



Welcome to the Woodlands

September 2023

Welcome to our Year Group

The Woodlands Team:

- **Class teachers**
 - Ms James (Elm)
 - Ms Dyer (Birch & Oak)
- **Teaching Assistants**
 - Mrs Williams (Elm)
 - Ms Taylor (Birch)
 - Mr Mauricio (Birch)
 - Mrs Omar (Oak)

We are here to work in partnership with you to achieve the best for your child.
If you have any concerns, please let your child's class teacher know immediately.
The assistant head, Jude Lucus can also be contacted via email or phone. Thank you.

Our School Values



Courage



Consideration



Collaboration



West Acton
Primary School

Vision Statement

We are a dynamic, diverse and inclusive community of lifelong learners, where children are nurtured and supported to achieve their potential and to become responsible citizens who can make a difference in the world.

Values

British Values

We respect the culture and beliefs of others.

We know that we are all special.

We understand and respect the roles of people who help us.

We understand the consequences of our actions.

We treat everybody equally.

We understand right from wrong.

We listen to and respect other people's opinions and values.

We try to help.



Why do we have British values?

When do we use British values?



School website & app

► <http://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/>



Online Safety


how many squares can y... West Acton Primary Scho...
Not secure | www.westactonprimaryschool.org/children/links-and-resources

How to Keep Safe Online





It is very important to know how to keep safe on the internet at all times, just as important as road or fire safety.

The internet is available to the entire world and there are many people out there who say they are one thing but are often something completely different.

The 'Think you know' website contains information and games for all age groups as well as access to the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) centre to report any incidents involving the internet.



You can use the websites below to better understand the virtual world. If you would like further advice please speak to your class teacher.



- ▶ <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- ▶ <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Please be vigilant on what games your child is playing online. They should be age appropriate and parental guidance is strongly advised.

Did you know?
A child who only has 1 hour screen time on the weekends is more likely to achieve their learning goals!

What should be brought in everyday?

- ▶ Book bag
- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Snack - Fruit or Vegetables only
- ▶ Depending on weather- a suitable coat
- ▶ Reading books and record

Uniform

<u>School Uniform</u>	<u>PE Uniform</u>
Grey Trousers or Shorts	White t-shirt
Grey Skirt or Pinafore (Girls)	Black Shorts or Tracksuits
Green Checked Dress (Girls)	White/Black Plimsolls for indoor PE
White shirt (long or short sleeve)	Trainers for outdoor PE
West Acton Fleece or Jumper	<u>Sun Safety (Optional)</u>
Black School Shoes	<u>Green Baseball Cap or Floppy Hats</u>
Grey/White/Black Socks. Grey or black tights. No leggings	
Black/White or Green Headscarf	

Please remember that every item should be labelled!

Enrichment Lesson Teachers on PPA day

Physical Education (P.E.) teacher: Miss Murphy

Spanish teacher: Senora Marquez-Garcia
(KS2)

Music teacher: Sing Up Agency



PE Kit

- As with **BOROUGH POLICY**, no jewellery is allowed to be worn to ensure the safety of the children. Long hair should also be tied back out of eyes.
- Children need **PE kit** (dark shorts/ tracksuits and white t-shirts) **EVERY week** this. Your class teacher will let you shortly know when that will be if your child is Birch or Oak. Elm's PE will be on Wednesday morning.
- Please make sure children come in dressed in their PE kits for that day.

Behaviour

We want every child to feel safe and secure at West Acton Primary School, so that they can be happy, enjoy learning and make great progress in their learning and development. To support this culture for a love of learning that fits in with our school values and British values, we have 4 simple school rules that focus on a positive reinforcement approach for all learners

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- Follow instructions
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Use positive language and actions.
- Walk around school.

Behaviour

- Award of **house points** for good work, attitude and behaviour.
- Celebration of good work using **wristbands** sent home.
- Positive comments and peer praise.

Curriculum

- The ARP follows the EYFS/KS1/KS2 curriculum which is taught in the mainstream classroom.
- The curriculum is adapted and personalised for each child taking into consideration their needs
- Children are slowly introduced and prepared to be integrated into mainstream where they will continue to be supported



Home Learning



Home learning includes:

Spellings

Reading every night

Times tables practice (2,5,10,3,4,8)

Mental maths games (hit the button)

www.topmarks.co.uk

Espresso log ins

Purple mash

CPG books



Reading Records

- Children are expected to read **every day** - reading with your child daily will make a huge difference.
- **Comment and sign** in it too so we can monitor your child's progress.
- Reading records to be brought into school every week from now on.
- Teaching assistants will be allocating and choosing books with the children and commenting in the reading record on Fridays .
- Please make sure your child has their reading books with them everyday.

Reading is part of West Acton homework each week.

Spellings

Children in the Woodlands are expected to know how to spell the Year 1/2 and 3/4 words.

These words can be found online.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the they one
a be once
do he ask
to me friend
today she school
of we put
said no push
says go pull
are so full
were by house
was my our
is here
his there
has where
I love
you come
your some

Year 2

door gold plant clothes
floor hold path busy
poor told bath people
because every hour water
find great move again
kind break prove half
mind steak improve money
behind pretty sure Mr
child beautiful sugar Mrs
children after eye parents
wild fast could Christmas
climb last should everybody
most past would even
only father who
both class whole
old grass any
cold pass many



accident	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
accidentally	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actual	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
actually	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
address	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forward(s)	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	(although)
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	thought
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	through
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	various
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	weight
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	woman
centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign	women

Pick up and drop off

- The gate opens at **8:30am** so children can start lining up
- Children must be in the classroom by **8:45 for registration.**
- Support staff are in key areas to welcome pupils and take important messages to teachers. This ensures a calm and structured start to the day.

Pick up time at the end of the day is **3:15pm**

- If you are unable to pick up your child and have arranged someone else to do this, please let the school know as soon as possible.
- Children will go home from their classrooms and must wait until the teacher calls their name before leaving the class.
- If you would like to talk to the Class Teacher, please wait for a quiet moment, such as when the rest of the class has been collected or arrange a meeting via the school office

Please look out for key messages stuck on classroom doors!

How the school communicates with you

- ✓ Informal chat at the end of the day
- ✓ Reading Record messages
- ✓ Newsletter at the end of each week
- ✓ Reminder and information letters
- ✓ Social media (Facebook, X - formally known as twitter)
- ✓ Termly curriculum overviews
- ✓ Termly year group letters, including English updates
- ✓ Notices on classroom windows/doors
- ✓ Website and school mobile app
- ✓ Text messages
- ✓ Various workshops and meetings



Things to keep in mind



- Finally, keeping in mind that your child will work hard at school, they will need a lot of sleep. Ensuring children have regular bedtime routines with about 10 to 11 hours sleep every night would help their learning and development tremendously.
- Scientific research shows that it is important for people to not use an electronic screen device up to an hour before bed-time to ensure good sleep.
- Developing bed-time routines where pupils read their school library book or one of their own books from home, is good for developing a love of reading whilst calming the mind down and, thus, allowing better sleep. Scientific research shows that this helps mental well-being, hugely!
- Children are never too old to be read to at bed-time too!
- It is also essential that pupils have a healthy breakfast every morning, so they can concentrate and achieve their best.
- Break time snack - Remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack!

- After school snacks
- Party bags
- Medical
- Allergies



Thank you for supporting your child's learning - together, we can make a difference.

If you have any questions,
please email:

admin@westacton.ealing.sch.uk

Address your email to the
class teacher.

Thank you.

