

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th April 2026



Year 5 Important

A special set of letters have been sent home for families in Year 5. Please take a moment to check that you have received them, as they contain important information about upcoming opportunities.

The first letter provides details about the **Bikeability course**, which will be taking place in school at the end of May. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop confidence and safety awareness when cycling. We are pleased to be able to offer loan bikes for those who may need one, so we strongly encourage families to apply.

The second letter includes key information about **11+ testing and application windows** for grammar schools. It also highlights a range of bursary opportunities available at local independent schools, including Notting Hill & Ealing High School and St Benedict's School.

If you are a parent or carer of a child in Year 5, please ensure you have received and read both letters carefully so that your child does not miss out on these valuable opportunities.

Reception - Role Play

After the holidays, the reception children were delighted to discover their role play area had been turned into a busy pizza restaurant!

The children have been having great fun dressing up as chefs, waiters, and customers—taking orders, making delicious pizzas, and serving their friends with big smiles.

This exciting role play is helping to build their communication and language skills, while also encouraging teamwork, creativity, and confidence. It has been fantastic to see the children so engaged and using their imagination to bring their pizza restaurant to life!



Dance at WAPS



Community Sports Trust

Children from Year Reception and Year 4 have started their Dance topic this week with sessions from Brentford Community Sports Trust.

The children learned to move to the beat of the music and began to put together some moves for a routine. Reception children learned that eight is the magic number in dance and used different parts of their bodies to keep the beat. They look forward to next week's session.

Bug Club

An ENORMOUS well done to our top Bug Club readers for Spring Term 2, week 5. Each week, pupils are asked to read and answer comprehensions quizzes online on 'Bug Club.' This is part of our pupils' weekly reading homework from Years 1 to 6: to read for 20 minutes once a week from 'My Stuff' in their Bug Club account and answer 'bug' quizzes to support their fluency and comprehension in reading. If you need help logging on at home, please use our quick 'how to' video on our school website. Here is the link under 'Curriculum,' 'Subjects,' then 'Reading':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1GRjexRskg&list=PLg4TaW5GleZR3iI4D89kDbY5NVj0IqIye&index=3>

A super WELL DONE to our pupils listed below, who have read the most books so far in their classes or/and achieved the highest score in getting their quizzes correct! We are aiming for 75% or more correct quizzes to show understanding of what has been read. Pupils have all received certificates and have been celebrated in class!

Year Group	Class	Pupils
1	Ash	Adrian, Toma, Aaron
1	Guava	Waseem, Kohane
1	Katsura	Saki, Rintaro, Alma, Kazuki
2	Damson	Haruka
2	Chestnut	Arisa
2	Juniper	Yuzuki
3	Ivy	Omar, Muhammad, Florence, Shun, Amy
3	Holly	Malek, Shoka
3	Rowan	Maria
4	Sycamore	Sara, Ellis, Lile, Ali, Emma N, Azzam, Idris, Maria, Jane, Emma Y, Kosei, Imran
4	Pine	Anu, Taima, Jamal
4	Mulberry	Haruta, Itsuki
5	Elder	Jay
5	Quince	Kaius, Kosei, Rosa, Liv, Nico, Uzair, Naomi
5	Willow	Delina, Sana K, Cassandra, Manar
6	Zaytouna	Philip, Michael, Sama
6	Tamarind	Elsa, Sosuke, Sawa
6	Lime	Rose
Woodlands	Elm	Elayana
Woodlands	Birch	Hakeem, Isabelle, Adam
Woodlands	Oak	Abdul, Mason



Hi,

We know that many households are feeling the financial impact of the escalating cost of living. In response to this, we're launching a new Community Grocery in West Ealing that will keep families fed and allow people to access support too.

We provide a great selection of healthy branded items that you'd expect to find at your local supermarket but for a fraction of the price. We're run on a membership basis designed to help anyone who needs to bring down the cost of their food shop by offering a full selection of groceries from just £5 per shop. We've even price matched a few of our standard shops against high street supermarkets and found that our members can save on average £20 each visit.

We know choosing the items you like for your family is really important and so we have thousands of products to select from each week with new lines added each day.



