

Autumn Term Weston Schools Federation Newsletter

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Message From Mr. Wiltshire



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the Christmas break already! On behalf of all the staff at Weston Park and Weston Shore, I would like to thank you for all your support this term. Your children have represented the school really well and we are so proud of their progress.

I must also thank you for helping to improve our attendance. It has certainly gone up and that means that more children are getting into school on time. This is helping their friendships and academic progress.

We have had many great moments, but for many of the staff, the addition of our monthly Magic Moments has been a real highlight. From cinema treats to beat-boxing, the children have loved the regular moments that make coming to school a great experience.

We wish you a really peaceful and restful break and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Tuesday 6th January.

Best wishes,

Mr. J. Wiltshire.

This Term in Key Stage One

Reception

Reception have had a brilliant Autumn term! This half term we have been learning about traditional tales as part of our topic 'Once Upon a Time'. The children have had lots of fun retelling stories, acting them out using puppets and even creating their own ones! We really enjoyed sharing our learning with our parents and carers at our 'Weston's Bedtime Stories' outcome day and were lucky enough to be read to by lots of older children in the school.

The children have made super progress in their phonics and maths this half term, with lots of children now blending and confidently counting within 10. Next half term, we will be focusing on our phase 3 digraphs and counting beyond 10.

We are so proud of the children's singing at their Christmas singalong. They were so confident singing on the stage in front of an audience and showed us what fantastic performers they are.

Our Spring term starts with our Numbots day and we can't wait to see what costumes and outfits you will create for it! We wish you all a peaceful and healthy holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know and teaching the children in Reception at Weston Park and Weston Shore and look forward to seeing their progress on my return from maternity leave. Mrs Rood will be leading Reception for the remainder of the year.

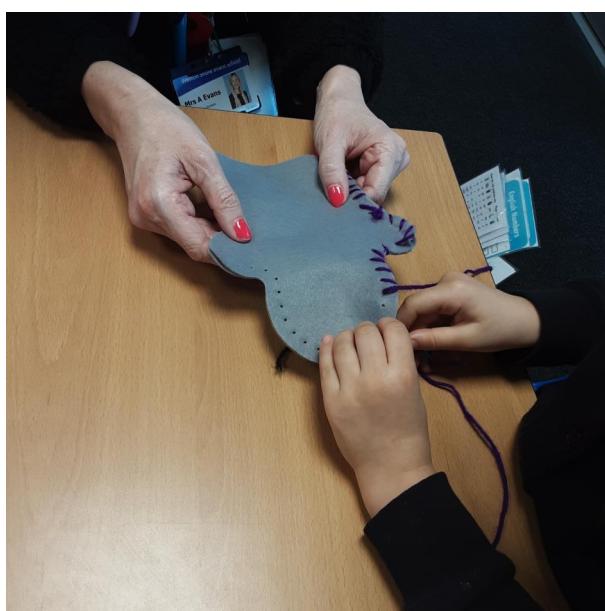
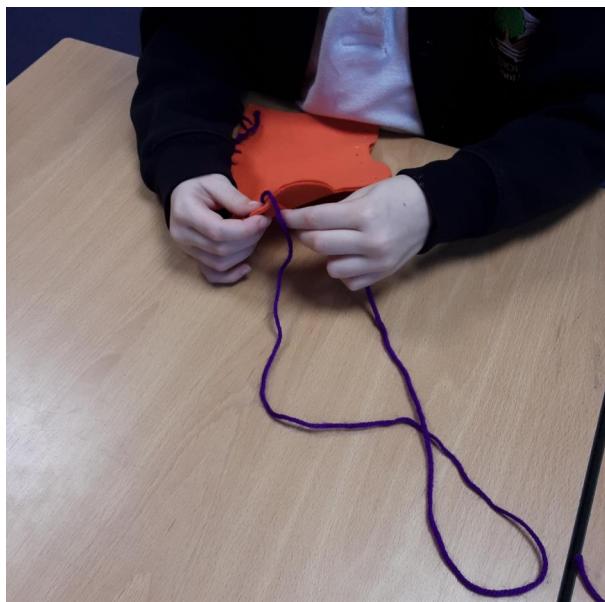




