



SUNNY DAYS

Can we remind parents that all children should have a sunhat and water bottle in school, and should have sun cream applied in the morning. Children can bring it with them and reapply it during the day, but some children struggle with this – if your child struggles, all day sun creams would perhaps be a better choice.

Can we also ask that only water is put into water bottles, not squash or juice please. Thank you.

SUMMER FAIR

The PTFA Summer Fair will be on Thursday 12th June, from 4-6pm. If you are interested in having a stall at the fair, please contact Indi Brown for more information at westlandspfta@gmail.com

We will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday 6th June, in exchange for donations of chocolate from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and bottles (wine, bubble bath etc.) from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 please!

The PTFA are also asking for donations of any Children Books / Toys / Teddies (please bring to school 2nd – 6th June) and cakes (shop bought or homemade) to be brought to school on the day of the fair.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held, weather permitting, on Wednesday 18th June. Reception and Key Stage 1 will start at 9:15am, and Key Stage 2 will begin at 1:30pm. In the event of bad weather, it will be moved to Tuesday 24th June.

Please ensure you bring your own blankets, camping chairs etc. to sit on.

All the children should be in PE kit on Sports Day please. PE kit is navy or black shorts and a blue t-shirt, with trainers. Hoodies or tracksuits should be either Westlands branded ones, or plain black or navy. Thank you.

We ask that no photos or videos are taken on Sports Day - the teachers will be taking plenty of photos to be loaded onto Dojo and the website.

ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHERS – THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

To give parents the opportunity to have a photograph of their child's class at the beginning and end of their time at Westlands we take whole class photographs of Reception and Year 6. The photographers will be in school on Thursday 26th June to take these class photos. We will also be taking individual photos of the Y6 leavers. All photos will be available for parents to purchase afterwards. Year 6 leavers are given a copy of their class photo as a leaving gift from the school.

Children should wear full uniform (can be either winter or summer uniform) – there is no need for them to wear a tie if they are wearing a polo shirt.

YEAR 6

All the Year 6 pupils coped brilliantly with their SATS this week. They will be taking a well deserved trip to Cadbury World at the end of the year (more details will follow soon) and their Leavers Assembly will take place in school on the morning of Friday 11th July. Thank you to the PTFA for the leavers hoodies that have been presented to Year 6 today.

NEXT YEAR AT WESTLANDS

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to share some important staffing updates with you.

This year, we will be saying goodbye to several staff members who are moving on to new chapters in their professional and personal lives. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and the positive impact they have made during their time at Westlands.

Mrs Al Agouri leaves us at the end of this term for a very well deserved retirement. Mrs Owen will be joining the school as Year 6 teacher and Deputy Head. The children will get a chance to meet her on move up morning at the start of July.

Mrs Smith will also be leaving the school at the end of this term, and Mrs Alderman will be welcoming her new baby in the autumn and so will be off on maternity leave for the next academic year. Miss Maddock will be taking over in Year 1 in September.

We will also be saying goodbye to our TA Mrs Blakeman at the end of June, who is also heading off to enjoy retirement.

We wish a fond farewell to all staff leaving us this summer – we are truly grateful for their hard work, commitment, and care for our pupils. Their presence in our community will be missed, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

We will be working hard over the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition and will update you on the remaining new appointment (for Year 3) when it is confirmed.

MOVE UP DAY (WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY)

Children will spend the morning in their new classrooms with their new teachers on Wednesday 2nd July

The classes will be taught as follows for the 2025/26 academic year:

CLASS	TEACHER
Reception (RA)	Miss N Adams
Year 1 (1AS)	Miss N Maddock
Year 2 (2G)	Mrs N Gray
Year 3 (3M)	TBS
Year 4 (4M)	Mr A Mainwaring
Year 5 (5R)	Mr C Rhead
Year 6 (6A)	Mrs J Owen

The date coincides with the induction day for a couple of the high schools, but if they are not at their new schools, Year 6 will still be in school as usual.

