



Shout out to Hannah Payne for leading the Year 4 girls' football club – brilliant !
Let us know if you would like to run a club too!

Dear Westvale Families,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all members of our school community. Our dedicated volunteers have once again given so generously of their time and energy – whether supporting in classrooms, accompanying trips, or helping with events, your contribution makes a real and lasting difference. A particular highlight this term was our first Year 4 residential visit to Thames Young Mariners – an unforgettable experience that nurtured independence, teamwork, and a sense of adventure in our pupils.

This year has been rich with opportunities for our children to shine. From class assemblies and music concerts to sporting events and art exhibitions, there have been countless moments to celebrate the confidence, creativity and sheer joy of our learners. Their pride in themselves and in one another has been a consistent theme, and it has been a privilege to witness their growth.

We are delighted that our strong focus on high-quality teaching and learning continues to yield excellent academic outcomes. End of year results in Phonics, Key Stage 1 SATs and the Early Years Foundation Stage (GLD) remain significantly above national averages. These outcomes confirm that Westvale Park Primary continues to be a top-performing school, where children not only flourish emotionally and socially, but also achieve exceptionally well.

We are fortunate to have a stable and committed teaching team, which brings consistency, care and high expectations to every classroom. This stability is reflected in the broader sense of happiness and cohesion within our school community. In September, we look forward to warmly welcoming Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Binns to our team, and we are confident they will feel part of the Westvale family very quickly. External quality assurance reviews carried out this term described our school as “exceptional and worthy of replication” – a recognition we are incredibly proud of.

As Headteacher, it is a true privilege to lead such a vibrant and high-achieving school. I am immensely proud of all that we have achieved together this year. I wish every one of you a safe, happy and restful summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting year ahead.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Kelly

Headteacher



Our core values are:
Family Gratitude Responsibility Diversity Excellence
In term 6 we have looked at the value of Excellence

Happy Bunnies News

This half-term, our theme has been 'Big Wide World'. We began with a pirate adventure inspired by Pedro's Pirate Treasure, building ships and creating treasure maps. We then explored hot and cold climates, learning about clothing, animals and environments around the world.

Wellbeing Wednesdays have remained a favourite, with the children enjoying time in the garden—digging, playing, and sharing milk around the log circle in the sunshine. Sports Day was a scorcher, and we were so proud of our Bunnies for taking part, many for the first time. Splash Day was the perfect follow-up!

In the final weeks, we've explored rockpools through stories and hands-on learning. For those moving on to Reception, we've been preparing for transition by talking about changes and big feelings using our Colour Monster work.

We are so proud of the children's progress this year—in their mark making, number sense and motor skills. They've filled Nursery with joy. Wishing you all a happy and restful summer!



Reception News

This month, Reception have been busy exploring the theme of The Big Wide World.

The recent hot weather sparked some thoughtful discussions around climate change. The children were fascinated to learn how they can help protect the planet and proudly remembered the motto: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

We then turned our attention to people and communities around the world. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about life in India and Finland, making thoughtful comparisons with their own experiences. It was a joy to see them celebrating both the differences and the many things we have in common.

To end the term with a splash of adventure, we dived into our pirate topic! The children became expert map readers and used their skills to follow clues and hunt for hidden treasure left by Pirate Goswell and Pirate French across the school grounds.



Personal Achievements

We are pleased to share a recent sporting achievement for Samuel in Year 3, who scored 5 goals in a recent match for his team Horley United and picked up man of the match to go with it! Horley United have several Westvale Park players who absolutely love playing football for their local team.



A huge congratulations to Kristian in Year 4, who has raised an impressive £92 for the NSPCC. Inspired by the charity's work supporting children, and motivated by a business book he recently read, Kristian launched his own entrepreneurial venture to make a difference.

His determination, creativity and compassion are a true reflection of all our school values. Well done, Kristian – we're incredibly proud of you!



A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated team of chicken care volunteers – your time and care are so appreciated, and thanks to you, our chickens are truly spoiled!



Year 1 News

We've had a wonderful end to the year, with the children fully engaged and enthusiastic throughout our topic "Who's the King of the Castle?"

In Design and Technology, the children designed and made their own royal finger puppets, developing key skills such as joining and stitching to bring their creations to life.

