WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd May 2025







As we wrap up the week, thank you to Ivy Class for their lovely assembly this morning. It was a joy to see everything they've been learning: I was truly impressed by their courage, confidence, and enthusiasm. They should be very proud of themselves! A quick reminder that we have a three-day weekend ahead—there will be no school on Monday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th May.

Please take a moment to check the notices below about the importance of being on time for booster sessions and after-school clubs, as well as a reminder that all pupils should be wearing smart school uniform each day. Thank you to the parents who have already signed up to our new MCAS app for payments. If you haven't done so yet, please see the information below to get started. We will continue using WEDUC for communications for the time being.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable long weekend. Miss Kondo

Year 4 Sea Life London Aquarium Visit

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the London Aquarium. They visited as part of their science unit- Living Things and their Habitats. They saw lots of amazing creatures such as clown fish, jellyfish, penguins, sharks and even a python! They also learnt about the different habitats the animals lived in and how humans are affecting the sea.



Please can I remind you to wait until your child is off of the school site before you start giving them food and snacks. As you know we are a healthy school with a sugar smart status.

Please do NOT give your child snacks on site at 3.15pm - especially bags of crisps, cakes, ice lollies and ice cream.

Thank you for your continued help making our school neat and clean.

Best wishes

Miss Kondo

We are delighted that clubs have started again this week. Please allow yourself plenty of time to pick up your child - especially if there are roadworks on your journey. No child can walk home alone after a club - even though it is now lighter and even if they do usually walk home alone e.g. Year 5 and Year 6 must also be collected. Thank you. Miss Kondo

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3

We have had to change the dates of the Year 3 assemblies, swapping Holly class and Rowan. Thank you for your understanding. Best wishes

Miss Kondo

Ivy – 2nd May Holly – 9th May Rowan – 16th May

Year 4 Visit to Neasden Hindu Temple

Last Friday, Year 4 children enjoyed a fascinating visit to Neasden Hindu Temple. The children were amazed by the intricate carvings and beautiful architecture as they learned about the history and craftsmanship behind the building. During their tour, they had the unique opportunity to observe a Hindu prayer ceremony, helping them gain a deeper understanding of the culture and traditions. It was a memorable and enriching experience for all!





Eco Refill Shop 6





Our Green Team held their 6th Eco Refill Shop. They sold many products which saved lots of water bottles from being thrown a way; a great way to reuse our plastic water bottles.

Our next shop will be on Monday 19th May 2025 @3.15pm.

See a list of the products we will have on sale!







The Green Team's Eco Refill Shop's dates:

- Monday 25th November 2024
- . Monday 16th December 2024

- Mohday 27* January 2025
- Monday 24th March 2025

Monday 28* April 2025

 Monday 23rd June 2025 Monday 14th July 2025





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29th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,



Re: New app for payments - MCAS (MY CHILD AT SCHOOL)

As you will recall I informed you that sadly our payment system Squid Money has ceased to operate and we would be launching a new payment app.

Therefore, we are asking for all parents/carers to be sign up to the MCAS app, MyChildAtSchool. I have attached a guide on how to access it via your mobile phone or via web browser on a computer.

This week you will receive an email telling you how to register for the MCAS app and how to download it.

For the time being we are keeping WEDUC for letters, emails and communication.

MCAS will be for making payments – for trips, breakfast club and nursery fees so all parents/carers need to download this please.

Apologies that you need to have two different apps at the moment, we are aiming to move to one app from September and will keep you updated.

If you experience any problems signing up or using the app, please contact the school office where we will be able to help you.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Kondo Headteacher















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28th April 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Year 5 Bikeability

We have arranged for cycle trainers to visit West Acton and provide an opportunity for children to participate on a bikeability level 2 course; introducing them to cycling safely on road. Children must be able to ride and control a bike well to attend. Ideal for children who are currently cycling to school. Ideally children should supply their own bike and helmet, although we can supply a bike if need be. Children will be excluded it they do not have a helmet.

Places are limited on the course. You can apply for a space by completing and returning the attached consent form. We will offer places on a first come basis.

Dates your child needs to bring their bike and helmet into school are as follows: 19 -23 May 2025.

