



# WESTON NEWS

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

W/b Monday 14 November – Anti-bullying week

Monday 14 November – Fluenz vaccinations for all children

**Thursday 17 November – Children in Need (changed date)**

Friday 18 November – Year 4 Bikeability

Thursday 24 November – Yellow Class assembly (10am)

Thursday 1 December – KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre

**Thursday 1 December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Hall Christmas lights switch-on**

Friday 2 December – Friends of Weston Christmas event tbc

**Sunday 4 December – Choir performing at Wychwood Village Christmas Fayre**

Monday 5 December – Red Class nativity (1.30pm and 6pm)

Tuesday 6 December – Christmas activity sessions (Reception and KS1)

Wednesday 7 December – KS1 Christmas performance (1.30pm)

Thursday 8 December – KS1 Christmas performance (1.30pm and 6pm)

Wednesday 14 December – Choir performing at Shavington Academy concert

Thursday 15 December – Reception and KS1 trip to Tatton Park

Friday 16 December – Weston's Got Talent

Friday 16 December – Break up for Christmas

**Tuesday 3 January – INSET day (school open for staff training and The Hive)**

**Wednesday 4 January – School reopens for all**

## A message from Mr Cutts

We've reached the time of year where attention for many starts to turn towards the December festivities. There's something about the nights drawing in and the nativity rehearsals starting in earnest that always feels a bit festive and magical. That's certainly my excuse for watching two Christmas films and eating a tin of Quality Street already!

There is a lot for children and families to look forward to over the coming weeks including nativities, choir performances, trips and activities. It's also a time of concern for some. We know that money is tight. This is an incredibly tough time financially for schools as well as families and we have many challenges to overcome. [Please do check out the resources on the school website under School Community – Cost of Living Support.](#) There is a wealth of advice and support available for those in need.

As the weather is turning, it is becoming very cold. Please do ensure that your child brings a warm coat to school every day and let us know if this is a problem. Even when days start off bright and with promise, they generally deteriorate into cold and gloom.

Of course cold and gloom can only be found outside of Weston Village Primary School! Inside continues to be a veritable utopia of warmth and colour! We are delighted to welcome Reception parents into the fun factory and hope that they are able to get something out of the Friday morning stay and learn sessions. We are working on a plan to give KS1 parents the opportunity to learn alongside their child in the new year.



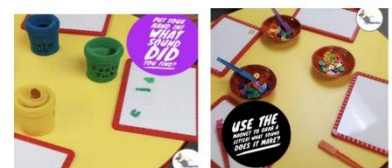
Red Class parents you're invited to

## Stay and Learn Sessions

Every Friday Morning during Autumn B!

8:30am-8:50am (or any time in between!)

Come and join the children in a range of morning activities based around reading and writing. Learn new ideas to support early reading and writing at home with the support of early years staff. Watch your child in their environment and see the fun things that they get up to!





## Orange Class Assembly

Thank you to Orange Class parents for coming along to watch their class assembly on Tuesday. The children shared highlights from their learning so far this year including art, history and writing and really enjoyed having family in to see them. The children also sang two songs wonderfully and showed what a great time they are having in Orange class. They did really well. The rest of Key Stage 2 joined us in the hall while the rest of the school watched a livestream in their classrooms. As part of their assembly, they shared the poppies they had made for Remembrance.



## School Council

Miss Bell officially introduced the School Council to the whole school and they shared their priorities with the rest of the children. They have some excellent ideas to promote anti-bullying and friendships and are committed to being a friendly point of contact for all the children to offer peer support and make sure everyone feels like they are the special part of the Weston family that they are.

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## Children In Need

Miss Bell has written to parents to advise you all of the change of date for our Children In Need day to avoid a clash with Year 4 Bikeability. The letter described the many activities that the children will take part in to raise awareness of the initiative. Don't forget that we are inviting children to wear non-uniform and ideally yellow/spots including face paint spots and even 'crazy' hair. To support

this worthwhile cause, we ask that the children bring in a small donation of whatever you can afford to spare – we recommend a pound or two. Please be aware that the children will be completing a Pudsey obstacle course on the day so make sure they are wearing something they are able to move around easily in.



