

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

**Attendance:** Congratulations parents our weekly attendance percentage for this week is **96.7%** Mrs Woodward and Mrs Jones would like to thank all the parents of West Road for coming together and supporting them to try and meet the national expectations for attendance and remain a good school. Remember, if you need support or advice linked to attendance, just pick up the phone or come in and see Mrs Woodward or Mrs Jones, anytime.

**Ofsted Report - WRPA latest inspection:**

Please click on the link to access our latest inspection report.

<https://westroadprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Ofsted-Report-29-30-November-2023.pdf>

**Playgrounds:** Remember children should not ride on scooters or bikes in the playground. If they do, then unfortunately they will not be able to bring the equipment to school again. All the children are aware of the school rules, however we would like parent support to make sure younger children adopt the same ruling. Thanks for your support and understanding to keep all our children safe whilst in the school playground. There will be a member of SLT on each playground every morning and pick-up, if you need any support or have any concerns about your child's education or wellbeing.

**School Guidelines:** As per the text that was recently sent out, all Year 5s and 6s should not come into the school playground till 8.35am and should walk calmly to their teacher or TA who will be waiting to take them round to their classroom. Mobile phones will be collected as soon as you come into school and any children found videoing or taking photos of children within the school grounds will have their phones confiscated and parents will be informed. **This ruling applies to all children carrying a mobile phone on school premises, from any year group.**

**Free School Meals:** If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, or you know you are and are having trouble filling in the documentation online, please don't miss out, come to the office and Mrs Higham will support you with your queries or paperwork. We are here to support all our parents.

**Pit-Stop**

Our Pit-Stop afterschool club has now changed to 5pm bookings only. To book your child/ren into Pit-Stop you must complete a booking form at the office and pay on ParentPay to confirm the place.



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## Our Stars of the Week this week have been

Nursery AM – Brandon  
 Nursery PM – Poppy  
 Class 1 – Noah  
 Class 2 – Johnmichael  
 Class 3 – Eva  
 Class 4 – Amie  
 Class 5 – Dahlia  
 Class 6 – Aleksandra  
 Class 7 – Alexis  
 Class 8 – Freddie  
 Class 9 – Jackson  
 Class 10 – Summer  
 Class 11 – Evie  
 Class 12 – Layla



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special menu. See attached for options.

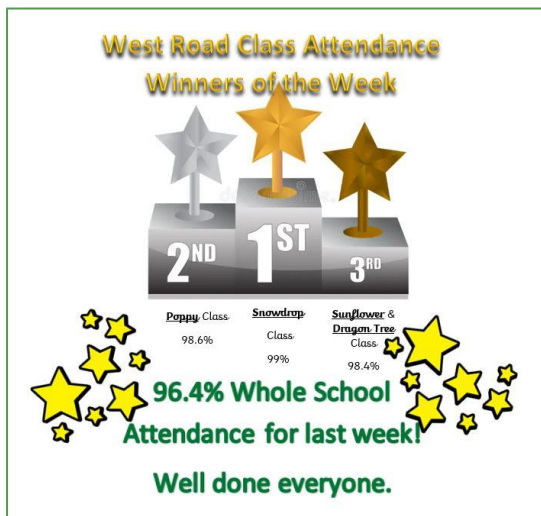
## Dates to Remember

6<sup>th</sup> February – Yr 5/6 Victorian Workshop  
 7-9 February – Yr 5 Kingswood Residential  
 8 February – School Closes for Half Term  
 9 February – Teacher Training Day  
 19 February – Return to School  
 19 February – Young Voices  
 7 March – World Book Day  
 22 March – Yr 6 Crucial Crew  
 28 March – Wear a Hat Day  
 28 March – School closes for Easter

Parent Reading Volunteers wanted across school. If you feel you have the time and commitment to make a difference to a child reading for enjoyment in school, please speak with your class teacher.

## Nut Free School

Can we please remind parent/carers whose children have packed lunches that we are nut free school. This means packed lunches should **not** have any food items which contain nuts.



The Junior Leadership Team will be running a Tuck Shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. This half term it will be for **KS2** children starting week commencing 15 January.  
Please see price list below

## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### KS2 TUCK SHOP

#### PRICE LIST

- Caramel Rice Cakes - 20p**
- Salted Rice Cakes - 20p**
- Raisins – 10p**
- Bear Fruit Apple – 45p**
- Bear Fruit Raspberry - 45p**
- Bear Fruit Blackcurrant - 45p**
- Bear Fruit Mango - 45p**
- Bear Fruit Strawberry -45p**
- Apple & Blackcurrant Juice – 30p**
- Orange Juice – 30p**
- Haribo Star Mix – 25p**

### Message from Doncaster Children's Services Partnership

Worried about a child? We are always here for our children, young people and families 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

If you are worried about a child and wish to speak to a person you can contact us by calling 01302 737777, or in the evening or at weekends call 01302 796000. You can also record your concerns online at [www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child](http://www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child) - this can be done anonymously.