It is important for your child's bike to be in a good roadworthy condition, and the right size for them to cycle comfortably. At the beginning of the first lesson the instructors will check the condition of the bike, and make minor adjustments if necessary. If the bike is in poor condition, and deemed to be unsafe to cycle on road, your child will not be permitted to continue on the course.

The training programme is progressive, and your child is expected to attend every day; the training session is usually 90 minutes daily. If a lesson is missed it is in the trainings, discretion to accept your child on further lessons. The first days training enables children to demonstrate their bike handling skills; only if a child is deemed confident to cycle on road, will they be invited to attend the subsequent sessions.

Attached is a guide to checking your child's bike, and recommended clothing.

Bikeability is an important part of our program as an active healthy and sustainable school.

In order to keep both trainer and riders safe, and prevent the spread of coronavirus, your child must not attend the session if he or she presents Covid-19 symptoms, or has a positive lateral flow result.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Kondo Headteacher



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Snapchat messages

At West Acton Primary School, the safety and well being of our pupils is our highest priority. At school we teacher them how to keep safe – including online.

It has come to our attention that some pupils have received messages from fake social media accounts —on Snapchat — to impersonate other pupils and send unkind, inappropriate and racist messages. It is not clear who has sent these messages. This behaviour is extremely concerning and caused upset.

Snapchat - Age Restrictions and Risks

Please be reminded that:

- Snapchat's minimum age is 13 years old. Children under 13 should not use the app and 13–17-yearolds require parental consent. Therefore, no West Acton child should be using snapchat.
- Snapchat carries significant risks for younger users, including:
 - > Contact with potentially harmful strangers
 - Exposure to inappropriate content
 - Cyberbullying and harassment
 - Disappearing messages, which make it harder to report and resolve issues
 - > Excessive screen time and negative mental health impacts

Creating Fake Accounts – Legal Consequences

I would also like to make parents/carers aware that creating and using fake accounts to impersonate, bully, or harass others can have serious legal consequences. This may include:

- Fraud (Fraud Act 2006) deceiving others for personal gain or to cause harm
- Harassment (Communications Act 2003) sending threatening or abusive messages
- Cybercrime offences including identity theft and spreading harmful material

Even children and young people can face police involvement for such actions.















We are reinforcing online safety, respectful behaviour, and the consequences of misuse through our curriculum and assemblies to our pupils.

What Parents/Carers should do next

- Check your child's devices and apps immediately. Remove Snapchat or other inappropriate platforms
 if necessary
- Speak openly with your child about the importance of kindness, respect, and the serious consequences of online behaviour.
- Monitor online activity regularly to help keep your child safe.
- Ask them about their PSHE and Online safety lessons including the SMART rules I am sure that
 they are all about to tell you about them.
- Report any concerns to the school and also do not hesitate to report to police if your child is a victim
 of inappropriate messages and/or abuse online.

We urge all families to support our messages of online safety to ensure that all our children are safe, respectful and positive members of both our school and wider online community.

If you need advice about setting parental controls, managing social media use, or supporting your child's online behaviour, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Kondo

Headteacher

Attention Parents of Morning Reading Club Participants (8:00 AM in Victoria Hall)

At West Acton Primary, we place great importance on developing strong reading skills. To support this, we offer free additional sessions focused on phonics and early reading skills for pupils who need extra help.

However, we have noticed that some children who were invited have not been attending these sessions.

If you received a letter last week, inviting your child to attend the Morning Reading Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or Thursdays and Fridays, it is essential that they arrive promptly at 8:00 AM on their assigned days, as outlined in the letter sent to selected families. Regular attendance is crucial to ensure your child receives the support they need. Thank you for your support.



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Wednesday 30th April 2025

Phonics Screening Check Information Session for Parents

Wednesday 7th May 2025 9:00am - 9:30am OR 2:30pm - 3:00pm OR 6:00 - 6:30pm in the Elizabeth Jubilee Hall

Dear Parents/Carers,

You are invited to a Phonics Screening Check information session on **Wednesday**7th **May 2025.** We will be running the same session in the Elizabeth Jubilee Hall at three different times – **either** 9:00-9:30am **or** 2:30-3:00pm **or** 6:00-6:30pm

The Phonics Screening Check is a statutory reading check that **all Year 1 children** take. Children in Year 2 will also take the check **if** they did not reach the required result or did not take the test when in Year 1.