Example of a £5 small shop

As we are reliant on what's available through our surplus partners we can't guarantee what items we'll have in stock for you on each visit, so you may find that you need to do a top up shop during the week for any key items you're missing. We receive new collections every day and so to be the first to see what goodies we have in stock, make sure you follow your local Community Grocery Facebook or Instagram pages.

And there's more. All of our members will be able to access loads of other benefits like job clubs, money management courses, mental well-being courses, youth clubs, volunteering and much more.

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Our members not only get to save on their food shop but they also get to play their part in helping to protect the environment. Lots of the items in our grocery are classed as 'surplus' meaning they would have normally ended up going into landfill. The food is all great, and there are many reasons why it's made available to us. It may be there are packaging mistakes, errors with ordering or that the food that ends up too close to its 'best before' date for them to sell.



How it works

1. To become a member, just visit our grocery any time whilst we're open and we'll get you signed up straight away and then walk you through your first shop. It's £1 for 1 year's membership and you can visit our grocery five times a week.
2. Each item in the shop has a points value. Our shop sizes range from a small 12-point shop for £5, up to a 30-point XL shop for £12.50. You can choose up to four of each item across our different sections, and if you'd like to go over your points allowance, extra points can be added for 50p each. On your first visit, our team will talk you through how everything works and help count your points at the till.
3. All of our Community Groceries will also be running a variety of free courses and events to get to know our members better and help support them with any specific needs. Once these go live, you can sign up for them in the grocery.

How to find us

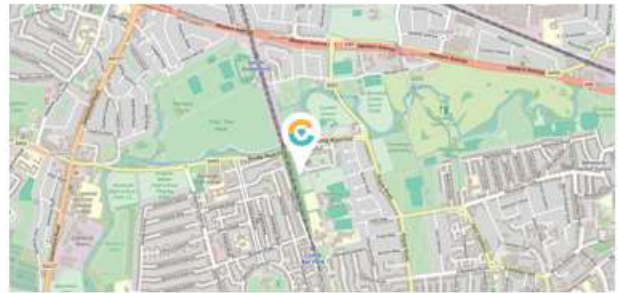
Find out which bus routes are near us, and get help planning your journey at www.tfl.gov.uk

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Find out more

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westealing@communitygrocery.org.uk
[CommunityGroceryWestEaling](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityGroceryWestEaling)



A partnership between:



DON'T MISS OUT – 10 WEEK PARENTING COURSE with Mrs Pearce EVERY THURSDAY MORNING -8.45am – 10am

23rd April – 2nd July 2026

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 challenging for me, it provided useful insights. I have noticed the tense atmosphere at home has become much calmer, which I truly appreciate."

"The course really helped me with my kids. Using the Calm time and choosing what behaviours to ignore made a difference!"

"I became more aware of praising my child".

The session on... "Family rules were useful because I learnt that all families have the same parenting problems, even if they come from different backgrounds."

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

"Family rules – it gave me actual tips to try with my kids."

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

"During the parenting course, I learned so much not just about parenting, but about myself. Being part of a group of mummies who shared the same struggles made me feel supported and understood. I realized I'm not alone in this journey. What I've learned continues to guide me every day as I try to make my motherhood better."



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



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 Pink	Pre-reading standard
Reception 4-5 years old	Lilac Pink Red Yellow Light blue	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Reception should be on: Yellow .
Year 1 5-6 year olds	Light blue Green Orange Turquoise	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 1 should be on: Orange/Turquoise .
Year 2 6-7 year olds	Turquoise Purple Gold White Lime	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the end of Year 2 should be on: White/Lime . 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	Brown Grey	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.

<p>Reception, Years 1 to 6 PE KIT Plain white t shirt REQUIRED / NON BRANDED Generic</p> 	<p>Nursery and Reception REQUIRED / NON BRANDED Generic White polo shirt</p> 	<p>Years 1- 6 REQUIRED / NON BRANDED Generic White buttoned shirt (long or short sleeve)</p> 
<p>White PE T Shirt A plain white T Shirt or a house colour T shirt Pupils from Reception to Year 6</p>	<p>White Polo Shirt (soft and three buttons) All days for Nursery and Reception</p>	<p>White Shirt with buttons All days for Years 1 to 6</p>
<p>We have a good supply of second hand uniform. Please speak to us if you have any issues with providing uniform.</p>		

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 Mrs Ahmad

Parental presence

We are living in a time where parents and carers are having to share themselves between their careers, household responsibilities, and never ending to do lists, and finding themselves, always on the move.

