

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th January 2026



Welcome back! It's been lovely to see everyone again, and we're really excited to be starting our journey together in **2026**.

We've returned to some very cold, bitter – and often wet – weather, so please do ensure children are dressed appropriately for the conditions.

A gentle reminder about the start of the school day: learning begins promptly at **8.45am**, which means children need to **arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.40am** to allow time to get to their classrooms. Arriving at 8.45am unfortunately means being late for learning, and regular lateness has a significant impact on progress. I do appreciate that traffic and roadworks can be challenging, but as we are all aware of these, please do try to build in an extra five to ten minutes to your journey. Let's make a real collective push on punctuality, just as we have done so successfully with our fantastic improvements in attendance. Thank you so much for your continued support with this.

Despite the cold, it's been a positive and busy start back. We've been focusing on our school community and how we work together, with lots of excited learning taking place. One year group has already been out on a trip, helping to set the tone for a great term ahead.

Thank you to all parents who supported their child with the **Winter Writing Challenge**. If you still have an entry at home, please bring it to me on Monday.

Finally, next week we are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our **Informal Parent Book**, where you'll have the opportunity to come in and look at your child's work. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Miss Kondo

Parent Book Look – January

We are pleased to invite parents to our upcoming Parent Book Look, taking place next week. This is a short, informal opportunity for parents to come into their child's classroom and look through their work together.

Sessions available (15 minutes):

Tuesday 13th January at 3.15pmm- 3.30pm

Tuesday 13th January at 6.00pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday 14th January at 8.30am - 8.45am

During this time, parents are invited to:

Look through their child's books with them

Celebrate their learning

Write a short, supportive and encouraging message for their child

Please note that this is not a parent consultation. Teaching staff will not be available to discuss individual progress or answer questions during these sessions. Formal parent consultations will take place in February, after half-term, and this book look provides a helpful opportunity to see how learning is progressing ahead of those meetings.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope you enjoy sharing this time celebrating your child's work.

Thank you.

Miss Kondo

The children have had a very busy and exciting first week back in Reception. With the cold temperature, we embraced the winter weather and explored frozen water that had turned into ice in the tuff tray, which has sparked a lot of curiosity and discussion. The children also enjoyed playing in the snow, investigating how it felt and how it changed. To warm up, we shared the lovely experience of drinking hot chocolate outside together, making the most of the seasonal weather while developing our outdoor learning and exploration.



Who's been enjoying the excitement of football recently? ⚽

The **African Cup of Nations (AFCON)** is well underway and has been bringing plenty of drama and brilliant football. The tournament first kicked off back in **1957 in Sudan**, founded by **Egypt, Ethiopia, South Africa and Sudan**.

This year, AFCON is being **hosted in Morocco**, and as always, it takes place **every two years**. The most recent tournament was held in **Ivory Coast**, who were crowned champions after a thrilling competition.

A fantastic celebration of football, teamwork and sporting spirit!





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8th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers



Year of Reading 2026

We are delighted to share that West Acton Primary School will be launching our **Year of Reading** next week.

Reading is at the heart of everything we do, and throughout 2026 we will be celebrating reading for pleasure across the whole school. Our aim is to inspire a lifelong love of books, stories and reading in all children.

Throughout the year, children will enjoy a new reading theme every month, alongside exciting school events designed to celebrate reading for pleasure. These will include author visits, family reading events, challenges and special celebration days.

Children will receive a **monthly reading challenge booklet** to complete at home. Those who successfully complete all monthly challenges across the year will receive a **prize** at the end of the Year of Reading.

Each month will feature a different celebration, including:

- Author visits
- World Book Day
- Family and parent reading events
- Seasonal reading challenges
- An end-of-year reading celebration

More information about each month's theme and events will be shared regularly.

We look forward to making 2026 a fantastic year of reading for all our pupils!

Yours sincerely

Miss Kondo, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Livingstone
The Reading Team





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5th January 2026

Dear Parents /Carers,

Re: School Attendance – Positive Progress

We are writing to share some encouraging news about school attendance and to thank families for the improvements we have seen this year.