This year the check will take place the week beginning Monday 9th June 2025.

This information session will be a chance for you to find out more about what the Phonics Screening Check is, how it is administered and what you can do to help your child prepare for it.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards, Year 1 team















DON'T MISS OUT - 12 WEEK PARENTING COURSE with Mrs Pearce **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

30th April - 9th July

To register your interest email: admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk or return the slip from the information letter.

"It has been a valuable experience, and while the English environment was inging for me, it provided useful insights. I have noticed the tense atmosphere at home which I truly appreciate

your time and effort for this course. I learned a lot. Appreciated it.



aware of praising my rules were useful because I child" learnt that all families have the same parenting problems. even if they come from

different backgrounds.

'I'm not good at English so Mrs Pearce was helpful in translating to Japanese.

> When I talk to my kids I remember what I heard at your lessons.

Tused to scold and get angry at my child, but now I try to look for his good points and praise him*

"It was a nice time to think about how to relate to my kids. Thank you."

Save the Date **Summer Fair** 2025 Friday 4th July!









o RE Competition opens from Friday 4th April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025





























The winning sculpture! Inspired by a sacred place

Use your art skills and be creative.

Reflect on your school RE trips to sacred places or on your own sacred or special place:

- O Why did you choose this sacred or special place?
- O What do you remember from your RE lessons about this sacred space?
- O What makes a space sacred or special?
- O What does this space mean to you or others?





- ✓ Work on your sculpture alone or with family or friends at home
- √ Use recycled or natural materials
- √ 10 entries will be chosen and sent off
- ✓ Winners names, age and school together with their entry piece will be display on the NATRE competition website.
- ✓ Certificates and Amazon vouchers will be awarded to winners



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3rd April 2025

Dear Parents/carers of Year 6,

Re: Preparing for Year 6 SATS

Thank you for supporting your child so far this busy school year. We can see that most of the children are regularly reading and completing their homework booklets. We will be sending home practise papers which your child has completed this term. Please support your child in looking through these and correcting any mistakes made.

Once back at school we have a short time until the SATS tests which happen across the country for all Year 6 pupils on Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May. Therefore we would like to invite all children to start school at 8.00am on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21st April- Bank	22 nd April	23 rd April	24 th April	25 th April
holiday- no	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start
school	school at 8am	school at 8am	school at 8am	school at 8am
28 th April-	29 th April	30 th April	1st May	2 nd May
Normal start	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start
8:45am	school at 8am	school at 8am	school at 8am	school at 8am
5 th May- Bank	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May	9 th May
Holiday- No	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start	SATS booster- Start
school	school at 8am	school at 8am	school at 8am	school at 8am
12 th May	13 th May SATS Breakfast	14 th May	15 th May	Normal start at
SATS Breakfast		SATS Breakfast	SATS Breakfast	8:45am

For the SATS booster days please ensure that your child arrives ready for learning and has had breakfast do not leave your child unattended in the car park before 8.00am. On SATS breakfast days, before the tests, we will provide breakfast and a time to relax.

We hope that you and your child will enjoy as well as benefit from these activities – staff are very skilled at reassuring pupils and not making the SATS a worrying time. Once these tests are over, we have several nice events for everyone to look forward to as they come to the end of their time at West Acton.

Thank you in advance for your support.
Yours faithfully,

Miss Kondo Miss Ferreira Headteacher Year 6 leader

















We are a SUGAR SMART SCHOOL

Only give water for your child's drink
KS2 - bring a healthy snack- fruit or raisins for break
time

Do notgive your child food to eat when collecting at home time - please wait till you have left the school Healthy lunchboxes - sweet treat once a week Healthy school dinners - 'puddings' once a week