Year One









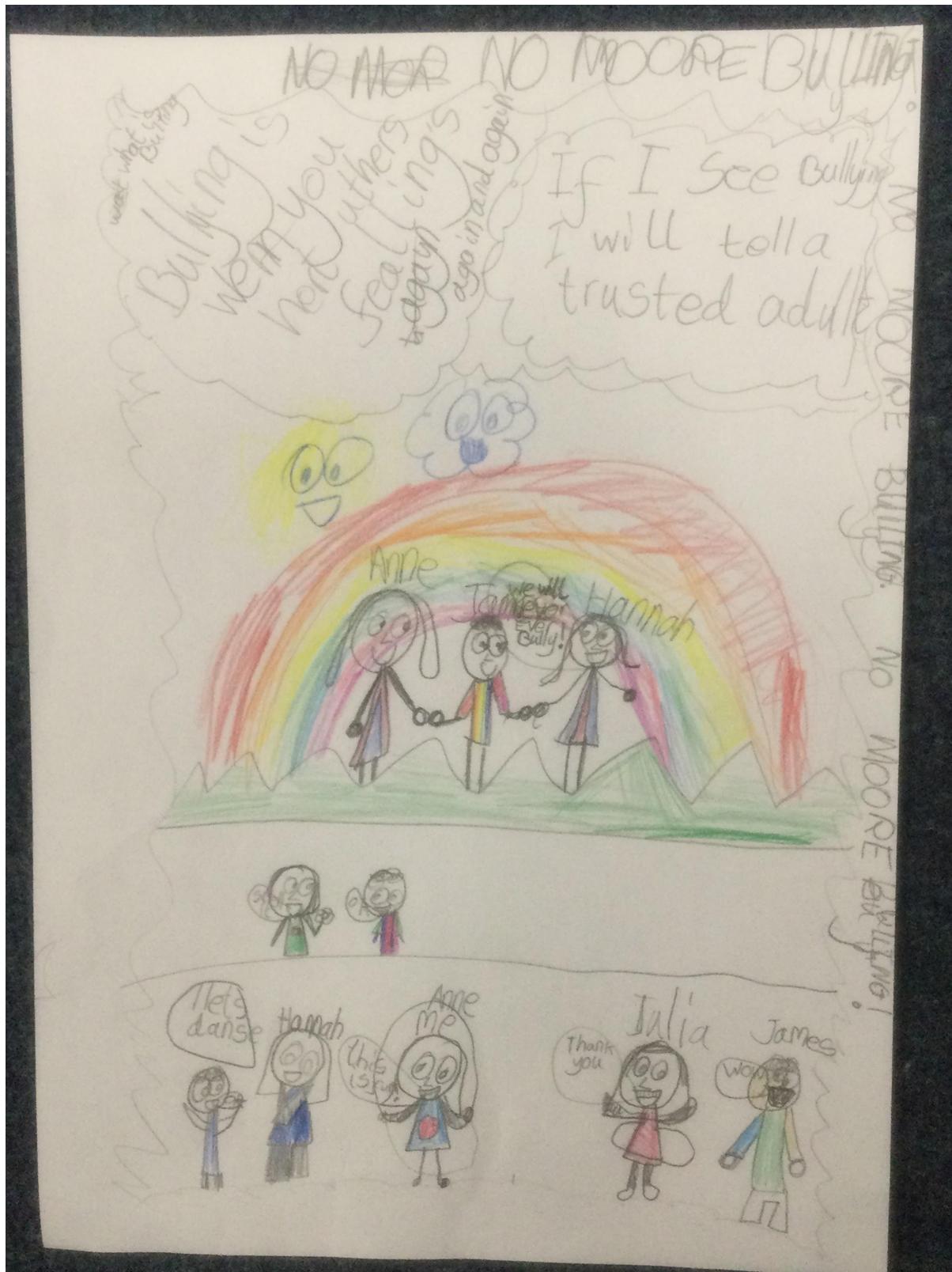
Year One have had a fantastic Autumn term and we are so proud of the progress they have made. We are particularly impressed with the pace of learning in Phonics and how quickly children are becoming fluent with their reading. All of the children have also shown commitment and focus to our drive on handwriting and this is reflected in the presentation of their books.

