



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

October

- Thu 9 – Scholastic Book Fair (1 week)
- Mon 13 & Thu 16 – Parent & Carer Consultation Evenings
- **Fri 17 - Wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card**
- **Mon 20 – Choir to Pear Tree Primary for TCT Choir Recording & Eagles and Owls Outdoor Learning**
- Thu 23 – Eagles Class Assembly (10am; arrive 9:50am) & **Tattenhall Parents Meeting (Y4) after school**
- Fri 24 – **Magpies and Blackbirds Outdoor Learning & Break up for half term**

November

- Mon 3 – INSET Day (school closed)
- Tue 4 – School reopens; Y4 Residential Parent Meeting
- **Fri 7 - Kingfishers and Puffins Outdoor Learning**
- Mon 10 – Anti-bullying Day & **Robins and Sparrow Outdoor Learning**
- **We 12 – Reception Vision & Hearing Screening**
- Fri 14 – Children in Need & **Owls and Eagles Outdoor Learning**
- Tue 18 – Y4 Bikeability & **KS2 Sports Hall Athletics Competition**
- Thu 20 – Whole School Flu Nasal Spray
- **Fri 21 – Blackbirds and Magpies Outdoor Learning**
- Mon 24 – Road Safety Day & **Puffins and Kingfishers Outdoor Learning**
- Thu 27 – Owls Class Assembly (10am; arrive 9:50am)
- **Fri 28 – Sparrows and Robins Outdoor Learning**

December

- Tue 2 – KS2 to New Vic Theatre (pm)
- **Fri 5 – Magpies and Blackbirds Outdoor Learning**
- Mon 8 – Sparrows Nativity (pm & evening)
- Tue 9 & Wed 10 – Y5 Bikeability
- Thu 11 – Robins & Puffins Performance (pm & evening); Christmas Jumper Day
- Mon 15 – EY & KS1 Theatre Trip
- Tue 16 – Choir at Shavington Christmas Concert (evening)
- Thu 18 – Magpies Class Assembly (10am; arrive 9:50am)
- Fri 19 – Weston's Got Talent; break up for Christmas

A message from Mr Cutts

October is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements, creativity and influence of Black people in shaping our shared history and culture. At Weston, we see this not as a one-off event but as part of our wider commitment to helping children understand fairness, respect and belonging all year round.

Across our curriculum this month, there are many meaningful ways in which these themes come to life and we make the links to Black History Month explicit. In History, our Year 1 children learn about the remarkable nurse Mary Seacole, who overcame prejudice to care for soldiers in the Crimean War and our older pupils explore African civilisation through the Kingdom of Benin and the global struggle for Civil Rights. In English, upper-key-stage readers study texts about equality and migration, while in Science pupils learn about pioneering Black scientists such as George Washington Carver, Garrett Morgan and Marie Maynard Daly, whose discoveries changed lives across the world. In PSHE, our “Diverse Britain” and “One World” units help pupils understand how difference makes communities stronger, and in Art and Music, children celebrate self-expression and identity through portraiture, rhythm and creativity drawn from many cultures.

By weaving these examples throughout the curriculum and highlighting the links this month in particular, we help children see that everyone's story matters and that respect, inclusion and empathy are at the heart of life at Weston.

As part of this commitment, on Friday 17 October we will be taking part in Show Racism the Red Card's Wear Red Day. This national campaign reminds us that small actions can make a big difference. Children are invited to wear something red and, if families wish, to make a voluntary donation to support the charity's education work (see letter dated 2 October).

Together, we will continue to build a school where every child knows that they are valued, respected and heard.

Harvest at Weston

A huge thank you to all of our families for your generous donations for Harvest this year. Our Year 6 Ambassadors worked together to box up the food and load it into the van, ready to be taken to the Chance Changing Lives Community Pantry in Crewe.

We were delighted to welcome Richard from Chance into our assembly to collect the donations and to talk with the children about how the Pantry supports local families, not just with food, but with dignity, respect and choice.