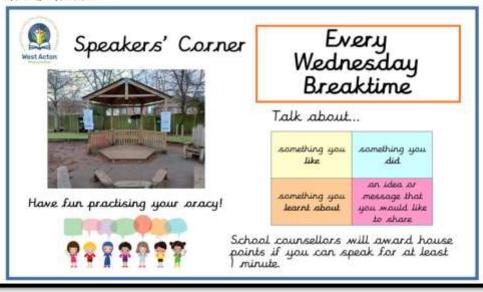
School starts at 8.45am

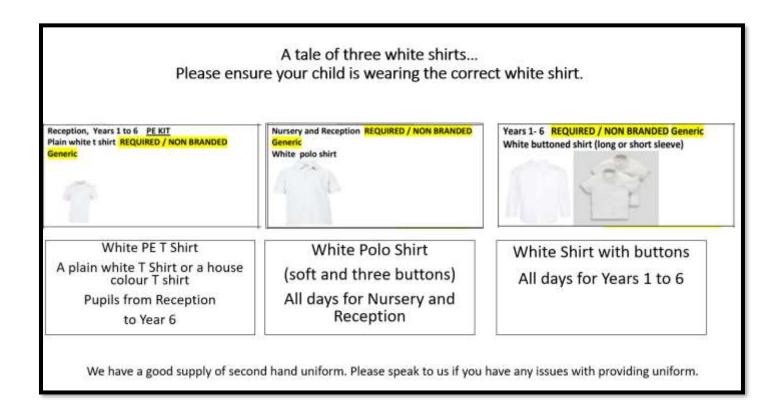
Brop off your child to line up between 8.30am and 8.45am. Children must be ready to enter the classroom at 8.45am to start learning.



Oracy Year 2 - Year 6

Every week, two pupils from each class are chosen to speak for one minute to an audience. The aim is to develop confident speaking. Please encourage your children with this at home.





PE DAYS - come to school in your house colour T shirt

Tuesday	Year 5	
Wednesday	Year 1 and Year 3	
Thursday	Reception and Year 4	
Friday	Year 2 and Year 6	

We were very lucky to have T- shirts donated for all our children in July. If your child has out grown their T-shirts please wash and return them so that we can recycle it and give it to another child. If we have another T-shirt we can offer your child one – if not please provide your child with a plain white T-shirt (or purchase another house colour T-shirt yourself).

We hope to replenish T-shirts every two years.

This week's Therapist's tip from Ms. Cunningham...

'A joke isn't a joke unless both people are laughing' – and words do hurt.

There are different types of jokes or types of 'banter.' There are adult jokes and there are children's jokes.

It can be challenging to shield our children from the things they hear in the world around them. Sometimes just walking through the street or a shopping centre, they may come across language or comments that aren't appropriate. That's why its important to help your child/children understand the difference between what is okay to repeat and what are not. Teaching them this helps prevent misunderstandings or trouble later on, especially when they're not with you and may repeat something without fully understanding the impact.

Tips to support your child/children

- Please remember that you are your child's role model. You child will copy and repeat everything you do and everything you say. Being careful, in thinking about the phrases we use when our children are present, is very important.
- If you are with your child on a bus or a train and you both over hear someone saying something that is unkind or inappropriate, it's helpful not to let that moment pass in silence. Instead take the opportunity to have a brief, calm conversation with your child.

For example 'I'm sorry that you have just heard somebody swear or say a bad word. That is not a word that we use or that you should use.' This can help them make sense of what they heard and understand that not all ways of speaking to others are respectful or kind.

By having open and age appropriate conversations, you child is less likely to feel the urge to repeat certain phrases out of curiosity. When parent/s or family members take the time to explain what something means and why it might not be appropriate, it helps satisfy the child's curiosity in a safe and supportive way – reducing the likelihood that they'll repeat it just to figure it out on their own.

Bridget Cunningham Educational Psychotherapist.



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West Acton Primary School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

	Autumn Term 2025	
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1st - 2std September - INSET DAYS for staff training 1 and 2	
Start of term for pupils Y1-6 Autumn 1 Term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 Wednesday 3 rd September - Thursday 23 rd October	
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Friday 24th October - INSET DAY for staff training day 3	
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October	
Autumn 2 Term	Monday 3 rd November - Friday 19 th December	
End of Term	Friday 19th December at 1.30pm	
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January	
	Spring Term 2026	
Start of term for pupils Spring 1 Term	Monday 5 th January 2026 Monday 5 th January - Friday 13 th February	
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February	
Spring 2 Term	Monday 23 rd February - Friday 27 th March	
End of Term	Friday 27th March at 1.30pm	
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April	
	Summer Term 2026	
Start of Term for pupils Summer 1 Term		
SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 4th May - May Bank holiday	
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May	
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1st June - INSET DAY for staff training day 4	
Summer 2 Term	Tuesday 2 nd June - Friday 17 th July	
End of Term	Friday 17th July at 1.30pm	
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 20th July - INSET DAY for staff training day 5 Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd July - occasional day	















Humanities Summer Challenge

- 1) Choose your number one 'Wonder of Actor'.
- 2) Go to your chosen 'wonder' and record a short video (10-30 seconds) explaining why it is a 'Wonder of Actor'.
- "I think ____ is a wonder of Acton because..."
- 3) Email your video to admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk with your name and class.