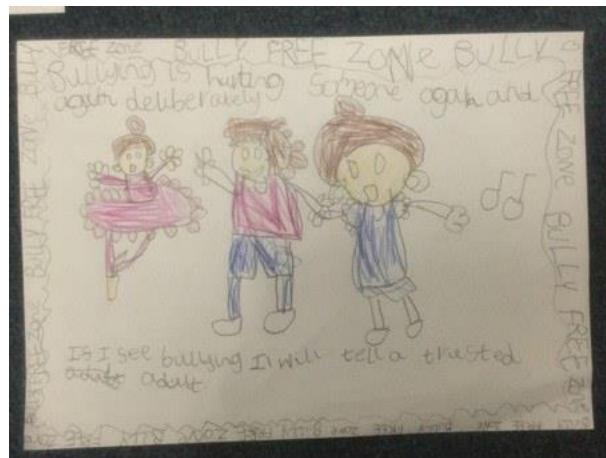
We have had lots of exciting learning opportunities across our foundation subjects this term. Our focus has been on toys and we kicked off our topic with children bringing in their own toys from home. They were excited to listen to each other and find out about the different reasons why each toy was special. We then began to learn about the history of toys, brought to life by the fantastic loan of real old toys from the history library. All the children were delighted to see how they worked and to notice how things have changed. In DT we designed and made our own puppets, showing exceptional concentration and care in learning how to sew.

We have finished off our term with two fantastic performances, which not only showed off artistic abilities as singers and dancers but also our exceptional behaviour in KS1. We are all very proud of them!

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Year Two





1 - In PSHE we have learnt about anti bullying



2 - An example of our captivating Arctic collages



3 - Making our own globes.

Year 2 have had an amazing half term and should feel really proud of themselves. Their progress has been phenomenal and it has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow. They have particularly enjoyed writing this half term and loved writing letters to the Snowman from Lily, while showcasing the skills they have learnt.

Handwriting continues to be a focus and we are now beginning to join our letters. We have been working hard on our letter sizing and ensuring our small letters are small and tall letters are tall. What a difference it is making!

In Maths, our latest topics have been multiplication, division and time. Practising the 2,5 or 10 times-tables will always be worthwhile if you have a spare five minutes. Early next half term we will be moving onto fractions.

Our overarching topic of Hot and Cold places has been very successful. The children know all about the seven continents, five oceans and the polar regions. Why not ask them to sing you one of the songs we have learnt?! These geographical skills have linked in with our Science learning about how animals have adapted to survive in their habitats. Ask us how a polar bear or camel is adapted to survive.

In Art, we have made beautiful Arctic collages and learnt all about the Northern lights. These will be coming home soon. We hope you like them as much as we do!

Finally, we have felt so proud of the children's Nativity performances this week. WOW! They worked so hard to learn their lines, speak slowly and clearly and remember all the songs and actions. They were INCREDIBLE and loved performing for you.

Looking ahead to January, please remember it is a **Numbots/Timestable Rockstars** day on the first day back. As Year 2 are about to start TTRS, please feel free to choose either Numbots or Timestable Rockstars as your inspiration for dressing up. We look forward to having a fun and exciting day to start the New Year with a bang! Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas.

This Term in Key Stage Two

Year Three





4 - Testing our cars in the Year 3 corridor for science



5 - Getting arty with the Year 3 art day!

It's been a fantastic half term in Year 3 with so much going on! We are incredibly proud to have the best attendance in KS2 this year. Other year groups may be starting to catch up, but

Year 3 have really worked hard to make sure they are in every day, on time. Let's see if we can keep this up for the whole year!

The Year 3 children have been reading the book Pugs of the Frozen North (you may have heard them mention this at home), and they have completed not one, but two pieces of writing based on the book. Having looked through the children's books, I can say that they are working really hard on these, especially in terms of making sure their work is presented beautifully for others to read.

We are also rightfully proud of our Times Table Rockstars scores this year, winning weekly competitions against both Year 4 AND Year 6. Not only that, but three children have already 'gone green' this year, meaning that they can answer all of their times table questions in under 4 seconds. Amazing!

On the first day back, Tuesday 6th, we have a **TTRS Rockstar Day** where children will be encouraged to dress up as a rock star and spend the day doing lots of exciting maths activities (and plenty of TTRS). That's not all for the first day back, however, as we will also have an **Egyptian Theme Day** on Friday 9th January. We can't wait to see all the mummies, Pharaohs, cats and more!

Year Four





Year 4 have had an amazing half term. In history, we have learnt about the Viking invasion to Britain. The children have enjoyed learning about the legacy of the Viking longboats and the Battle of Hastings. We have had some amazing home learning projects of Viking longboats coming into school. Thank you so much for the engagement at home. In addition, this half

term, we have been learning about electricity in science and our DT project has made links to this as we have made a torch using an electrical circuit. The children used their torches to find classroom objects in the dark.

