

Westvale Park Primary Academy and Nursery News

Term 6 2026

Dear Westvale families,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and for the many kind cards, messages and thoughtful gifts that you have given to our staff. Your generosity and appreciation mean a great deal to us.

It has been a truly memorable and action packed half term, filled with fantastic residential, sports days, graduations, concerts, POW events and, above all, a wonderful sense of community. These experiences are such an important part of life at Westvale. We are passionate about providing a rich programme of enrichment and personal development opportunities that help every child to grow in confidence, develop new skills and create lasting memories alongside their academic learning.

This year also marks a particularly special milestone for our school. We are incredibly excited, and a little emotional, that with your support we have now reached our final year of growth. It is hard to believe how far Westvale has come since opening its doors, and we are so proud of the thriving community we have built together.

We know our founding pupils will make exceptional Year 6 role models over the coming year. They have helped shape the culture and values of our school and we have every confidence they will be a credit to Westvale as they prepare for their transition to secondary school this time next year.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of the Westvale family. We wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Kelly
Headteacher



Our core values are:

Family Gratitude Responsibility Curiosity Diversity Excellence

In term 5 we have looked at the value of Excellence

Early Years News

What a wonderful and memorable half term it has been in Early Years! We began our learning by stepping back in time to explore the fascinating world of dinosaurs. The children enjoyed learning about different types of dinosaurs, discovering what they ate, how fossils are formed and what life on Earth may have been like millions of years ago. The highlight of the topic was undoubtedly our exciting visit from Jam the T-Rex, who amazed the children with an interactive experience full of fun, facts and laughter. It was a fantastic way to bring our dinosaur learning to life and created memories that the children will be talking about for a long time.

We then dived beneath the waves to explore our oceans and the incredible creatures that live there. The children learned about a range of sea animals, their habitats and why our oceans are so important. Alongside this, we explored how we can all play a part in protecting our environment through the key message of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The children enjoyed learning how even small changes can make a big difference in protecting our planet for future generations.

The warm weather also gave us plenty of opportunities to learn about staying safe in the sun. We talked about the importance of wearing sun hats, drinking lots of water and applying sun cream before enjoying a fantastic Splash Day, where the children had great fun cooling off in paddling pools with their friends.

To finish the half term, we have been preparing for our move into our new classrooms. Through stories, circle times and classroom visits, the children have shared their worries and excitements about the transition, reflected on their favourite memories and celebrated everything they have achieved this year. We are incredibly proud of every child and wish them a happy, safe and well-deserved summer break.



Eco Schools Round-Up

Our Eco Committee has been focusing on three 'Eco Schools' topics this academic year; Biodiversity, School Grounds and Healthy Eating. The committee – 10 children across Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 - have been supporting lots of the actions that we have taken as a school, some choosing to spend part of their Thursday lunch times at our Eco Club taking part in whole school surveys, sowing seeds, doing litter picks, judging competitions, watering our vegetable and flower beds plus monitoring our classrooms to ensure that we are all saving energy and recycling when we can. They have been very busy!

We have continued our involvement in Surrey Wildlife Trust's Wilder Schools project, taking all sort of actions for nature to continue to increase biodiversity in our school grounds. Thanks to Year 1, 2 and 3's hard work and determination, we now have three raised beds and are growing tomatoes, cucumbers and strawberries. We also have a sensory garden full of plants that engage the five senses to help children relax and connect with nature.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and teachers within our school community that have given their time to join in with our Grounds Day, helped with art projects, donated gardening supplies, wood for our Forest School campfires and woodchip for our grounds.

We are excited to carry on with our Eco Schools journey in September!



Year 1 News

What a wonderful way to finish Year 1!

We've had a fantastic end to the year, with the children showing enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence throughout our final topic, "Who's the King of the Castle?"

In DT, the children enjoyed designing and creating their own royal finger puppets. They worked carefully to practise joining and stitching techniques and were incredibly proud of their finished creations.

In Science, we explored the life cycle of plants. The children planted seeds, observed them as they grew, and confidently explained each stage of a plant's life cycle, using their scientific knowledge to describe the changes they noticed over time.

Our Geography learning focused on maps and developing our mapping skills. The children followed a map of the school grounds, using positional language to describe where they were, before identifying a range of human and physical features in our local environment.

It has been a joy to watch the children grow in confidence, independence and maturity over the course of the year. They should all be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. We wish everyone a happy, restful summer and all the very best as they move into Year 2!



Year 2 News

Year 2 have had a terrific final term of learning. In English, the children wrote information for The Museum of London about The Great Fire of London. They imagined what Londoners might have said during the fire and created fire safety posters to help keep people safe. In Maths, the children have been mastering telling the time, including minutes to the next hour. In Geography, they studied our local area and drew detailed maps of Westvale Park, complete with keys. In Science, they investigated the difference between things that are alive, dead and have never been alive. The biggest excitement this half-term was our visit to High Ashurst. The children stayed overnight in bell tents with their friends and enjoyed fantastic activities, including high ropes, teamwork challenges and shelter building. No trip would have been complete without a campfire, where many marshmallows were toasted and eaten! We have had such an incredible year and cannot wait to see what the children achieve as they continue their journey through the school.

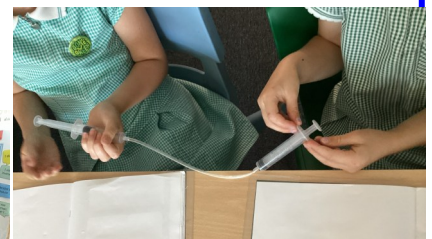


Year 3 News

This term has been full of exciting learning opportunities in Owls and Stoats, with the children showing curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm across the curriculum. A highlight was our visit to Nower Wood, where they explored woodland habitats and pond dipped, applying their science learning through careful observations and investigations.