Closing date: Monday 2nd June.

(Do you think McDonalds is a wonder of Acton?)



Humanities Summer Challenge

What do you think are the '7 Wonders of Actor'?

- St Mary's Church Gunnersbury Park House
- the ice house
- Transport Museum Depot
- Acton Park
- Acton Mosque
- West Acton Primary School











West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 28 th April 2025	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Aseel	Anisa	Haruki
Banyan	Curt	Ryan	Fathle
Fir	Jana	Sama	Zayan
Olive	Adam	Alma	Amina
Ash	Aya	Amanda	Lujain
Guava	Alea	Olivia	Adam
Katsura	Taea	Zainab	Hussain
Chestnut	Anju	Yasuto	Muhammad
Damson	Andrii	Rumaysa	Aboody
Juniper	Shun	Karim	Roya
Holly	Menrot	Dhanvi	Anu
lvy	Aridon	Remy	Iliana - Bleu
Rowan	Haruta	Sumaya	Titan
Mulberry	Науа	Seiji	Shamfa
Pine	Mohamed	Boris	Amber
Sycamore	Leyla	Adam	Manar
Elder	Caspian	Leyna	Antonia
Quince	Lana	Zainab	Mizuka
Willow	Yuma	Adem	Sham
Lime	Yahya	Luca	Miley
Tamarind	Elyas	Maliha	Omar
Zaytouna	Yui	Akshaya	Karen
Birch	Oliver	Andrej	Adam
Elm	Hesham	Alaya	Aimen

Weekly attendance: W/E 2nd May 2025

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Acorn	Elm	Birch
93.40%	90.91%	93.64%
Olive	Banyan	Fir
97.86%	100%	96.67%
Ash	Guava	Katsura
95.56%	99.26%	94.80%
Damson	Chestnut	Juniper
97.67%	99.99%	96.90%
Holly	Rowan	lvy
92.76%	98.57%	95.93%
Mulberry	Pine	Sycamore
94.23%	98.52%	98.57%
Willow	Elder	Quince
95.86%	97.93%	96.21%
Lime	Tamarind	Zaytouna
98.40%	94.64%	97.08%

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2nd May 2025

Dear Parent/carers,

My grateful thanks to all of you who have attended our parent courses over the last two terms. Many parents have provided very positive feedback. If you have any suggestions about courses you would like the school to offer, please do speak with me, we are always open to parent suggestions.

Please find, listed below, the courses on offer this term.

Speech and Language	9:00-10:00 am
Superflex programme	Thursday 1st May
ARP	Home room ARP
Kelly Ellis	
Supporting Emotional Regulation	2:30 pm
Sam Wade	Tuesday 20th May
Occupational Therapist	Victoria hall
Supporting Vocabulary Development	2:30 p.m.
Kelly Ellis	Thursday 22 nd May
Speech and Language Therapist	Victoria hall
Supporting Home Learning	9:00-10:00 am
	Thursday 5th June
	Victoria hall

We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards Ms Lucas Assistant Head of SEND and ARP

















Mini Tennis at Gunnersbury Park

On Thursday 1st May, the first of the summer sports games began with Year 4 mini-tennis at Gunnersbury Park.

Children competed in singles tennis matches and Sara in Pine class won every game she played! Every adult was so impressed with her technique and ball control that they all kept congratulating her after every game. The other children - Liv, Nico and Ilyas were also amazing as Iliyas had never played tennis before. They all played five games each which put us in the semi finals against Fielding Primary school where we tied but after adding up all the scores at the end, we came a proud second out of 10 Ealing Borough schools. Well done to those children representing West Acton with such a fantastic effort!