Times tables

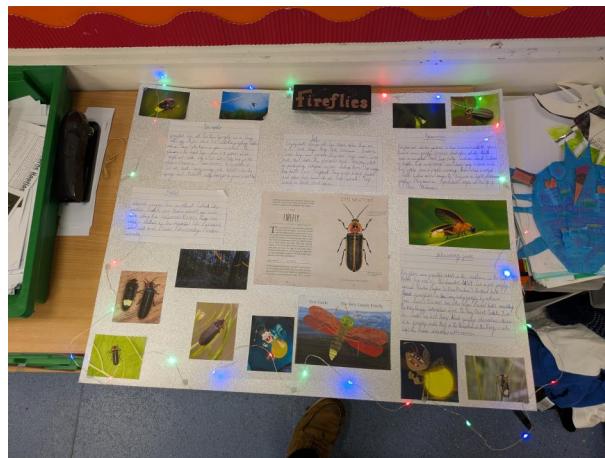
We are delighted to share that pupils have shown a noticeable increase in motivation towards mastering their multiplication tables. Their enthusiasm and consistent effort in lessons are helping them grow in confidence and develop a positive attitude towards mathematical learning. Going on TT rockstars at home has been really beneficial towards the children's learning.

Attendance

This half term, we have also seen a slight increase in attendance across the year group. This is a fantastic step forward, and we are proud of the commitment shown so far. However, if we want to win the weekly year group attendance award, we need to keep working together—being here on time, every single day.

Year Five





6 - Some amazing home learning!



7 - Testing friction in Science.



8 - Creating a river in Geography.

What an incredible half-term it has been for Year 5! The children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity. Our swimming trips were a real highlight, with everyone showing determination and growing confidence in the water. In Geography, we explored the fascinating world of rivers, learning how they shape landscapes and support life. Science lessons were full of discovery as we tested friction and engineered self-righting boats—what brilliant problem-solvers Year 5 have become!

English has been buzzing with excitement as we went beetle-mad, diving into stories and facts that captured imaginations. A special mention must go to the amazing home learning projects—staff were truly blown away by the creativity, effort, and presentation. You should all be very proud!

Times Table Rock Stars has been another area where Year 5 have shone. The progress and dedication have been outstanding, and we can't wait for Times Table Day on the very first day back after Christmas—it's going to be fantastic!

Attendance has also been improving, and we want to say how much we value having every child in school each day. Being here makes such a difference to learning and friendships, and we appreciate your continued support.

Thank you for a brilliant term, Year 5. We're so proud of everything you've achieved and can't wait to see what the new year brings as we begin to look at exciting weather events, such as tornadoes and earthquakes.

Year Six



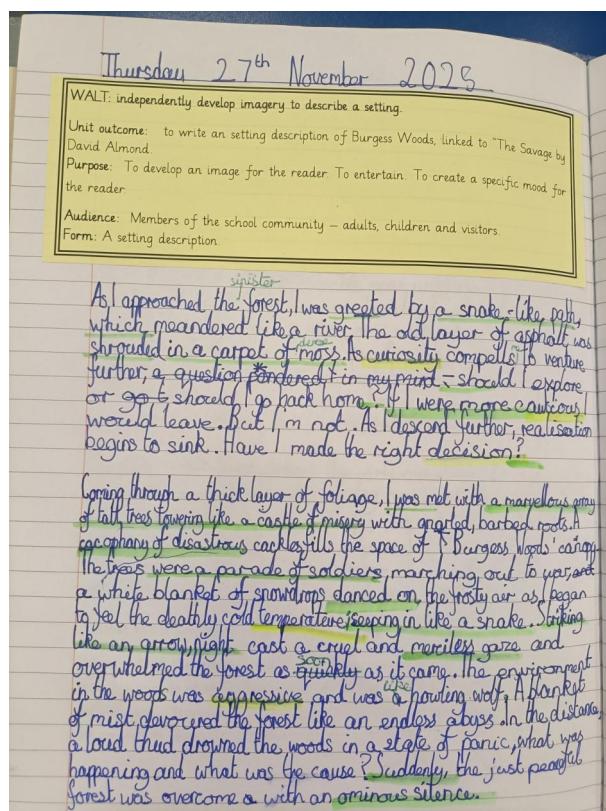
This half term, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard to deepen their understanding of fractions and decimals, applying this knowledge to tackle challenging multi-step problems with confidence and perseverance. Their determination has been fantastic to see!

