



WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our School

September
2024

A very warm welcome back from all of us at West End.

The start of term has been absolutely fantastic. All across school children have settled back in very quickly and shown us their fabulous attitudes to learning.

There has been lots happening and lots more to come.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming parent evenings.

Miss Ward
Headteacher



This week we have said a sad farewell to Mrs Buchanan who has been a great asset to our school for many years.

We wish her all the best for the future.

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

- Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 10, 5, 9 & 11**
- Attendance** (the class with the best attendance that week): **Cedar, Chestnut & Hazel**
- Staff** (the staff member who deserves recognition): ***Mrs Brenda Wilson for always giving her heart and soul to the school. Working several of her days off because we have needed her!***

Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13 (with parental consent)	13 +	16+	18+	18 (13 with parental permission)
 GoBubble	 Facebook	 WhatsApp	 Meow Chat	 flickr
 PopJam	 Instagram	 Telegram	 Meet Me	 YouTube
 GROW SOCIAL	 Tumbler		 Tinder	 Spotify
	 Twitter			
	 skype			
	 iTunes			
	 Pinterest			
	 MyLOL			
	 Wink			
	 Snapchat			
	 TikTok			
	 reddit			
	 askfm			
		17+		

Safeguarding message



Mrs
Waters
DSL



Mrs
McLeod
DSL



Miss
Ward
DSL



Mr Chapman
Safeguarding
Governor

Child neglect is the most common form of child abuse in the UK and robs children of their childhood. As [Action for Children](#) note, “When an adult doesn’t support them it means they can be unsafe, unhealthy, unloved and uncared for.”

If you have concerns, contact one of the team above or Northumberland Social Services: 01670 536400.

Domestic Abuse

Every day, children and young people experience domestic abuse at home and can suffer a wide range of severe and long-lasting effects. Witnessing domestic violence can have a profound direct and/or indirect impact on children and young people. In some cases, a child may blame themselves for the abuse or may have had to leave the family home as a result.

What is your child witnessing?

Attendance Target 96% +

Beech	Sycamore	Hazel	Oak
93.4%	94.8%	96.9%	88.5%
Chestnut	Elm	Rowan	Cedar
97.9%	93.9%	96.8%	92.7%
Whole school			
94.2%			

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes.

Important Upcoming Events to Note:

School Photo Day – A great opportunity to have professional photos for the family.

Parent evenings - a chance to discuss how your children are doing in class and in school generally with their teachers.

Show Racism the Red Card Day – children wear red and complete work in school on racism.

Halloween Disco – A fun event that is always popular.

Nursery and Reception stay and learn sessions – a great chance to see the Curiosity Approach in practice and learn with your child.

Remembrance Parade – Our Y2 children always do us proud when they walk the parade and lay the wreath. Please join us if you can.

Wellbeing Week – We really enjoy these weeks in school and children enjoy not having homework to complete and all of the wellbeing activities in school.

Clothes Bank

We are working in partnership with the Clothes Bank at Hope Church Bedlington. They accept children's uniform, fancy dress, Christmas jumpers and clothing in good condition.



Opening hours

Friday 25 October – school closes for Autumn half term

Monday 4 November – school opens for all

Thursday 19 December – school closes for End of Autumn

Tuesday 7 January – school opens for children

Friday 21 February – school closes for Spring half term

Monday 3 March – school opens for all

Friday 11 April – school closes for Spring end of term

Monday 28 April – school opens for all

Monday 5 May – closed for bank holiday

Friday 23 May – school closes for Summer half term

Monday 2 June – school opens for all

Friday 6 June – school closed to children for teacher training

Friday 18 July – school closes for Summer end of term

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 October – Y6 Quayside trip

Friday 4 October – Harvest Festival – (children only)

Wednesday 9 October – School photos

Wednesday 16 October – Parents evening

Friday 18 October – Show Racism the Red Card – wear red.

Tuesday 22 October – PTFA Halloween Disco

Wednesday 23 October – Parents evening

Wednesday 23 October – Nursery stay and learn

Thursday 24 October – Reception stay and learn

Thursday 24 October – Y5 WW2 Day

Sunday 10 November – Y2 Remembrance Parade

Monday 11 November – Wellbeing Week

Monday 2 December – EYFS Winter Wonderland visit

Monday 9 December – Walking Nativity visiting school

Wednesday 11 December – Y1 & 2 Nativity @ 9am /11am

Wednesday 11 December – Y5 & 6 Carols by Candlelight @ 4pm

Tuesday 19 November – School Book Fair

Thursday 12 December – Y1 & 2 Nativity @ 9am

Thursday 12 December – Christmas Jumper and dinner day

Friday 13 December Y1 & 2 Panto

Tuesday 17 December – Reception Nativity @ 9:30/ 2pm

Tuesday 17 December – Y5 & 6 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18 December – Y3, 4 & 5 Panto

Wednesday 18 December – Nursey Nativity @ 9:15

Wednesday 18 December – Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18 December – Y6 Panto

Thursday 19 December – Y3 Christmas party

Apple class Nursery

Nursery children have settled in really well. They have loved exploring the natural environment and are excelling with our curiosity approach. Our nursery is set up to ignite curiosity and imagination through promoting awe and wonder. The children love it!



Beech class Reception

Reception have been exploring their garden and the lovely outdoors. They took great pride in their self-portraits and loved visiting the library.



Sycamore class

Y1

Year 1 children have been working hard in maths. They have loved PE and have been learning about being Ready, Respectful and Safe.



Hazel class

Y2

Year 2 children have loved doing a habitats dance.

They have been learning about the Farne Islands and really enjoy reading.



Oak class

Y3

Year 3 had a great time
on their trip to
Woodhorn Museum



Chestnut & Elm class

Y4

Chestnut and Elm class have been enjoying rugby sessions with the Newcastle Falcons



Rowan class

Y5

Rowan class have enjoyed National Fitness day by completing a boxercise class, circuit training and bowling!



Cedar class

Y6

Year 6 have enjoyed rugby with Newcastle Falcons, PE and they still love visiting the library for quiet reading time.



Wrap Around Care The Den!

Our wrap around provision continues to grow. There are so many lovely things for your child to do with us. They all really enjoy breakfast and after school is a little bit special with ice-cream treats, movie days, discos and weekly cooking and craft club. The children love coming!



Open from 7:30am to 6pm.
Please book through the school office

Voice of the School Council

Congratulations to our School Council members!

All of our school councillors are excited to start working with Mrs Smith on a project. They have lots of ideas already!

'I am proud to be chosen as school councillor – I've always wanted to be one.'

'I'm really happy because I tried really hard in my application.'

'I'm excited to represent my class.'

'I'm excited that I will be part of making the school even better than it is.'

All things PTFA

A huge thank you all for your kind donations to the Bake Sale and your fabulous generosity.

A very big thanks to the parents who volunteered to work the stall. The PTFA need volunteers in order to continue their great work. If you can spare any time at all please get in touch.

Each year the money raised goes back into school to provide extra special things for your children.

Some of the things the PTFA organise are: discos, bake sales & fun days

Some of the things the PTFA have done for our school are: Pantomime trips, in school pantomime performances, purchasing a stage, presents for the children and many many more!