In Science, we explored the life cycle of plants. The children planted seeds and observed them grow, confidently explaining each stage of development and describing what they noticed at each step.

Our Geography lessons focused on maps. The children followed a map of the school, describing their location at different points, and used their geography knowledge to identify human and physical features in the outdoor environment.

A particular highlight this half term was our Teach Rex workshop, where the children learned all about orangutans and their endangered habitats. This sparked thoughtful discussion about deforestation and how we can make socially and environmentally conscious choices—an inspiring link between learning and real-world responsibility.

It's been a brilliant way to round off Year 1 – well done, everyone!



Year 2 News

What a fantastic half term it's been for Year 2!

In Art, the children explored weaving techniques using beautifully tie-dyed materials, inspired by the work of artist Stan Rosenthal. Their creations were full of colour and creativity!

A real highlight of the term was our exciting residential trip to High Ashurst. The children had an amazing time setting up their tents alongside friends and took part in a variety of adventurous activities, including high ropes, archery and woodland skills. It was inspiring to see them demonstrate such resilience and enthusiasm as they embraced new challenges.

This month, the children also completed their Feet First training around the Westvale development. They are now confident road safety experts, putting their knowledge of the Green Cross Code into practice. These skills were further applied during our local geography fieldwork, where the children created their own maps of the area.

It's been a truly memorable and enriching end to Year 2, and we wish them all the very best as they move into Year 3.



Year 3 News

This term has been full of exciting learning opportunities and hands-on experiences in Year 3.

A particular highlight was our wonderful trip to Nower Wood, where the children explored woodland habitats and deepened their understanding of plant life. It was a fantastic day that complemented our science curriculum perfectly and sparked lots of curiosity and discussion back in the classroom.

In Design and Technology, we've been investigating pneumatics. The children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering how air can be used to create movement, and we were even able to spot real-life examples on a nearby building site – a brilliant link between classroom learning and the wider world.

Our Geography lessons have encouraged us to think like mapmakers. We've been practising how to use an 8-point compass and have applied these skills to create our own plan view maps. The children have demonstrated excellent spatial awareness and creativity in their designs.

We are especially proud of the progress the children have made in their writing this term. Their descriptive work has been imaginative, detailed, and full of personality – a true reflection of the effort they have put into developing their writing skills throughout the year.



Year 4 News

We began the term with our times tables assessment, following weeks of hard work and practice. The children approached it with a positive attitude and gave it their very best—well done to all!

In Maths, we've explored a range of topics including money, shape, angles, and data representation. Meanwhile, in English, we've been diving into the magical world of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the weird and wonderful creatures of Narnia and were inspired to plan and write their own portal stories based on the text.

Geography has taken us on a journey through time and space as we explored maps—both paper and digital—to investigate the land around Waverley Abbey and how it has changed. Some pupils have become quite confident with four-figure grid references and have enjoyed practising compass skills—perfect for navigating your summer holidays!

In Science, we've learned about Eratosthenes, the ancient Greek who attempted to measure the Earth using just shadows! This inspired us to conduct our own shadow experiments, investigating how the distance of a torch affects the size of a shadow and learning more about fair testing in the process.

In Wellbeing lessons, we've reflected on how to resist peer pressure, while in RE we've been exploring how and why people show commitment in different ways.

One of the highlights of the term was our Summer Concert—thank you to everyone who joined us! After weeks of rehearsals and investigations, we finally uncovered who stole the cookies from the cookie jar! The children were brilliant performers and loved sharing their hard work with you.

Finally, we're incredibly proud of the children for their fantastic attitude and adventurous spirit on the Year 4 residential trip, where they enjoyed a wide range of water sports and activities. It was a truly memorable experience for all involved.



FOREST SCHOOL NEWS

This year, our Eco Committee—made up of eight dedicated pupils from Years 1 to 4—has focused on three Eco Schools topics: Biodiversity, School Grounds and Water. The team has supported a range of actions, including lunchtime litter picks, tree watering, energy monitoring and judging competitions. Each half term, one class wins our Good To Be Green competition, earning an extra 10 minutes of play for their eco efforts!

