3 September – First day of term for all children

Thursday 11 September – Individual & siblings photographs

Thursday 2 October – Harvest festival

Tuesday 7 October – Year 6 to Crucial Crewe

Thursday 9 to Wednesday 10 October – Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 13 and Thursday 16 October – Parent consultation evenings

Thursday 23 October – Eagles class assembly

Friday 24 October - Break up for half term

Monday 3 November – INSET day (school closed to all children)

Tuesday 4 November – School reopens for all children

A message from Mr Cutts

As we reach the final days of another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect, celebrate and thank you all.

It has been a year filled with energy, resilience and achievement. Whether on the stage, the sports field, in the classroom or out in the community, our children have truly risen to every opportunity. They've worked hard, looked after one another and brought joy to school life in so many ways. I am immensely proud of every single one of them.

A huge thank you to all our families for the consistent support you give - turning up for parent evenings and performances, helping with reading at home, running stalls at events, cheering on at Sports Day, or simply offering a kind word on the playground. Your partnership makes a genuine difference and it's something we never take for granted.

Next week, we'll be talking to children about summer safety - a timely reminder as we head into the holidays. We'll be sharing advice on:

- Staying safe around roads and cars, especially when out on bikes or scooters
- Being aware near water, whether that's paddling pools, rivers, or the sea
- Keeping away from railways, where dangers are not always obvious
- Looking out for each other, being sensible in the heat and knowing when to ask for help

These simple conversations can be powerful, and I'd encourage families to keep them going over the holidays too.

I also want to take a moment to say something special about our **Year 6 leavers**. They've been an exceptional cohort - hard-working, warm-hearted and full of personality. We've watched them grow into young people ready for the next stage of their journey and they leave Weston with our pride and best wishes firmly behind them. I know they'll go on to do amazing things and we look forward to hearing about their next adventures.

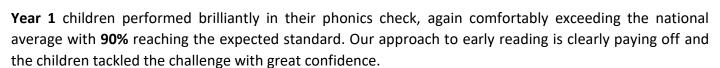
As we prepare to close the gates for summer, I hope that every one of you finds some time for rest, play and togetherness. Whether you're heading off somewhere new or enjoying the simple pleasures of home, I wish you all a safe, happy and sunny break.

Thank you again for a fantastic year.

Celebrating Our Assessment Success

We're incredibly proud of how our children have done in this year's national assessments. From the very start of Reception to the end of Year 6, their hard work and progress have really shone through.

In **Reception**, **79**% of children reached a good level of development— well above the national average. It's a real credit to our early years team and their focus on language, engaging experiences and strong relationships.



In **Year 4**, children completed the multiplication tables check with a strong average score of **21.8 out of 25**, above the national average and showing excellent number fluency and recall.

And in **Year 6**, we were thrilled with the outcomes. **91%** achieved the expected standard in reading, **94%** in maths and **81%** in writing. These results are well above national figures and reflect real effort from children and staff alike.

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff team and to you as parents and carers for the daily support you give. Most of all—well done to our brilliant children. We are so proud of you. While we can take pride in statistics like this, we take more pride from each child's individual journey and the progress they have made this year, both academically and otherwise.



<u>Inclusion at the Heart of Weston</u>

At Weston, we believe every child should thrive and we're proud that our inclusive approach is getting noticed.

Following a recent external school improvement visit, we were praised for the way we support children of all needs including those with barriers to learning and those who

require high levels of challenge in the curriculum. From regular staff training and careful use of interventions, to the warm relationships built with families, our approach is built on understanding, teamwork and putting children first. Staff know our pupils well and our SENCo, Mrs Loveland, works closely with every class to make sure all children get the help they need to succeed.

This commitment to inclusion is one of the reasons we've been specially chosen to take part in the national DFE/NHS PINS project (Partnerships for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). Through this, we'll be working with health, education and parent partners to strengthen how we support neurodiverse children, covering areas like mental health, behaviour, sensory needs and school attendance.

We're proud to be seen as a school that champions inclusion and we're always looking to improve even further. Thank you for the part you play in making Weston such a supportive and welcoming place for all.

School Meal Price Increase

From September, the cost of a school meal will increase to £3.00 per day. This change reflects rising food and staffing costs, and brings us in line with other local schools.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, <u>please check by visiting</u> the <u>Cheshire East website</u>. It only takes a few minutes and could make a big difference.





goes to all the parents who joined in the fun of the parents' race—we're seriously considering high-speed cameras for those photo finishes next year!

Huge thanks to Mrs Buckley for her superb organisation and to Friends of Weston for helping with scoring and keeping everything running like clockwork. It was a great event for our whole school community.

Sports Day Success

What a fantastic Sports Day we had! The sun was shining, spirits were high and the children were simply brilliant, giving their all in every race and showing wonderful encouragement and sportsmanship throughout.

It was a closely fought competition, but Red Team just edged the win - well done! A special mention





Year 6 Leavers Shine

Our Year 6 leavers gave a truly memorable performance this week, filled with singing, laughter, teacher reflections and heartfelt moments of reminiscing. It was a joy to celebrate just how much each child has grown—both in confidence and character—during their time at Weston.

We are unbelievably proud of every single one of them. They are more than ready for the exciting adventures that lie ahead.

And the celebrations aren't over yet—we're looking forward to rounding things off with a well-earned party at the White Lion later today!



Out and About

Lots of classes have been busy exploring the world beyond the classroom with a brilliant range of educational visits recently.