### Class Email Addresses

Should you wish to contact your child's class teacher you can do so by emailing the class email. However, this should not be used to report a child absent. All absence calls should be made to the school office.

Nursery	<a href="mailto:nursery@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">nursery@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 1	<a href="mailto:class1@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class1@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 2	<a href="mailto:class2@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class2@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 3	<a href="mailto:class3@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class3@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 4	<a href="mailto:class4@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class4@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 5	<a href="mailto:class5@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class5@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
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Class 11	<a href="mailto:class11@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class11@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 12	<a href="mailto:class12@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class12@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding	SENCo/inclusion <a href="mailto:safeguarding@westrd.Doncaster.sch.uk">safeguarding@westrd.Doncaster.sch.uk</a>

Please remember that we also have an email directly linked to Mrs Lambert and the inclusion team. Please use this for any safeguarding, SEN/D or inclusion messages that may not be relevant for the class email- Many thanks

The following website [www.toogoodtogo.co.uk](http://www.toogoodtogo.co.uk) is available for all parents to collect food from lots of local businesses at a reduced price. There is also an app available.



### Does your child have a laptop at home to complete homework?

If your child requires a school laptop to complete their homework on Edshed and Times Table Rockstars, please let their class teacher know.



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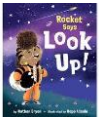
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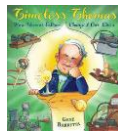


This week in Reception we have enjoyed continuing our learning about the story 'Look up'. We have been learning all about numbers 6, 7 and 8 in maths. In curriculum, the children have done an excellent job of naming and ordering the planets in the solar system. In Nursery, we have enjoyed ordering the story of Whatever Next! We have also enjoyed finding out more about the different planets in our solar system.



This week in Year 1 the children have been working hard in English and have been writing a report all about Northern Ireland which links to their geography learning. The children have been learning how to estimate numbers on a number line and have been comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. The children have also been enjoying computing, where they have been learning to edit photographs.

This week in Year 2 we have had another busy week, we began to look at our new text "Timeless Thomas" which is a biography about the life of Thomas Edison who was a famous inventor. The children have enjoyed learning all about biographies and some of the amazing inventions Thomas Edison invented, many of which have evolved into devices we use today. During our maths sessions we have continued to learn about shapes and looked at sorting 3D shapes and using shapes to create patterns. In geography we have been learning about The British Isles and this week we focused on Wales, identifying urban and rural parts of

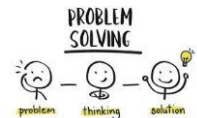


Wales and learning about Mount Snowdon, even taking a trip to look at the view from the top on google earth. PSHE this week has looked at how we work together in a team, the children had to work in small groups and were able to discuss what they found easy and what they found difficult about working with others. We had lots of fun in our science session creating circuits to make the bulbs light up and then testing other devices such as buzzers and switches. The children are also impressing us with their times tables knowledge, keep practising on Times Tables Rockstars! Another super week in Year 2, well done everyone.



We have been working hard again this week in Year 3/4. In English, we've been creating a non-chronological report based on our own dragon linked to our class novels. In our report, we included high level vocabulary and tried to vary our sentences with the use of different conjunctions. In science, we explored how concave and convex mirrors altered reflections. We had such a fun time investigating this!

This week has been a busy week, Year 5 have been consolidating their problem-solving skills in maths and finishing their formal letters in English. In music, the focus this half term has been 'Blues'. This week, the children have enjoyed learning how to play the 12 bar blues. The Year 6 children have been preparing themselves for the upcoming SATs with a week of practice SATs. They have all given their all and put their absolute best into it and the scores they are getting are improving every time. Their effort and determination is really paying off! Well done Year 6!



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West Road's Winter Dinner Menu    Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian korma and 50/50 rice	Pork Sausage, mash potato and gravy.	Roast gammon, roast potatoes and gravy.	Beef burger and wedges.	Fish fingers and chips.
Vegetarian cottage pie	Quorn enchiladas with diced potatoes	Quorn fillet, roast potatoes and gravy	Tomato and roasted vegetable pasta	Vegetable fingers and chips.
Carrots and peas	Cabbage and green beans	Broccoli and cauliflower	Sweetcorn and carrots	Peas and beans
Chocolate and pear sponge with custard	Apple crumble and custard	Flapjack	Lemon biscuit	Chocolate orange cookie



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## CHINESE NEW YEAR

### MENU

THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice

Vegetable Stir Fry & Rice

Jacket Potato

Cheese Sandwich

Ice-cream



## GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

### BREAKING NEWS

Club Thorne are delighted to be running Girls Only football sessions as part of the Weetabix Wildcats Programme. The session is for ages 5 - 11 and is a fun introduction to football.