So far this academic year, our overall attendance stands at 95.7%, which represents an improvement on last year. This places our school in the **top 30-40% of schools nationally**, meaning attendance is now better than around two-thirds of schools across England. Within our local authority, we are also securely placed within the upper half of schools.

This improvement reflects the commitment of many parents and carers who ensure their children attend school regularly and on time, and we would like to thank you sincerely for your support.

National comparison

Compare your school's attendance with other schools like yours in your local authority

Date shown: Academic year end to 13 December 2025

Last updated: 10 January 2026

Next update: 07 January 2026

This data is updated every 2 weeks and may not reflect your most recent figures or monitor your school's attendance.

How are we calculating your position and how to use your results?

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Filters Selected educational needs (SEN) support

Results for whole school

Pupils with SEN support

Pupils with no or unknown SEN support

Free school meals (FSM)

Results for whole school

Pupils with FSM

Pupils with no or unknown FSM

Year overall attendance

95.7%

You are in decile 4, the top 30-40% of schools

Decile Decile description

Number of schools Lowest in decile

Highest in decile

1867

95.8%

1862%

1867

95.4%

95.8%

1867

95.0%

95.4%

1867

95.7%

95.9%

1867

95.3%

95.7%

1867

95.1%

95.5%

1867

94.0%

94.8%

1867

92.2%

94.0%



Just before we broke up for the holidays, pupils from Oak class participated in the second part of the Kurling league at Featherstone High School. We had a great day competing against other Ealing primary schools. Sixteen schools took part and we came 4th which is a fantastic achievement. The children worked together as a team constantly encouraging and praising each other. They also had a lot of fun. We are so proud of all of them. Well done!



Why attendance continues to matter

Despite this positive progress, attendance remains a key priority for the school. Regular attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

Impact on children

- Academic achievement: Each day in school builds on the last. Missing lessons can lead to gaps in learning that are difficult to close.
- Social development: School supports friendships, confidence and communication skills through daily interaction.
- Routine and security: Consistent attendance helps children feel settled, safe and ready to learn.

Impact on the school community

- Strong attendance supports high-quality teaching and learning for all pupils.
- It ensures school resources are used effectively.
- It contributes positively to how the school is viewed by the local authority and Ofsted.

Areas we are still working on

While overall attendance has improved, we continue to see:

- A small number of pupils whose attendance is **persistent** (below 90%) or **severely low**
- Occasional term-time holidays
- Regular late arrivals, which disrupt learning for the child and their class

We understand that illness and exceptional circumstances do occur. However, we ask families to avoid term-time holidays wherever possible and to ensure children arrive at school punctually every day.

Support and information for families

Parents can monitor their child's attendance at any time via the school app MCAS, rather than waiting for termly reports.

Further national guidance for parents can be found on the Department for Education's Parent Hub:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Working together

We ask all families to continue working with us to strengthen a culture of regular attendance and commitment to education. Where concerns arise, early communication with the school is key. We remain committed to working collaboratively with parents and carers. Support is available through meetings, early intervention and guidance where attendance becomes a concern. Letters are sent when attendance reaches key thresholds to ensure families are informed and supported early. Miss Sanusi and Miss Ghaderi are always ready to help – please reach out to them if you need support.

Finally, we would like to thank those parents and carers who consistently ensure their children attend school regularly and on time. Your commitment makes a real difference to your child's success and to our wider school community, and it is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
Karen Kondo

William Rollason

Headteacher

Chair of Governors



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

SPRING TERM

JANUARY - APRIL

MONDAYS INDOOR

U3- U6	17:00-17:45
U7 - U10	18:00-19:00

TUESDAYS

U7-U16	17:30-19:00
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FRIDAYS

U7-U16	17:30-19:00
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**FREE PAIR OF SHIN PADS
WHEN YOU SIGN UP**

BOOK ONLINE

WWW.ENGSPORTSACADEMY.COM

BOO THEATRE AND ENTERTAINMENT



WEST ACTON DRAMA CLUB

MONDAYS (YEARS 3,4,5 & 6) DRAMA

WEDNESDAYS (RECEPTION, YEAR 1 Y YEAR 2) DRAMA

Boo Theatre & Entertainment are delighted to be running a Drama Club

Boo Theatre is run by Jake & Becky - both professional actors with over 15 years' experience & a true passion for teaching & introducing others to the arts. Becky trained in Musical Theatre at The Royal Central School of Speech & Drama and has performed internationally as a vocalist and actor whilst Jake also has a lengthy and varied CV - having performed both nationally and abroad over the past decade after graduating from The Brit School.