Sparrows enjoyed a day at Lower Moss Wood, where they discovered local wildlife and had great fun pond dipping. Blackbirds stepped back in time in Chester, learning all about the Romans and even marching through the city streets as proud centurions!

Magpies headed to the World Museum in Liverpool, where they took part in fantastic hands-on workshops exploring the Kingdom of Benin and invertebrates. Meanwhile, Kingfishers got stuck into all things science at Xplore! Science Discovery Centre in Wrexham, experimenting and investigating to their heart's content.

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make these enriching experiences possible!

Inflato-Fun Day

Our Inflato-Fun Day was a brilliant celebration of summer, laughter and community spirit! The whole school enjoyed a packed day of excitement, from zorbing lanes and giant inflatables to classic games like welly wangling and croquet.

It was wonderful to see the children so active, joyful and supportive of one another throughout the day. The sunshine held out, the energy was high and the smiles were endless!

A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Weston for organising such a fantastic event, to NV Events for their brilliant activities and to all staff and volunteers who helped the day run so smoothly. The after-school stalls were also a great success. Thank you to everyone who stayed and supported the fundraising fun.



<u>Farewell (for now) to Miss</u> <u>Addis – and a Warm</u> <u>Welcome to Mrs Becking</u>

We'd like to wish Miss Addis all

the very best as she begins her maternity leave over the summer

holidays. We know the children and staff will miss her hugely and we send her our warmest wishes for this exciting new chapter.

We're pleased to welcome Mrs Becking, who will be joining the team in September to cover Miss Addis's absence. She brings a wealth of experience and a strong inclusive ethos that fits perfectly with our school values. We're confident she'll make a fantastic impact and be a great addition to our Weston family.





Weston Shines at Crewe & Nantwich Town Sports

Our KS2 athletes did Weston proud at this year's Crewe and Nantwich Town Sports, which took place over two action-packed evenings - field events at the Cumberland Arena in Crewe and track events at the Barony in Nantwich.

Our pupils showed incredible determination, sportsmanship and team spirit, placing first,

second or third in a range of events across both nights. We're thrilled to



share that Weston were the overall track winners in our division, and our Year 4 and Year 5 teams were crowned overall champions!

Thanks to this fantastic performance, we've secured a promotion and can't wait to compete at the next level in 2026. Thanks to all the staff who supported on both evenings and huge congratulations to all the children who took part - you were amazing!

World Music Day Hits All the Right Notes

Our World Music Day celebrations were a huge success! Every class brought the decades to life with incredible costumes, great energy and a real love of music.

From Sparrows' 2000s pop vibes and Owls' rock 'n' roll moves, to the glamorous 1920s jazz of Eagles and Blackbirds' disco fever, each performance celebrated a different musical era or global style. The concert was a highlight, with pupils showcasing their learning and confidence on stage.



A huge thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising the event and to families for the amazing effort with costumes - it was a day to remember!



Welcome to Weston

We've loved meeting our new Reception starters during their recent transition events - from the Gruffalo Games Afternoon to the Taster Sessions, the children have shown great confidence, curiosity and kindness.

It's been a joy to watch friendships begin to blossom and to see our youngest learners exploring their new classroom and school environment. A huge thank you to families for your support and positivity - we know it makes a big difference.

We're really looking forward to welcoming all our new Sparrows properly in September for the start of their exciting Weston adventure!

Summer Sing

Our wonderful choir performed brilliantly at the Summer Sing hosted by Springfield School now a much-loved annual tradition.

Singing alongside pupils from St. Mary's and Springfield, the children delivered a confident performance in the sunshine. Their enthusiasm and teamwork made us incredibly proud.



A huge well done to Miss Griffiths and all involved - and thank you to families for supporting this special event. We're already looking forward to next year!

Sparrows Class Assembly

Sparrows Class amazed us all with their fantastic class assembly, performed confidently in front of the whole school and their families.

They wowed the audience with a wonderful retelling of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, beautiful singing, brilliant artwork and plenty of smiles. It was a true celebration of how much progress they've made since starting school and how proud they should be of themselves.

Well done, Sparrows - you were incredible!



<u>Friends of Weston Glow in the Dark</u> Disco

Our end-of-year Glow in the Dark Disco was a huge hit! With blacklights, glow paint and music, it was the perfect way to celebrate the end of term in style.

Children lit up the dancefloor (literally!) in their white and neon outfits and the atmosphere was full of fun, laughter and energy. From glow tattoos to the ever-popular tuck shop, the night had something for everyone.

A massive thank you to Friends of Weston for

organising such a fantastic event and to everyone who helped make it such a glowing success!

Year 6 at Primary College

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at the 31st Primary College event, held at Cheshire College South and West. Joining hundreds of children from across Crewe and Nantwich, they took part in an exciting day full of new experiences.

From bricklaying and engineering to beauty, business, falconry and art and design, the children embraced the chance to try something new and did Weston proud with their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour.



Well done, Year 6!



Ringing the Bell for Olivia

Next Tuesday 15th July, we will be coming together as a school to celebrate an incredible milestone for Olivia in Robins class, who has just completed her final chemotherapy treatment.

To mark this special moment, children are invited to wear bright colours to school as we celebrate Olivia's strength, resilience and positivity. She will be ringing the bell in front of her friends, family and the entire school community - a moment of joy and hope for everyone.

If you would like to make a voluntary donation to The Joshua Tree, a charity that supports families affected by childhood cancer, you can do so via their JustGiving page:

Donate to The Joshua Tree

Thank you for helping us make this a memorable day for Olivia and her family.

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