### SESSION INFO

**When:** Every Tuesday

**Where:** Iqpal Poultry Stadium, Grange Road, DN8 4NA

**Time:** 4:30pm - 5:30pm

**Cost:** £3 (first session is free)

The sessions take place outside so please ensure suitable clothing and footwear.

No need to book!



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# JLT Tuck Shop

Prices range from 15p to 35p.



- rice cakes
- bear fruit roll ups
- juice cartons
- raisins

There are no snacks with anything your allergic to.



Monday's,  
Wednesday's  
and Friday  
break times.



## **School Procedures for Absentees**

### **First Day of Absence**

The Attendance Officer will review registers on a daily basis, between 9am and 9.30am, noting any children absent without a reason being provided. At 9.30am the Attendance Officer (AO) will ring parent(s) on the contact list. If still they have not heard from the parent(s) or contacts on the list, the AO will send a text message to the parent(s) explaining if they do not contact the school within the next 30 minutes, to explain their child's absence, a home visit may well be conducted by the Designated Safeguarding Team.

If still the Designated Safeguarding Lead does not get a response from the parent(s) after a home visit, a home visit may well be conducted by the police. Any child on the Child Protection List, that is absent and we have received no explanation from a parent after ringing every contact on the contact list, will have a visit from the Designated Safeguarding Team. Should there be no response from the home visit, a call to Social Care and the Police will be made.

### **Parents' Legal Responsibilities**

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child/ren attend school and are responsible for the consequences of non-attendance.

Support will be offered. This will be communicated to parents through the school prospectus, Home/School Agreements, regular items on school newsletters and Friday letters. Meetings will be arranged with those parents whose child/ren have a pattern of absence or attendance falls below 95%.

These will all develop your understanding of parents' legal responsibilities along with involvement in the School Attendance Panel process where attendance shows no sign of improvements.

For more information please refer to the attendance policy on our school website.

22nd January 2024

### West Road Spelling Bee Competition

Dear Parent/Carer,

After half term, there will be a Spelling Bee competition at West Road and every child from Year 2 to Year 6 will take part. In order to prepare for this, please encourage your child to practice the spellings attached to this letter. These lists will also appear on the Spelling Shed 'Play' section, labelled as their year group curriculum/common exception words. Every child has an account for Edshed- seek your child's class teacher for log in enquiries.

The competition will take place firstly in classes, with the children completing a spelling test on 30 of the practiced words. The highest scoring boy and girl from each class will then take part in a year group Spelling Bee in order to determine the top boy and girl spellers/finalists for our school.

Rules:

- The children will be able to write each word down before spelling it out loud.
- During the semi-final and final, children will write the word, press a buzzer and will then be required to say the letters for the word.

**Each year group have exciting prizes to be won.** Every child at school will have the opportunity to win the Spelling Bee in their year group. All we ask is that they practice their spellings over the next few weeks ready for the exciting competition.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Purdy  
Deputy Headteacher



"The spelling bee was so intense, it was un-bee-lievable!"



## If you're struggling this winter, we can help

We can offer support with things such as fuel poverty and staying warm, financial hardship support, support accessing food banks as well as emotional and wellbeing support.

Meet us at Thorne Library, Mondays from 10am - 12:30pm

 February 5th & 19th, 2024

 March 4th & 18th, 2024

No prior booking needed and no waiting list!

Available till 31st March 2024

Visit [doncastermind.org.uk](http://doncastermind.org.uk) or call 01302812190 for more info

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11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**World Book Day** takes place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we are asking if children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character e.g. Where's Wally, Harry Potter, Horrid Henry, Mr Bump, The Worst Witch. Costumes do not have to be shop bought and can be made at home. For ideas for homemade outfits, please Google 'easy outfits for World Book Day' and you will find lots of ideas or visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>.

There are lots of interactive activities, competitions and resources on World Book Day's official website at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Every child in school will receive a £1 book voucher. The tokens are valid from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. You can help your child choose their £1 book by showing them exciting 'Look Insides' at [www.worldbookday.com/books](http://www.worldbookday.com/books). Bookshops and supermarkets are a big part of what makes World Book Day special and thousands will be taking part in World Book Day 2024, with many putting on special events to celebrate the day. Your local bookseller might be on the high street or could be a supermarket. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1 books. You can find your nearest bookseller at [www.booksaremybag.com](http://www.booksaremybag.com).

During World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, children will be taking part in exciting activities in school, all relating to reading.

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school and hope you will join in too with your child at home. World Book Day could not happen without the support of parent and carers – thank you, you make it happen!

Yours sincerely

H Purdy

Miss H Purdy  
Deputy Headteacher



Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

World Book Day is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens.



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