Our pupils showed Weston's *Secrets of Success* in action:

- ♥ Work Hard – giving time and effort to help others.
- ♥ Understand Others – learning about families who rely on community support.
- ♥ Don't Give Up – finding ways to reduce waste and make a difference.

We are so proud of the kindness, teamwork and generosity shown by our pupils and we are truly grateful to all parents and carers for your support.

Together, Weston is helping to make a difference in our community.

Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crewe 🚚 🚓 🚑

Our Year 6 pupils took part in the Crucial Crewe safety event this week at Alexandra Stadium, run in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and the emergency services.





The event gave children the opportunity to learn essential life skills in a fun and interactive way — from staying safe near roads, railways and water, to recognising online risks, fire safety and making positive choices in the community.

Through a series of hands-on workshops led by the police, fire service, ambulance teams and other professionals, pupils explored real-life scenarios designed to help them think, react and stay safe in the wider world.

The children represented Weston brilliantly, showing maturity, curiosity and teamwork throughout the morning. We are confident that the lessons learned at Crucial Crewe will stay with them long after Year 6 - helping them to make safe, informed choices as they prepare for the move to secondary school.

Scholastic Book Fair Is Here!

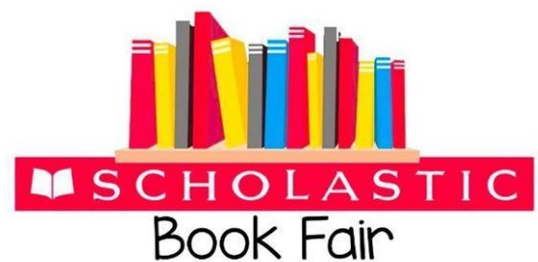
Our Scholastic Book Fair has arrived and will be open until Wednesday 15 October. Every book sold helps us earn commission to reinvest straight back into our school library – supporting our goal of fostering a lifelong love of reading across Weston.

The children have browsed the book selection and brought home a Book Wish List with titles that have caught their eye. We always remind pupils that a book fair isn't the only way to get new books – they can also look out for titles in the school library or add them to a Christmas list!

As before, the fair will run cash-free for book purchases. You can pay securely online via Scholastic's payment site or by scanning the QR code sent home. Please enter our school name or postcode (CW2 5LZ) when paying, and remember to message your child's teacher on Class Dojo or return the Book Wish List with the titles you've chosen so we can match payments correctly.

A range of stationery items (50p–£3) will also be available for cash purchases during the school day.

Thank you for your support - every purchase helps us build our reading culture and inspire the next generation of book lovers! ♥ 📖



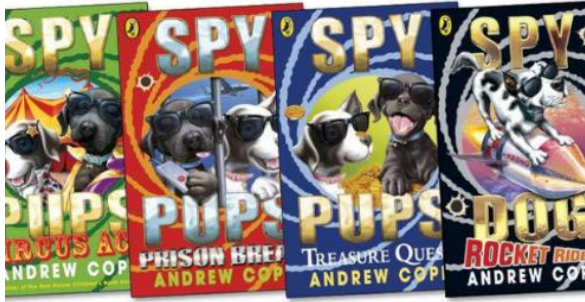
Parents' Evenings Next Week

We're looking forward to welcoming families into school for our Autumn Term Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evenings on Monday 13 and Thursday 16 October.

This is a great opportunity to look through your child's work and discuss their progress with their class teacher.

Bookings for appointments have now closed, but please remember that you can arrange to speak with your child's teacher at any time during the year if there's something you'd like to discuss - just contact the school office or message via Class Dojo.

We look forward to seeing you next week and celebrating the fantastic start the children have made this term! ♥



Important Online Safety Notice – Spy Dog Books

You may have seen in the news this week that a web address printed inside the *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* and *Spy Pups* book series by author Andrew Cope was found to link to inappropriate adult content.