Back at school, the children developed their map reading and mathematical skills, wrote imaginative stories inspired by The Mysteries of Harris Burdick, and explored pneumatic systems in Design and Technology. In Computing, they designed and debugged their own algorithms, demonstrating impressive resilience and problem solving skills.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year. Their confidence and independence have grown tremendously, and we wish all of our Year 3 families a wonderful and restful summer break.



Year 4 News

What a fantastic final few weeks of the year it has been. Far from slowing down, Year 4 have continued to develop their skills and understanding across the curriculum. We were incredibly proud of the way the children approached their Multiplication Tables Check in June. Their hard work and determination were reflected in their excellent results. Well done, everyone!

In Geography, the children developed their map reading skills, using maps to explore local areas and plan routes. In Science, they investigated how shadows change, planning fair tests and looking for patterns in their results. Our Design and Technology project saw the children become entrepreneurs as they created popcorn companies, designed logos and produced eye catching packaging.

In English, we thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We hope many of the children will continue the adventure over the summer by borrowing the book from their local library.

A real highlight of the term was our visit to Thames Young Mariners, where the children embraced new challenges such as paddle boarding and raft building. They represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour, resilience and determination throughout the residential.

Thank you to all our Year 4 families for your continued support this year. We wish you a wonderful summer break and every success to the children as they begin their Year 5 journey.



Year 5

What a fantastic way to end the year! Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this term, showing enthusiasm, resilience and a real love of learning.

In English, the children wrote impressive newspaper reports about the discovery of Anne Frank's diary, using formal language and eyewitness accounts to bring their writing to life. They also enjoyed writing imaginative prequels to *The Lost Happy Endings*, exploring why the witch became so cruel.

In Maths, the children developed their understanding of decimals and conversions, confidently converting kilometres to metres and demonstrating an impressive knowledge of both metric and imperial measurements.

Our Reading lessons saw the children become detectives as they investigated real-life unsolved mysteries, using evidence from the text to justify their ideas. In DT, they designed, built and tested their own cam toys after researching user needs and creating a design specification. In Geography, they explored our local river, learning how erosion and sediment shape a river's journey.

We have also loved our Music lessons, especially learning to play the ukulele and performing *Seven Nation Army* together as a band. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence and teamwork grow.



Sports News

This has been a fantastic and action packed term in PE, with our fields and tracks full of energy and enthusiasm. I could not be prouder of how the children have applied themselves throughout the term.

We recently celebrated three successful Sports Days. Despite the hot weather, the children showed incredible resilience, taking part in every event with determination, encouragement for one another and excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who came along to support. Your encouragement helped make the days even more special.

Alongside preparing for Sports Day, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their cricket sessions with our Visionary Sports coaches. They have developed their batting, bowling and fielding skills, growing in both confidence and ability throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see the progress they have made.

Our PE value this term has been **Passion**, and the children have demonstrated this in every lesson. This was especially evident at the recent District Sports competition, where our athletes represented the school with determination, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship. We were incredibly proud of the way they supported one another and gave their very best throughout the event.

Thank you for your continued support throughout another fantastic term of sport. We hope you all have a wonderful, active and restful summer.

Mr Mitchinson

Accelerated Reader Millionaires

Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader Millionaire readers this term.

We are incredibly proud of their commitment to reading and this wonderful achievement.



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A Busy Summer Term for POW!

We kicked things off with our Father's Day Gift Shop, before meeting lots of our new Reception families at the school's New Parents' Evening, where our pre-loved uniform sale raised funds for POW.

Next came the Horley Carnival, one of the highlights of the year. Following Big Art Day, where the children created the artwork with the help of parent volunteers, the POW team brought everything together at St Joan's Farm to create our Frozen 2 float, inspired by this year's Land, Sea and Air theme. We were thrilled to be awarded 3rd place!

We also enjoyed our Hip Hop Evening, before hosting our Summer Discos, which were another huge success. Although the Summer Fair had to be postponed due to the heatwave, it was well worth the wait. With glorious weather, a record number of volunteers and so many families playing to enjoy the day, it was one of our best fairs yet.

We rounded off the term with our Whisky Tasting Evening

Thanks to your incredible support we've been able to purchase new picnic benches, giving the children a lovely space to enjoy lunch outdoors along with 2 more Gazebos to help provide shade for the children.

Here's what we raised this summer term:

Summer Fair £1,693
School Disco £678
Your School Lottery £577
Father's Day Gift Shop £396
Uniform Sales £132
Whisky Tasting Evening £108
Bank Interest £43
Hip Hop Event £34
Total Raised £3,661

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported POW by volunteering, donating or attending our events. Every pound raised goes straight back into enriching our children's school experience, and we simply couldn't do it without you.

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please contact us at info@parentsofwestleighacademy.org.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer
The POW Team

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US ALL YEAR!

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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.

STIKINS

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/STAMP68SU>. Plus you get a £4.99 discount when ordering a deluxe bundle using our code RH68SU

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A BIG, BRIGHT

THANK YOU!

TOGETHER WE *ACHIEVE* MORE!




PICNIC BENCHES




IPADS




APRONS




GRADUATION GOWNS




DRUM KIT




KEYBOARD




BOOKS

THIS YEAR FOR CHILDREN TO ENJOY! SO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS *REALLY* SUPPORT THE SCHOOL.



ALWAYS CHILDREN FIRST

YOUR SUPPORT
MAKES A REAL
DIFFERENCE!