Research shows that parent presence shapes a child's world. That when we are emotionally present for our children, it helps them to develop stronger emotional security. Through the presence of their caregiver, they learn to trust, to feel safe and to express themselves.

How can Parents/carers help?

Our hands are always busy and we pour our energy into making life better for our families, yet we sometimes forget, that what our children need most is **us**. They need the us, not the perfect version, but the us that shows up, fully present, in the moment.

To be able to offer this, first we need to be kind to ourselves. If you are exhausted or emotionally drained, it's okay to acknowledge that. Self-awareness and self-care are vital because we can't pour from an empty cup.

To reclaim connection in a very distracted world, set aside specific moments where it is a tech free zone. For example, during meals, bedtime or car rides. Those small moments together, will matter for your children.




Remember it is not the quantity of time we spend with our children that matters as much as, the quality of that time.

Routines build trust and closeness, so by creating meaningful rituals, the children will have something predictable to look forward to.

Listen without multitasking, when your child talks, stop what you are doing and listen, so they know that what they have to say matters to you.

Lastly slow down, read one more of a book to them and have a few minutes extra with them while they brush their teeth or eat their breakfast.

Weekly attendance: WE 17th April 2026

Acorn 96.15%	Whole School 95.51%	Woodlands 94.25%
Olive 95.86%	Banyan 97.87% 	Fir 95.36%
Ash 100% 	Guava 97.86%	Katsura 95.71%
Damson 96.30%	Chestnut 99.33%	Juniper 91.26%
Holly 97.86%	Rowan 92.96%	Ivy 97.67%
Mulberry 90.77%	Pine 94.83%	Sycamore 100% 
Willow 92.76%	Elder 98.21%	Quince 98.28%
Lime 96.30%	Tamarind 90.77%	Zaytouna 95.83%

Travel to
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Our School

Our school encourages families to think about more sustainable ways of travelling to school. This will help reduce parking issues and make the area outside our school a safer place to be. You will be benefitting your own health while setting a great example for your child.

This map will help you plan your route whether you decide to walk, cycle, scooter or take public transport, all or part of the way.

Please support us to reduce congestion, improve local air quality and the health and well-being of the whole school community.



Active Travel

Walking, cycling and scooting are all excellent forms of active travel. They are easy ways to get your recommended daily 60 minutes of exercise and help you maintain a healthy weight. You also reduce the risk of developing asthma, type 2 diabetes and even mental health disorders.

Children who travel actively to school develop better road safety awareness and later will be more able to travel independently. Physical activity also improves mood as well as academic performance at school.

Why not make active travel part of your daily routine?

Why Walk to School?

Walking is simple, free, and great exercise! It also gives you the opportunity to chat to your child about their day.

83% of Ealing families live within a mile of their school, a distance that can be walked, cycled or scooted by most people. If you live further away, and you drive or need your car for an onward journey, why not try parking further away and walking the rest? You may even find it is quicker than finding somewhere to park near the school and fewer cars helps to make the area around the school safer.

Did you know?

You are exposed to less air pollution when travelling actively than when inside a car!

TfL Travel for Life is a free education programme supporting the next generation of Londoners to travel towards a brighter, safer and more sustainable future. Be part of the solution.

Cycling and Scooting

Cycling and scooting to school is easy, safe and fun, especially as it's something you can do together. It can help to improve co-ordination, motor skills and balance, helping children to thrive in PE lessons!

You can join in the fun using an adult scooter. And bicycle child seats and trailers can help you to cycle with smaller children. It's often much quicker too!