The website, which originally hosted bonus material for the series, was taken over by a third party after the original domain expired. It has now been shut down by the UK internet regulator Nominet for breaching online safety standards.

Although the books are now being withdrawn by the publisher Puffin, we wanted to make parents aware of the situation in case these titles are at home or borrowed from elsewhere.

If your child has any of the *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books, please do not visit or type in any website addresses printed inside them.

This is a helpful reminder that web links printed in older books can sometimes expire or be taken over and it's always best for children to access online content under adult supervision.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep children safe online. 📱🛡️

Spelling Shed Success

Thank you to all families who have supported the relaunch of our Spelling Shed home practice this week. We're delighted that a significant number of children in Years 2–6 are now logging on and completing their weekly practice.

Spelling is a key school priority this year, and regular home engagement makes a huge difference to pupils' progress and confidence in writing. Children are expected to complete at least three short games each week on *Spelling Shed* or, if online access is difficult, to use the paper-based alternative available from their class teacher.

All practice should be completed before Monday morning, helping to reinforce the week's spelling focus and prepare for new learning.

Thank you for your continued encouragement at home - together we're helping every child at Weston become a confident and accurate speller! ♥





HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

The Hive Holiday Club will be open on the following dates:

Tuesday 28th October

Halloween Crafts

Bouncy Castle

Wednesday 29th October

Forest school - Autumn Crafts

Halloween Baking

Bouncy Castle

Thursday 30th October

Halloween Party-bring your scariest costume!

Bouncy Castle

The Hive will offer their usual day to day provision, with the added bonus of extra activities as shown above if your child wishes to do them. At no extra cost.

Our experienced childcare team will ensure every day is fun-filled!!!

Booking is essential - Limited places available



every day promises to be fun-filled, active and creative.

The Hive offers a safe, familiar and nurturing environment for Weston families, helping children enjoy their school holidays with friends while giving parents peace of mind.

Places are limited and booking is essential.

Come and join us for a *spooktacular* time at The Hive! 🎃

🎃 Half Term Fun at The Hive! 🎃

Looking for something fun, friendly and local this half term?

Our Hive Holiday Club will be open from Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 October, offering three days packed with creativity, energy and Halloween excitement!

Children can look forward to a wide range of activities including Halloween crafts, forest school and autumn art, spooky baking, pumpkin carving, movies and even a bouncy castle each day! On Thursday, we'll round off the week with a Halloween Party – costumes encouraged for a day of dancing, games and treats.

As always, The Hive will provide its usual high-quality day care from 8:30am to 5:15pm (£27 per day), run by our experienced and caring childcare team. Children can choose to take part in the themed extras at no additional cost, and



Team Weston Shines at Cross Country!

More than 50 Key Stage 2 pupils represented Weston at a cross-country event held at The Vagrants, and what an incredible afternoon it was!

Every runner showed true Weston spirit, living out our *Secrets of Success* — Work Hard, Improve, and Try New Things. From determined finishes to cheering teammates across the line, their teamwork and positivity made us all so proud.

A huge well done to everyone who took part for their brilliant effort, sportsmanship and resilience. You were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Go Team Weston!



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 school communications:

- Conway Centre, Tattenhall residential (Y4)
- Academy photogrpahs
- PINS parent survey
- Fraudulent app alert from ParentPay
- Secondary School admissions (Y6)
- Revised allergens from the kitchen
- Wear Red Day
- Parents and carers' consultation evenings
- Englesea Brook Past Times newsletter
- Year 4 Bikeability information and consent
- Launching the Weston Spelling Pathway
- New Vic Theatre – The Little Mermaid (KS2)
- The Hive Holiday Club – booking now open
- Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together we make Weston a place where children feel safe, happy, and challenged to be their very best. We are looking forward to another year of learning, growth, and success for every child, supported by our strong home/school partnership. If you have any questions, or if we can support your family in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thomas Cutts