As part of our Remembrance Day activities, the children explored a range of poignant poetry linked to the theme of remembrance. We also brought history to life by using VR headsets to experience trench life—walking in the shoes of a soldier and gaining a powerful insight into what life was like during World War I.

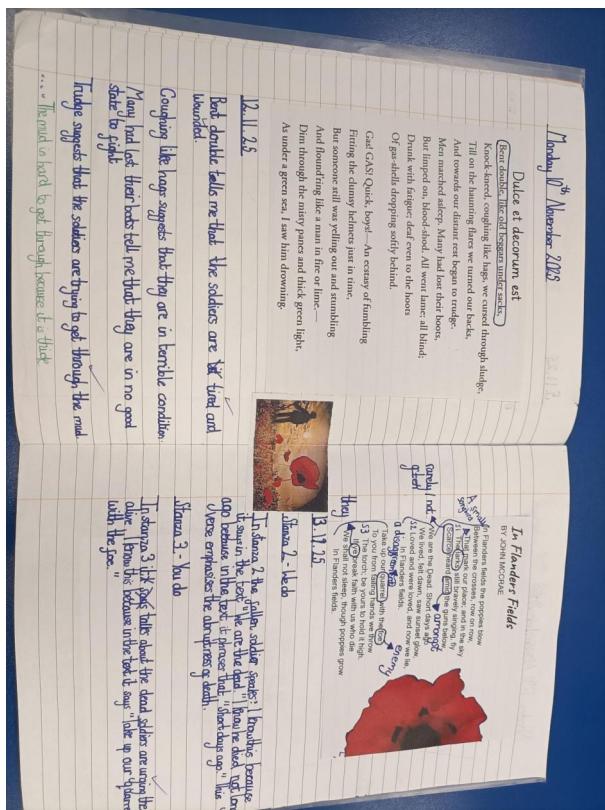
In English, the children produced some outstanding narratives inspired by the text *The Savage*. Their creativity and ability to capture emotion in their writing have been truly impressive. Year 6 children were also invited to the EYFS outcome day where they showcased their reading skills and shared stories with the children.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who supported their children in attending booster sessions this half term—your commitment makes a real difference.

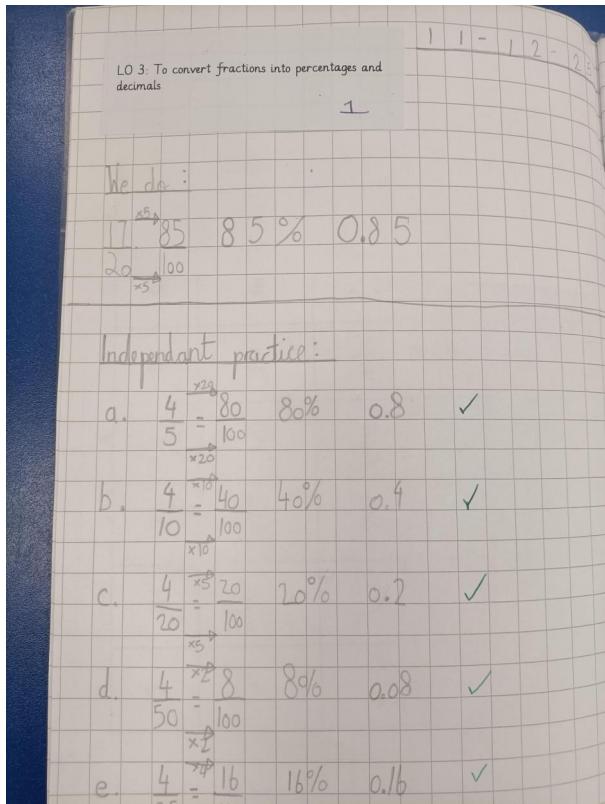
Looking ahead, please remember that the first day back will be **TTRS Dress-Up Day!** Year 6 will also launch their new topic on Africa with a special visit from an outside company, who will share traditional African stories and lead an exciting African drumming workshop. It promises to be a fantastic start to the term!



9 - An example of a Year 6 setting description linked to the text, *The Savage*.