Public Transport

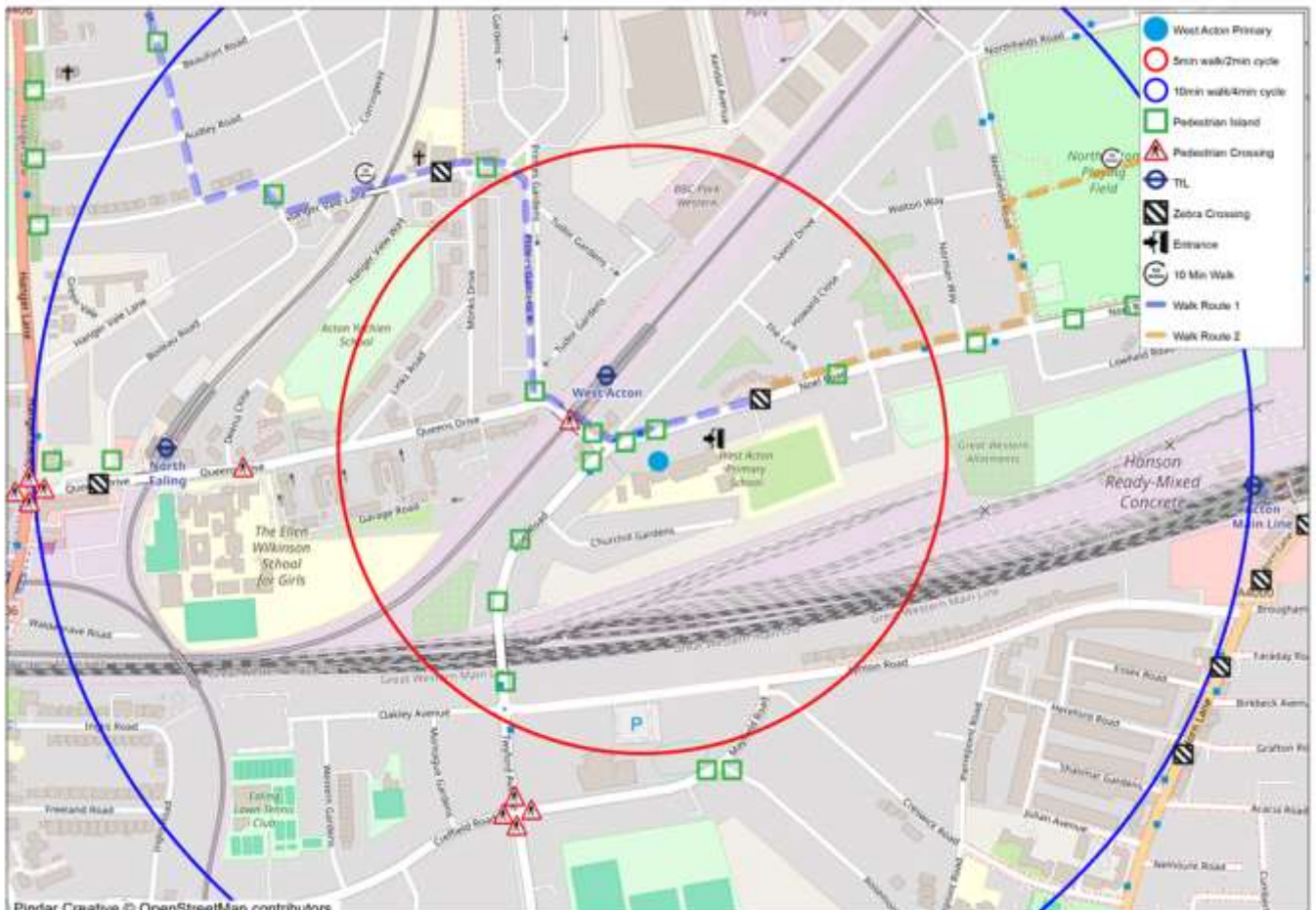
Taking the bus instead of the car helps to make it safer around the school gates where parking is restricted, as well as helping your child become more independent.

Why not get off one stop earlier and continue on foot to fit in some exercise?

Public transport is great for the environment too! Fewer cars on the roads means less pollution and fewer CO₂ emissions, improving local air quality and also reducing our school's contribution to climate change.



It takes around **20 minutes** (2,000 steps) to walk a mile.