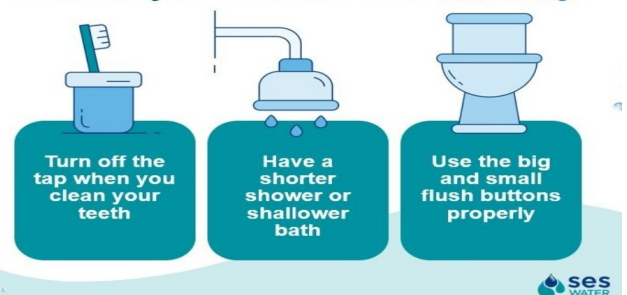
Year 3 has continued leading our involvement in Surrey Wildlife Trust's Wilder Schools project, helping to increase biodiversity on site. Thanks to the hard work of Years 1–3, we now have an expanded pond at Forest School, a refreshed chicken enclosure ('Cluckingham Palace'), and four new minibeast hotels across the school grounds. During a recent bioblitz, Year 3 identified a range of species, from cinnabar moth caterpillars to marbled white butterflies—bringing science learning to life outdoors.

A big thank you to the parents, carers and staff who've donated time and resources, from gardening supplies to wood for our campfires.

To continue this summer, check out Surrey Wildlife Trust's Species Search and see what you can spot. We're excited to continue our Eco Schools journey in September!



What can you do to use less WATER?



Sports Update

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

What a brilliant term of sport we've had at school!

We began with our Sports Days for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Every child took part with enthusiasm, showcasing energy, skill and determination. From sprints to relays and field events, it was a joy to see children having fun and embracing the spirit of friendly competition.

These events truly reflected our PE values of teamwork and self-belief, with pupils cheering one another on and giving their all. The overall results were incredibly close, but congratulations to Phoenix House, our Sports Day champions!

Later in the term, a group of KS1 and KS2 pupils represented us at District Sports at K2 in Crawley. Competing on a full Olympic-sized track, they demonstrated exceptional effort, behaviour and team spirit – a real credit to our school.

A huge thank you to our fantastic parent helpers – your support made it all possible.

Well done, everyone – a sporty, sunshine-filled end to the term!

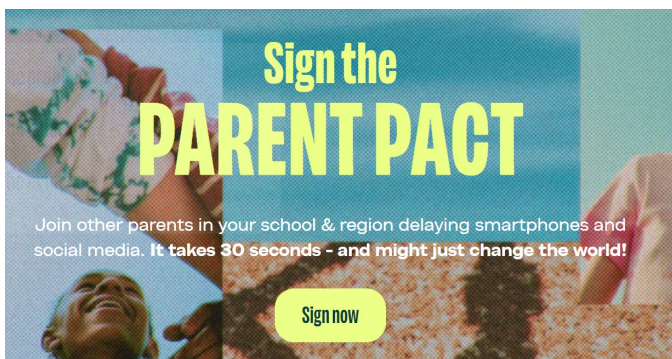


Did you know our school is registered as a Smart Phone Free Childhood School?

The Parent Pact is a way to band together with other parents in your area to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16.🔒

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure instantly dissolves.🔒

It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact, and the more of us who do, the quicker we'll change the social norm.



<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact>

Staff News

We are delighted to congratulate Miss Card and Mr Mitchinson on successfully completing their two-year Early Career Teacher (ECT) programme. This achievement is a testament to their dedication, professionalism and commitment to developing their practice. They have both made a fantastic start to their teaching careers, and we are incredibly proud of the positive impact they continue to have on our pupils and school community. Well done!

It's a week of double celebration for Ms Kellar! Not only has she won a competition at Horley Bowling Club, but she has also successfully completed her training to become a fully qualified teacher here at Westvale Park. She'll be diving straight back in after the summer break as the teacher in Happy Bunnies Nursery.

Balancing study and teaching takes real dedication and commitment, so we hope you'll join us in congratulating them when you see them.



Safeguarding Focus: Staying Safe Over the Summer Holidays

As we head into the summer break, we want to remind families of the importance of keeping children safe, both online and in the wider community.

Online Safety

With more time at home, children may spend longer online. Please continue to monitor the websites, apps and games your child is using. Encourage open conversations about who they are talking to and remind them never to share personal information. Websites such as www.thinkuknow.co.uk offer excellent guidance for parents and children.