Boo Theatre and Entertainment work alongside a fantastic team of industry professionals & aim to bring our professional experience & knowledge to create fun & creative clubs. Alongside exploring and developing Drama skills such as Improvisation, Mime and Movement, Diction & Projection, Use of imagination & Characterisation - we also aim to enhance key life skills such as building Self-confidence, The importance of teamwork, Public speaking and expressing oneself clearly & confidently.

The club will run from 1520-1620 from W/C 19TH January - 23rd March - (No clubs in ½ term)
Sessions are £6.00 per week + VAT (£7.20) = £64.80 Total for the term - 9 weeks

BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS



Click on the QR Code -

If you cannot access QR codes; please go to WWW.BOOTHEATREANDENTERTAINMENT.CO.UK - & Click on 'Bookings'

Choose your child's School by clicking where it says "Want a specific venue?" - & Select the venue from the dropdown menu - (You can also search via the class name , day or time if preferable)

Once you see your child's School; please be sure to select the correct class if there are multiple options.

Click 'Info & Booking' & Scroll down to 'Book This Class' - you will see all dates listed here for the upcoming term.

If needed; create an account which is very quick to do so. and makes future bookings much quicker - and 'add children'

Complete information for each child and book / pay from there

****Please Note - ABSOLUTE LATEST BOOKING DEADLINE WILL BE 12TH JANUARY ***
FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES; PLEASE EMAIL BOOTHEATREANDENTERTAINMENT@GMAIL.com**



SUPA™ BASKETBALL WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAYS 7:45AM – 8:45AM

BOOK YOUR PLACE - www.staysupa.com



BALLET afterschool CLUBS

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reception/Y1 on Mondays
Y2-Y6 on Fridays

Spring Term

2026



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DANCE SCHOOL

Ballet Flamenco Contemporary

www.annadavydova.co.uk

Thursday Oracy Challenge

Reception target: 10 seconds

Year 1 & 2 target: 10-20 seconds

Year 3 & 4 target: 20-30 seconds

Year 5 & 6 target: 30-60 seconds



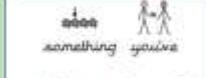
Talk about...



last weekend



something you like



something you've



a book you recently



enjoyed learning about



finished

Two pupils present to their class each week.

PAYMENTS

Communication – notices/letters and emails



Just a reminder of how we keep you updated



<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/news-dates/newsletters>

FACEBOOK - <https://www.facebook.com/westactonpri>
X - <https://x.com/westactonpri>

West Acton Primary School - Home Reading Book Band Levels

National Curriculum 2014 - Expectations per year group	Book band colour of home reading book	Notes
Pre-reading/ Nursery Up to 4 years old	Lilac	Pre-reading standard
	Pink	
Reception 4-5 years old	Lilac	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Reception should be on: Yellow .
	Pink	
	Red	
	Yellow	
Year 1 5-6 year olds	Light blue	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 1 should be on: Orange/Turquoise .
	Green	
	Orange	
	Turquoise	
Year 2 6-7 year olds	Turquoise	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 2 should be on: White/Lime .
	Purple	
	Gold	
	White	NOTE: Children reading at Gold level should be capable of achieving National Standard in the end of Key Stage 1 SATs tests in England.
Year 3 7-8 year old	Lime	
	Brown	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 3 should be on: Brown/Grey . Greater Depth readers can move onto Dark Blue .
Year 4 8-9 year olds	Grey	
	Dark blue	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 4 should be on: Dark Blue . Greater depth readers can move onto Dark Red .
Year 5 9-10 year olds	Dark blue	
	Dark red	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 5 should be on: Dark Red, Oxford Level 17 . Greater depth readers should move onto Dark Red Level, Oxford Level 18 .
Year 6 10-11 year olds		The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 6 should be on: Dark Red, Oxford level 19 . Greater depth readers should move onto Dark Red level, Oxford level 20 , which is also known as: Black Level . NOTE: Children reading at Oxford Level 17 should be capable of achieving National Standard in the end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests in England.
11+ year olds	Black	

