



# WESTON NEWS

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## Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Monday 16 May – Year 2 end of key stage assessment this week

Wednesday 18 May – Quad Kids sport competition (KS2)

Thursday 19 May – Cheshire Fire and Rescue in to work with Year 5 and Safety ambassadors

Friday 20 May – Some Year 5 children to attend Brill Kids Fest

Friday 20 May – STEM visitor to Yellow class

Monday 23 May – School nurse team in for Year 6 and Reception height and weight

Tuesday 24 May – Volunteers in to run jubilee workshops with Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 25 May – Gold class assembly 10am

Thursday 26 May – Queen's platinum jubilee event

Friday 27 May – Break up for half term

Sunday 5 June – Weston Village Jubilee Celebration (details in letter)

Monday 6 June – Back to school

Wednesday 8 June – Friends of Weston disco (tbc)

Wednesday 15 June – New Reception starters parents' meeting

Thursday 16 June – Year 5 to Alsager School activity day

Thursday 16 June – Turquoise class assembly

Friday 17 June – Orange class trip to Chester

Monday 20 June – Diversity week

Tuesday 21 June – Green and Orange class performances (afternoon and evening)

Thursday 23 June – Dr Robot coming in (STEM)

Friday 24 June – Shavington Academy in to lead Year 5 drama workshop

Tuesday 28 June – Newcastle transition day

Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 June – Malbank transition days (Y6)

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June – Shavington transition days (Y6)

Wednesday 29 June – Red class assembly

Thursday 30 June – Whole school transition day

Wednesday 6 June – Alsager transition day

Wednesday 6 June – Red class visit to Sea Life

Thursday 7 July – Sports day

Friday 8 July – Annual written reports sent home

Monday 11 July – Turquoise class trip to Brampton

## A message from Mr Cutts

We are all incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for the effort and attitude they brought to their KS2 SATs tests this week. They seized them as an opportunity to show what they can do. While their KS2 journey has been particularly disrupted, Mrs Bate and Mrs Inskip have prepared them very well and the children took each test in their stride. It was lovely to see them all in early for their toast this week, bringing the right mix of being relaxed and focused. Their time at Weston will not be defined by these tests but they will reflect on how they approached them and should feel proud of their attitude.

The dates section is particularly large this week so that I could slot in all the recently planned activities without having to chop off any of the dates from the previous letter. There is still a lot going on for children in every class between now and the end of the school year and our packed calendar highlights how hard the staff team work to plan activities beyond the curriculum to enhance the children's experience at Weston. There are further sports events planned that will be added to the calendar in due course.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

## New teacher and next year

We were delighted to appoint Mrs Tyrrell to the vacant teacher role last week from a significant number of applications. Mrs Tyrrell will start officially in September, working 2 days a week. She is an experienced teacher with an ethos that aligns with ours and we are confident that she will complement the staff here at Weston.

Plans are well underway for next year and children and parents will be informed of which class they are going into soon. There will be some teacher movement next year. We have a policy of moving teachers around to ensure that they can develop their teaching craft and to maximise the expertise within the school.



Ahead of sending the letter, I will remind parents that we have an admissions number of 38 (although we have reduced this down to 30 for Reception from September 2022). Some of our year groups are a bit bigger than this and some are a little bit smaller. We are required to place the 7 year groups into our 9 classes which means that there are some mixed age classes. Class sizes next year will be around 25 in KS1 and 28 in KS2, with 30 going into Reception. Our 9 classes next year are Reception, Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 2, Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4/5, Year 5/6, Year 6 and the children are sorted into those classes based on their dates of birth. We are expert at teaching to mixed age classes and always aim to challenge the children, whichever class they are in. The structure for next year means that some classes will inevitably split in ways that they haven't previously. At Weston we identify and promote the many positives of this necessary approach. More information on classes will follow soon. As well as our transition day on 30 June, our SEND children and others, where appropriate, will enjoy an enhanced transition to ensure that they are ready for next year.

## Jubilee

You will have seen the letter from Mrs Loveland regarding our plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It promises to be a fun-packed day at the end of a week full of learning about Britain's recent history. The Weston community have also made plans for the weekend of the jubilee celebrations, on Sunday 5 June. All Weston school families are welcome to attend the event in the village (not the school event) on what promises to be a joyous day.



## Weston Village Jubilee Celebration

### Sunday 5th June

### All Saints' Church and Hall



With the cooperation of the Parish Council,  
The White Lion and Weston Village Primary School.

**Royal Scarecrows: around the village all week**

**White Lion open from 12noon**

**Bouncy castle in White Lion Car Park: All Day**

**School Crown Making Competition: Hall**



**Art Exhibition: 2pm: Hall**

**Afternoon Tea: 2pm: Hall**



**Thanksgiving Service for Her Majesty: 4pm: Church**

**Live Music at White Lion: 6pm**



## Friends of Weston - Tea towel

Look out for information about ordering a tea towel full of the children's self-portraits to commemorate this Platinum Jubilee year. The Friends of Weston are organising it and the children have already drawn their portraits. Look out also for news of an upcoming disco.



## Diversity - Eid

We wished Muslims within our community Eid Mubarak earlier this month as they celebrated Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of the month-long dawn-to-dusk fasting of Ramadan. We learned about the festival in school and what it means to Muslims.

## Year 6 Ambassadors Update

Our Safety Ambassadors are due to spend time with Cheshire Fire and Rescue to learn about how they can support younger children in the school with all aspects of safety related to fire, including identifying risks and having an evacuation plan for the home.

## New Starters

We have finalised dates and plans for our transition work with the new starters over the next few weeks. A pack will soon be landing in the inboxes of parents of new starters full of everything they need to know and requesting some information. The children will enjoy a transition session as well as some of our favourite activities – a Gruffalo Games afternoon later this term and a Teddy Bears Picnic at the very start of next term. There will be a parents' meeting and the staff will be making contact with parents and their child's setting to ensure that we have all the information we need to provide a smooth start to life at Weston. It's hard to believe that it's this time of year already!

## Brill Kids Fest

Some children in upper KS2 have been chosen to attend the world's first Brill Kids Fest. The event will take place at Wychwood Park hotel later this month and will bring children together from a number of local schools. The children will take part in activities all based around the Art of Brilliance <https://www.artofbrilliance.co.uk/>



## Stars of the Week

Here are most of the stars of the week from the last 2 weeks. 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.

Here is a picture of Year 6 too, who we celebrated this afternoon in Celebration Assembly.







### Purple Class Assembly

Mrs Buckley and Mrs Hornby helped the Purple class children to put on a great class assembly this morning. It was our first class assembly with an audience since pre-Covid. The children did a great job sharing their work, their learning and some dance routines. They even managed to get the parents to join in with one of their dance routines – All The Single Ladies! Well done children!



## ParentPay - Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentPay communications since the last newsletter:

6 May – Dates (updated dates this term)

9 May – The Hive Half Term Holiday Club

11 May – Should I Keep My Child Off School?

13 May – Queen's Jubilee Celebrations



Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

*Thomas Cutts*