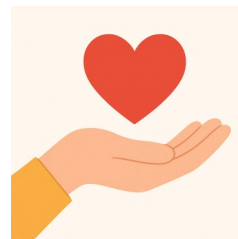
Out and About

If your child is beginning to play out more independently, talk to them about road safety, stranger awareness, and how to seek help if they feel unsafe. Agree on boundaries and check-in routines to help them stay safe while building their confidence.

Wellbeing Support

The holidays can be a time of fun but may also bring challenges. If your family experiences difficulties over the break, support is available:

- **NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000
- **Childline (for children):** 0800 1111
- **Family Support Services** via the Surrey Children's Single Point of Access: 0300 470 9100



Future Term Dates and October Half-Term Break

You may be aware that Surrey County Council has recently announced a change to school term dates. From September 2026, all schools maintained by the local authority will adopt a two-week October half-term and shorten the summer holiday by one week to balance the change.

At Aurora Academies Trust, we are now carefully reviewing how best to set our own term dates from September 2026 onwards. Although we are not required to follow the local authority's calendar, we understand the potential advantages of aligning with other local schools—for example, for families with children in different settings.

Any major changes to our current term structure, such as introducing a two-week October half-term, will involve consultation with both parents and staff. We are committed to making decisions that serve the best interests of our pupils' education, while also taking into account the specific needs of each of our schools.

Our CEO will review the options, and we will keep families fully informed throughout the process. A final decision regarding the 2026–27 academic year will be shared by December 2025, giving families plenty of time to plan.



Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader Millionaire readers! These pupils have each read over a million words this year—a fantastic achievement that reflects their dedication, love of reading, and growing confidence. Well done!

Emma, Year 4—over 3 million words!

Harry, Year 4—over 1 million words.

Evie, Year 4—over 2 million words.

Charlie, Year 4—over 2 million words

Evelyn, Year 4—over 1 million words.

Iris, Year 3—over 1 million words.

Isla, Year 2—over 1 million words.

Important Information: Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Pupil Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

- 1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.**
- 2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.**
- 3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s444 Education Act 1996.**

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

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What a fantastic term it's been! Summer is always a busy time for POW, and we're so grateful for the incredible support we've received. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part—whether you're part of the amazing core POW team working behind the scenes to create hampers and gather auction prizes, one of the 40 brilliant volunteers who gave your time at the Summer Fair, or someone who generously supported us by attending our events and spending your hard-earned money. We truly couldn't do it without you!

Thank you also to everyone who took part in Horley Carnival this year - it's always a fantastic day out, and whether your child was on the float or you stood in the crowd cheering, it is appreciated! And don't forget, all of the float art work was made by the children at school on the big art day, making our third place prize all the more impressive!



YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT US OVER THE SUMMER!



Doing your weekly food shop online or ordering a take out? Taking out insurance or booking flights? If you haven't already signed up to a cash back site then shop for your usual purchases via

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parentsofwestvalepark>. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising at no extra cost to yourself!



Start playing Your School Lottery to help raise funds for our school. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week and there is a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis. There is also a national jackpot drawn weekly with a top prize of £25,000! Sign up and buy your tickets here - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/westvale-park-primary-academy-and-nursery>



We have our very own clothes recycling bin located on the school premises. Place tied big bags of pre-loved wearable clothing, good quality paired shoes and household textiles outside reception (under cover) and they will be placed in the clothing bin ready for collection.

Name Labels and Stamps

Fed up of lost uniform? POW have teamed up with the following labelling companies who will make a donation to POW every time you make a purchase by adding in our school code or using our dedicated link.



Multipurpose name labels for clothes, shoes, lunch boxes and all school items. To order visit www.stikins.co.uk and use our fundraising number 36187.



Colourful personalised name labels for all of your children's possessions. Use our school ID 109470 at checkout.



Earn 15% commission for POW when you buy any product via our link <http://bit.ly/STAMPRH68SU>. Plus you get a £4.99 discount when ordering a deluxe bundle using our code RH68SU

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Recent Fundraising

**Break the rules day , Frozen Fridays
and Krispy Kremes Sales: £601**

School Summer Disco: £619

Fathers' Day Shop: £265

**Summer Fair, including Auction and
Hamper Raffle £3462**

**Total raised over the summer term:
almost £5,000!**

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