## Recycling Week

Has your child spoken to you about Recycling Week? We spent time teaching the children about the impact of rubbish and the finite resources of the earth. We learnt about the difference that the 3 Rs can make if we all do it at home and at school. Learning about the world around us in this way makes us all more considerate citizens. The ongoing work of the Eco Ambassadors and their initiatives around reducing energy use and waste, will continue to raise awareness of the very real ecological threats that exist with climate change, energy use and rubbish.



## School Choir

The choir are now performing at four Christmas events. Why not check them out at the Wychwood Village Hall light switch-on on 1 December at 5.30pm; the Wychwood Village Christmas Fayre on 4 December at 11am; the Shavington Christmas Concert on 14 December at 6pm (tickets necessary); and the Wychwood Hotel Christmas event on 18 December at 4pm? The whole school are

working on one of the numbers together – Run, Run, Rudolph. Grab a mince pie and ask for a rendition – it'll get you in the festive spirit!

## Friends of Weston – Christmas Event

Details are being finalised for a Friends of Weston Christmas family event, scheduled for the evening of Friday 2 December. Look out for more information via ParentPay and the Friends' Facebook page.

## Football Competition

The Year 5/6 football team competed in the league stage of the annual Crewe and Nantwich competition. They won every game and performed magnificently as a team. Their performances were on a par with the mighty Newcastle United and they have a lot to be proud of. The challenges step up as they enter the knock-out phase and progress further into the competition. We have excellent pedigree in this competition, having won the Nantwich division several times in recent years. Next up for the team, is an FA schools 6-a-side competition, which takes place over 3 days at the Crewe Alex soccer centre. All the teams across Cheshire compete until there is just one representative for the county in the North West competition. This eventually leads to an overall national winner. Weston will be trying to replicate the run of a few years ago, when we got all the way to the Cheshire final.



Well done, Team Weston!

## Infant Sports Hall Athletics

A KS1 team of children are attending a Sports Hall athletics event today at South Cheshire College and will compete against a number of other schools in a range of activities. The children are looking forward to representing the school.

## Year 5 Bikeability

Well done to the children in Year 5 who took part in Bikeability Level 2 this week. Over the course of two days, the children worked in small groups with the instructors. They built on Level 1 skills by cycling on single lane roads, correctly approaching simple junctions and cycling on roads with moderate traffic flow – vital safety skills. It is important that the children continue to practise these skills and remember the safety messages from their expert training. Year 4 complete their Bikeability Level 1 training next week.



## Remembrance Poppies Display

Have you seen our poppy display at All Saints' Church? This year, the Community Ambassadors shared their vision with the school, which involved every child painting a poppy to contribute to a poppy cascade. The effect is beautiful. Please check it out in the flesh.

We will observe Remembrance tomorrow with a minute's silence at 11am

## Early Years Outdoor Area

Our friends at Lovells came back to school over half term to jet wash the furniture and mud kitchen in the Early Years outdoor area and will return in 2 weeks to paint and re-wood chip (among other things) the whole area, together with the children. We are very grateful for their support with this project, which will really enhance our outdoor provision.

## Lost Property

Please ensure that all pupil property is named. **We STILL have a large quantity of unnamed lost property, including jumpers and cardigans, bottles and even coats.** Being responsible for your own property is a life skill and we ask that you reinforce this at home in order to keep lost property to a minimum.

## Reception 2023

I have shown lots and lots of families around our school in recent weeks ahead of the deadline for Reception 2023 applications – 15 January 2023. Don't forget that even if you already have children at Weston, you must apply for a Reception place if your child is due to start school next September. You could risk missing out on a place at your chosen school. [Apply via the Cheshire East school admissions website.](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

**Apply online for a school place**  
It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2023.

If you do not have web access  
**call 0300 123 5012**

You can apply from  
1st September 2022 at  
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2022 for secondary  
15th January 2023 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

**Cheshire East Council**





## Stars of the Week

In Celebration assembly we celebrate lots of achievements and successes and reinforce our understanding of the Secrets of Success. We also celebrate a star of the week from every class who has demonstrated the Secrets of Success in different ways. Here are most of the most recent stars.

## ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

- 1 November – Cost of living support and advice factsheet
- 4 November – Friends of Weston coffee morning
- 4 November – Children In Need 2022
- 7 November – Year 5 Bikeability – important information



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

*Thomas Cutts*