10 - An example of how we explored poetry linked to Remembrance Day.

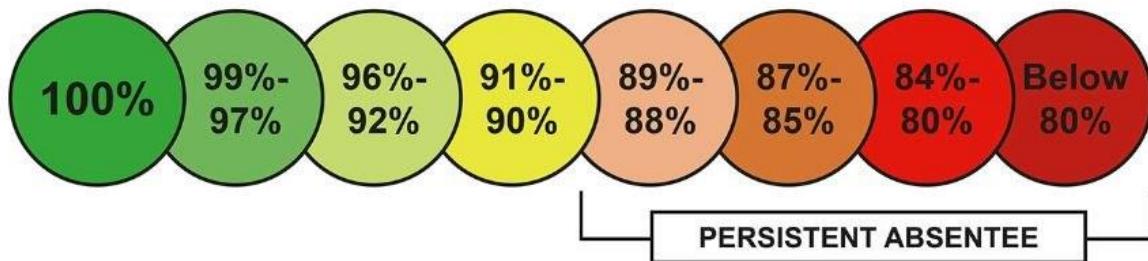


11 - An example of our maths learning-converting fractions.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

The government have placed huge emphasis on the monitoring of attendance in schools and have published guidance on 'improving attendance in school'. This initiative stems from vast research that proves that children who achieve great academic success in Year 6 (KS2 SATs) and Year 11 (GCSEs) are those same children who have good attendance in school above 96%. We want (as I am positive you do too) for your child to have the best opportunities in life and to grow up to be successful young adults. To ensure this, it is our joint responsibility to ensure children receive their entitlement and right to an education, this means attending school every day. We have shared with you our school's approach to managing and challenging poor attendance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Moments Matter / Attendance Counts. We are working hard to support you and your children overcome their barriers to attending school every day and on time - if you need help or support please see Nicki Windle, Jan Carr or Charlotte Dugdale. Let's work together to make sure your children don't miss out!

Admissions

Hamwic Education Trust are now consulting on the Infant/Primary Admissions Policy, Southampton Partnerships for 2027 – 2028. The consultation ends on 24th January 2026. There are no changes to PAN or oversubscription criteria for Weston Shore Infant School or Weston Park Primary School. There is a proposed reduction in PAN to 60 for Glenfield Infant School.

Please click on the following link to access our admissions policy - [Admissions - Weston Park Primary School](#)

If you have any comments you would like to make about the policy, please send them to Claire Shaw, Education Access Officer, at claire.shaw@hamwic.org

After School Clubs



We are currently offering the following after school activities on the following days, these can be booked on MCAS from 1st January 2026. These will start from 6th January 2026.

Weston Park Primary

Monday -

- Football - Years 1 & 2
- Board Games - Years 1 & 2
- Eco Club - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Dance - Years 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday -

- Dance - Years 1, 2 & 3

- Choir - Years 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday -

- Board Games - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Art - Years 1 & 2
- Badminton - Years 5 & 6
- Drama - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday -

- Basketball - Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday - **No school run clubs available**

Weston Shore

Monday -

- Crafts - Years R, 1 & 2

Tuesday -

- Paper Art - Years R, 1 & 2

Wednesday -

- Cheerleading - Years R, 1 & 2

Thursday -

- Gymnastics - Years R, 1 & 2 (run by an external provider)

Friday -

- Board Games - Years R, 1 & 2

Superstar Sports

We have partnered with Superstar Sports who provide wraparound after school clubs for Weston Park pupils. These clubs run from 3.15pm - 5pm. For more information please visit their website www.superstarsportsuk.com or call them on 02382 127331 to book.