GENERAL REMINDERS

PUNCTUALITY, ATTENDANCE AND TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

A reminder that children should be **in their classroom by 8:45am** every morning. Lateness causes worries for the child who is late and also disrupts the start of the lesson affecting all children and the staff.

Holidays in term time should not be taken. **We cannot authorise any term-time holidays** for the children, regardless of the circumstances. Unauthorised absences of 5 days or more are reported to the Local Authority and may result in a penalty notice.

Finally, can we remind all parents and carers of the importance of informing the school each day if your child is absent from school. It is vital that we know the whereabouts of every child on our roll on a daily basis. This is a key part of our safeguarding duty to ensure all pupils are safe and accounted for.

Accurate attendance records are a legal requirement and we have to record a reason for absence when a child does not attend school. We kindly request that you contact the school office before 9.30 am each day your child is absent, even if they are off for consecutive days. You are welcome to also message teachers via Dojo if you wish, but please contact the office as well with a reason for absence.

Thank you to all parents who do let us know about absences and appointments.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for **income-based** free school meals, then we can also offer help for after-school clubs, school trips and music lessons. Pupils eligible for free school meals also receive free snacks from morning tuck shop in KS2. **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children can also apply for income-based free school meals, even though children in those years get free school meals anyway.**

It is easy to apply online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

MEDICINE

Children **should not** have any form of medication with them in the classroom, other than inhalers. Any medication - paracetamol, ibuprofen, antibiotics or hay fever medication should be brought to the school office, where it remains for the school day. All medicine requires that a 'Request to Administer Medicine' form is completed (available from the school office).

SNACKS, PACKED LUNCHES AND WATER BOTTLES

Please can we remind parents that children should not be bringing sweets, multiple chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches. Water bottles should contain only water please - when some of the children have juice it can cause arguments, and also make a sticky mess when it is spilt.

We would advise against sending expensive Air-up bottles into school, however if the children do bring them into school, please be aware there is a risk of damage or loss.

DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2025

May

- 19** Careers workshop for Year 6
- 19** Girls football tournament at Bet365 Stadium
- 20** Governors meeting, 4:30pm
- 21** PTFA Disco
- 21** New parents meeting for Reception 2025 intake, 9:15am
- 21** Year 3 visit to Clayton Library
- 23** Finish for Half Term

June

- 2** INSET day
- 3** Children back in after half-term break
- 3-13** Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place at some point during this time.
- 3** NCMP team in school to do heights and weights for Reception and Year 6
- 6** Non-uniform day in exchange for summer fair donations
- 9-13** Phonics Screening Check will take place this week for all Year 1 children, plus Year 2 children that did not reach the expected standard last year.
- 11** Reception 2025 – visit for the children starting in September
- 12** PTFA Summer Fair
- 16** Year 3 Ukulele Concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall
- 17** Governors meeting, 4:30pm
- 18** Sports Day (KS1 - 9:15am, KS2 - 1:30pm)
- 19** Roman Day in Year 4
- 19** Reserve summer fair day (in case of bad weather)
- 24** Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
- 26** Reception and Y6 Class photos, Y6 individual Leavers photos
- 27** PTFA Afternoon Tea

July

- 1** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Peak Wildlife
- 1** Music concert for parents in school, 2:30pm (this will be year 3 ukuleles, plus some of the other children that do music lessons in school)
- 2** Move up morning
- 8-9** Drama Club performance of The Wizard of Oz (evenings)
- 11** Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 14** Year 6 Trip to Cadbury World
- 18** School closes for Summer holiday
- 21** INSET day (staff only)

The children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK ANY HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Autumn Term 2025

INSET Day	Monday 1 st September 2025
INSET Day	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
School opens for pupils	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025
School closes for pupils	Friday 19 th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
School opens for pupils and staff	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026
School closes for pupils and staff	Friday 27 th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

School opens for pupils and staff	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
INSET Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
School closes for pupils	Friday 17 th July 2026
INSET Day	Monday 20 th July 2026