Our School Vision



West Acton Primary School, a welcoming community, growing and learning together

At West Acton Primary School, we are a dynamic and inclusive community of lifelong learners. We nurture every child to reach their full potential through an engaging, forward-thinking curriculum and a culture that builds courage, consideration and collaboration. As an aspirational community, our staff, pupils and families grow together—developing digital and emotional intelligence, a strong sense of wellbeing and environmental awareness—ready to make a positive impact on their communities and the wider world.

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.



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 not give 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

SUGAR SMART



School starts at 8.45am

Drop 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.



A tale of three white shirts...
Please ensure your child is wearing the correct white shirt.

Reception, Years 1 to 6 PE KIT
Plain white t shirt REQUIRED / NON BRANDED
Generic



Nursery and Reception REQUIRED / NON BRANDED
Generic
White polo shirt



Years 1- 6 REQUIRED / NON BRANDED Generic
White buttoned shirt (long or short sleeve)



White PE T Shirt
A plain white T Shirt or a house colour T shirt
Pupils from Reception to Year 6

White Polo Shirt (soft and three buttons)
All days for Nursery and Reception

White Shirt with buttons
All days for Years 1 to 6

We have a good supply of second hand uniform. Please speak to us if you have any issues with providing uniform.

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.

TIP FROM SCHOOL THERAPIST

Happy New Year to you and your families!

It's lovely to return to the school community.

I hope you are all well.

Well done for making it through the busy holiday period.

The children have loved spending time with you, being at home and making memories.

Settling back into a routine after some time at home can be challenging for the children.

How can parents/carers help?

Children thrive on routine. It helps them to feel emotionally safe to know what they are going to do now and what is coming next. Planning your morning routine and preparing the night before will help everyone to feel calmer in the morning.

Having limits around bedtime, dinnertime, homework time, playtime and family time, helps to create a secure routine with clear boundaries for our children. So, take it one step at a time, start with a bedtime routine that is the same every night to get them that all important sleep.

Having a simple schedule or routine can also mean that we can add in some time in our week, for play and connection with our children, which is often what they are looking for after spending so much time with you.

I look forward to wishing you a happy new year, in person, at our first Parent/carer Coffee Morning of the year.

It will be on Thursday 29th January 2026 from 9.00am -10.00am in the Conference room.

Mrs Ahmad



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West Acton Primary school are proud to be a parkrun primary school.

A junior parkrun is **free, fun and friendly** weekly 2km event (run/walk) for children aged 4-14years old.

A banner for West Acton Primary School's junior parkrun. It features the "junior parkrun" logo at the top. Below it, the text "West Acton Primary School" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. The main title "is proud to be a" is in red, followed by "2025-2026" in a large, bold, red font. The word "parkrun primary!" is in a large, bold, red font. Below this, the text "Promoting a healthier and happier planet for everyone." is in a blue, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Join in the fun every Sunday at" is in red, followed by "Acton Park" in a blue, bold, sans-serif font. The background is white with abstract green, yellow, and blue shapes.

What is Acton junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/acton-juniors/>

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Acton Park, Uxbridge Road, London, W3 7LB. See [Course page](#) for more details.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a **scannable** copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).



How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!



Send us your pictures of you joining the Junior Parkrun to receive your certificate!