12 - Superstar Sports clubs available for Weston Park

Key dates



5/1/26 - Inset Day

6/1/26 - First day back of Spring Term

6/1/26 - TTRS & Numbots dress up day - **Weston Park and Weston Shore**

6/1/26 - Year 6 African Drumming day

6/1/26 - Sweep up clinic for Flu vaccinations - **Weston Park**

February - Weston Park Showcase

16/2/26 - 20/2/26 - Half Term

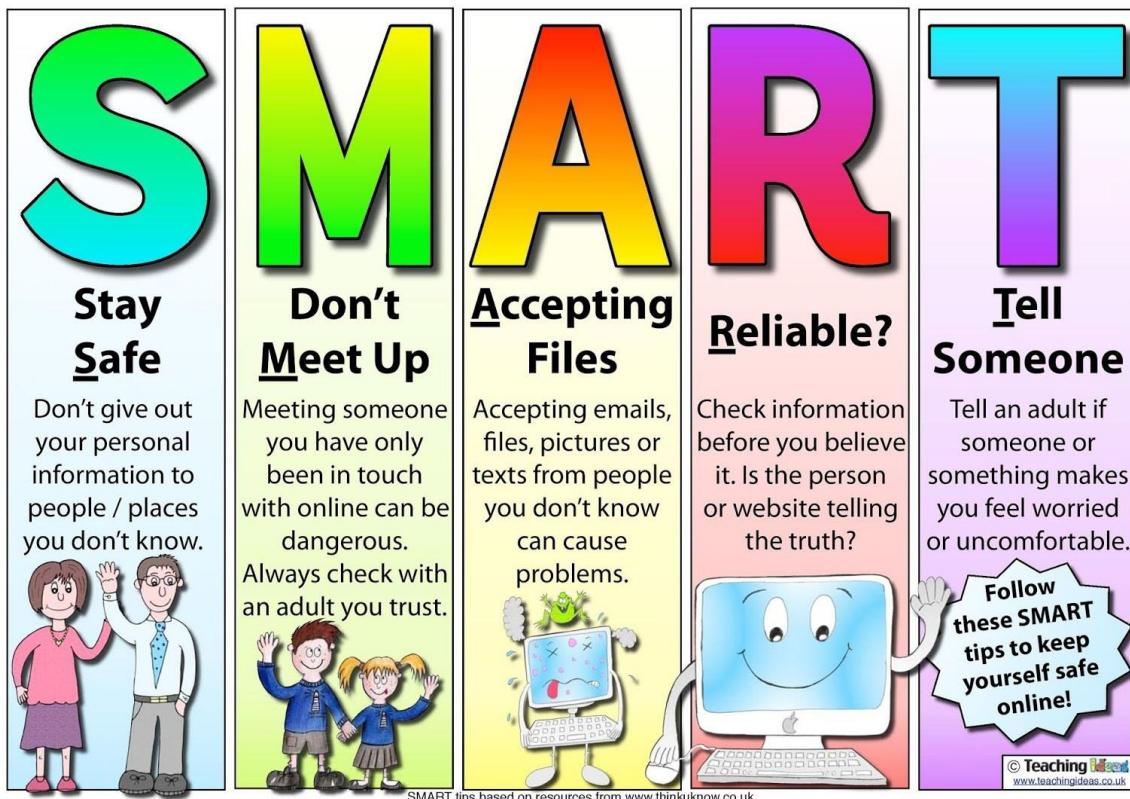
23/2/26 - First day back

For further dates please see our websites.

Community News



Wake up Wednesdays



Understanding online safety is tricky for all ages, so we have joined forces with the Wake Up Wednesday campaign to keep you updated with tips and tricks for keeping your children safe whilst online. So, every Wednesday keep an eye out on our Website and social media pages for the latest online safety advice.

SEND News Splash



We are very excited to be sharing SEND News Splash!

This will be a half termly newsletter where we will share any updates, support and overall successes that are happening in the world of SEND.

As always if you have any concerns or would like to talk about your children regarding supporting them in their neurodiversity please contact Miss Windle who will be happy to support where they can.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Miss Windle will be holding a series of **online safety sessions for parents** during the **Spring term**. These sessions are designed to help families understand how to keep children safe online and support responsible digital behaviour at home.

Further details, including dates and how to join, will be shared soon.

Contact

Weston Park Primary School

Book review: Mr Wiltshire

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae

Reviewer: Mr Wiltshire

Giraffes Can't Dance is a charming picture book by Giles Andreae that delivers an uplifting message about self-acceptance and believing in your own rhythm. The story follows Gerald the giraffe, who desperately wants to dance but is mocked by the other jungle animals for his clumsy knees and long neck. His spirit is crushed until a wise cricket offers simple advice: sometimes all you need is a different song.

The book uses rhythmic, flowing text and vibrant illustrations by Guy Parker-Rees to capture the transformative power of finding your unique style and embracing individuality. It's a beautifully simple tale that resonates with readers of all ages, teaching that everyone can dance when they find the music that speaks to them. A perfect, heart warming read for any newsletter looking to share a story of encouragement and inspiration.

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