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Head Teacher: Miss K Kondo

Dear Parents/carers of Year 6,

Re: Year 6 SATS boosters – 8:00am start

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 11th May to Thursday 14th May. Therefore we would like to invite **all children to start school at 8.00am** on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 th April- First day back- No boosters	14 th April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	15 th April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	16 th April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	17 th April Normal start at 8:45am
20 th April- Normal start 8:45am	21 st April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	22 nd April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	23 rd April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	24 th April Normal start at 8:45am
27 th April - Normal start 8:45am	28 th April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	29 th April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	30 th April SATS booster- Start school at 8am	1 st May Normal start at 8:45am
4 th May- Bank Holiday- No school	5 th May- SATS booster- Start school at 8am	6 th May- SATS booster- Start school at 8am	7 th May- SATS booster- Start school at 8am	8 th May- Normal start at 8:45am
11 th May SATS Breakfast at 8am	12 th May SATS Breakfast at 8am	13 th May SATS Breakfast at 8am	14 th May SATS Breakfast at 8am	15 th May Normal start at 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





West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 23 rd March 2026	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Hana	Nickyar	Eesa
Banyan	Naya	Salfia	angel
Olive	Taleen	Haruka	Salma
Fir			
Ash	Nasiba	Martin	Aaron
Guava	Logan	Loreen	George
Katsura	Adam	Kenki	
Chestnut	Stefano	Miori	ramzi
Damson	Fatiha	Ayah	Haruka
Juniper	Lujain	Rehan	Zakaria
Holly	Sulaiman	Ahmed	Yasmine
Ivy	Wakana	Muhammad	Haytham
Rowan	Yazn	Baraa	Soma
Mulberry	Titan	Aicha	Adam
Pine	Moe	Jun	Anu
Sycamore	Alexandre	Ellis	Adam
Elder	Emilie	Yosef K	Danny
Quince	Teddy	Miku	Takeru
Willow	Safa	Manar	Rei
Lime	Mariam H	Musawer	Abigail
Tamarind	Celine	Firoze	Rabih
Zaytouna	Mila	Sarah J	Misha
Birch	Zaida	Adam	Saleef
Oak			
Elm	Ziad	Ilyas	Gabi

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable two-week break and were able to spend some quality time together as a family.

As we begin the final term of the school year, it is important that all pupils remain focused on their learning. Please continue to support your child at home by ensuring that they are:

- Reading regularly
- Practising their handwriting
- Learning their times tables
- Completing homework and CGP books
- Learning weekly spellings

A particular well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have returned with great commitment, attending their 8:00am booster sessions. As we approach the SATs, we are working hard to prepare them in a calm, supportive and positive way to help build confidence and reduce any worries. Thank you for your continued support with this.

It has also been wonderful this week to celebrate **Autism Awareness Week**. This is an important part of our inclusive school culture, helping everyone to better understand how to support individuals with autism and celebrate the strengths within our community.

We would also like to wish a very **Happy Vaisakhi** to all of our Sikh families and friends who celebrated this week.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very much looking forward to our **Spring Sing performances** for Years 3, 4 and 5. These will take place:

- **Monday afternoon gate open 2.30pm for 2.40pm start**
- **Tuesday morning gate open at 8.45am for a 9.00am start**

Please refer to the letters sent before the holidays for full details and timings.

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure that **all clothing is clearly named**, as items are more easily misplaced when jumpers and cardigans are removed during the day. A reminder also that all pupils should be in **full school uniform**, including:

- No hoop earrings
- No nail varnish

You may also have noticed our new signage regarding mobile phone use. We kindly remind all parents that **mobile phones should not be used on the school site**. This is an important part of safeguarding and ensures that collection time remains focused on pupils.

In addition, we have a small number of families who are bringing children to school significantly earlier than supervision begins. Please note:

- Staff are **not on duty until 8:30am**
- Children should **not be left on site before this time**
- The recommended drop-off window is **8:30am–8:40am**

Leaving children unsupervised before this time presents a safeguarding risk, and we ask for your full cooperation in this matter.

Finally, please look out for important information next week regarding how to report your child's absence via the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app. Many families are already using this successfully, which is great to see. We will soon be moving to this as our sole method for reporting absences.

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