Take a selfie/picture of you and your family joining the run and send it to
admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing them all ☺

WEEK 1 MENU

w/c 3rd November
w/c 24th November
w/c 15th December
w/c 5th January
w/c 26th January
w/c 9th March

WEDNESDAY

- Creamy Cheese Puff with Mash & Gravy
- Shepherd's Pie with Gravy
- Roast Parsnip & Carrots
- Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard

MONDAY

- Mighty Veggie Penne Bolognese with Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread
- Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
- Sweetcorn & Soy Wilted Greens
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

TUESDAY

- Rainbow Chilli with Mexican Rice
- Lamb Chilli Con Carne with Mexican Rice
- Peas & Roasted Root Veg
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

WEEK 2 MENU

w/c 10th November
w/c 1st December
w/c 12th January
w/c 2nd February
w/c 23rd February
w/c 16th March

WEDNESDAY

- Piri Piri Veggie Strips with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy
- Roast Chicken with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy
- Green Beans & Swede and Carrot Mash
- Forest Fruit Baked Rice Pudding

MONDAY

- Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese Sauce with Penne Pasta
- Mac & Cheese with Roasted Squash & Garlic Bread
- Peas & Sweetcorn
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

TUESDAY

- Thai Red Vegetable Curry & Wholegrain Rice
- Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Rice
- Broccoli & Roasted Mediterranean Veggies
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

WEEK 3 MENU

w/c 17th November
w/c 8th December
w/c 19th January
w/c 9th February
w/c 2nd March
w/c 23rd March

WEDNESDAY

- Cheese, Leek & Onion Pasty with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy
- Chicken & Vegetable Puff Pastry Pie with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy
- Carrots & Herby Green Beans
- Carrot Cake

MONDAY

- Paprika Roast Vegetables in a Tomato & Herb Sauce with Pasta
- Chinese Rainbow Fried Rice
- Sweetcorn & Red Cabbage Slaw
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

TUESDAY

- Plant Power Thai Curry with Pilau Rice
- Chicken Curry with Pilau Rice
- Broccoli & Peas
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

FRIDAY

- Mighty Veggie Penne Bolognese with Garlic & Herb Bread
- Lamb Penne Bolognese with Garlic & Herb Bread
- Mediterranean Vegetables & Sweetcorn
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

- Homemade Margherita Pizza with Herby Wedges
- Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Herby Wedges and Tomato Ketchup
- Peas & Baked Beans
- Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Weekly attendance: WE 19 TH December 2025		
Acorn 75.86%	Whole School 91.32%	Woodlands 90.11%
Olive 95.17%	Banyan 98.33% 	Fir 92%
Ash 93.45%	Guava 90.67%	Katsura 97.33% 
Damson 83.21%	Chestnut 95.36%	Juniper 89.29%
Holly 91.72%	Rowan 90.36%	Ivy 97.14%
Mulberry 93.21%	Pine 94.64% 	Sycamore 90.69%
Willow 83.33%	Elder 93.79%	Quince 93.79%
Lime 93.10%	Tamarind 92.41%	Zaytouna 87.50%

w/c 15 th December 2025	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Hashem	Hannah	Kehlanii
Banyan			
Olive	Chihiro	Jacob	Miho
Fir	Aziz	Danyal	Hiba
Ash	Jana	Martin	Jonathan
Guava	Zayan	Ryan	Yuto
Katsura	Zaki	Mohammed Al A	Lilly
Chestnut	Elizabeth	Ghazi	Adham
Damson	Adrian	Akari	Rebecca
Juniper	Shino	Riko	Dominic
Holly	Saad	Emily	Zohour
Ivy	Yasuto	Elaf	Aoi
Rowan	Misaki	Mariam	Khason
Mulberry	Billie	Adam	Omar
Pine	Adam	Rena	Menrot
Sycamore	Asma	Alex	Aaliyah
Elder	Mila	Shoka	Danny
Quince	Ritaj	Nico	Rosa
Willow	Ayesha	Halla	Zain
Lime	Yuma	Itsuki	Elsie
Tamarind	Ilyas	Celine	Isabella
Zaytouna	Emaan	Radvin	Alesha
Birch	Hakeem	Zaida	Aam
Oak	Azai	Mason	Hawa
Elm	Arin	Aimen	Abudi