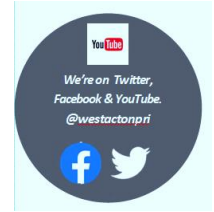


WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November 2025



The week has ended very wet, but wonderfully brightened by seeing the children arrive in their pyjamas today to raise money for *Children in Need*. Thank you to all the families who supported this national charity event by dressing your children in their pyjamas and making donations. There are lots of related events on TV this evening if you would like to watch — or perhaps you may simply send the children straight to bed, as they're already ready for it!

This has also been our *Anti-Bullying Week*, with the theme '**Make a Noise About Bullying – Use Your Power for Good.**' We began on Monday with a whole-school assembly led confidently by our School Council. The children also wore odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique. At West Acton, we emphasise that anti-bullying is not confined to one week; no one should ever feel bullied here, and children are always encouraged to speak out.

On Monday, the School Council also sold poppies and on Tuesday the whole school gathered on the playground for a very moving two-minute silence to recognise the devastating effects of war.

It was also wonderful to welcome new parents for our **Reception Cohort 2026** at the Open Events held this Tuesday and last week. They were extremely complimentary and impressed with our school, our environment and the warm, positive atmosphere created by our staff and children.

Thank you as well to the parents who gave up their time last night to attend our annual Online Safety Meeting. The presentation was extremely informative and highlighted the increasing risks children face when exposed to inappropriate content online, as seen more and more in recent news. It was wonderful to see those parents engaging so thoughtfully with such an important topic.

I also had to write again this week to remind families that **our car park is not a playground**, and that the school site must not be entered before 8:30am unless a member of staff has opened the gates and invited you in. Please do not slip in behind cars or staff members as they enter — this is a significant health and safety concern.

In addition, please be mindful and respectful of one another when waiting in the morning. The space is limited and not ideal, but it is the only area available to us, and as a school community we must ensure that it is shared safely and courteously. Wishing you all a restful weekend, Miss Kondo



Before half term, the Yr2 children went on a trip to St Paul's Cathedral. They took part in the 'Ashes to Architecture' workshop to support their learning on the Great Fire of London. It was a fun day of dressing up, exploring the different parts of St Paul's and learning more about the history and impact of the fire on the cathedral and London.

Road Safety Week at West Acton Primary School



what?

Road Safety Week 2025



when?

17th – 21st November 2025



why?

WAPS want to raise awareness of the importance of keeping ourselves safe on the roads to and from school.



how?

TFL Travel Explorers will host a 'Be Bright Be Seen Stall to accessorise our school bags, bikes or scooters on Monday 17th November at 3.15pm

**All items will be 50p or £1.
(cash only!)**



Green Team host first Eco Refill Shop this year

Our newly formed Green Team held their first Eco Refill Shop this year. This did a great job and sold many products. They now will evaluate their sale and try to make improvements for our next sale on **Monday 1st December**. Remember, bring a reusable bottle to help reduce plastic waste! #sustainability



Our product price list:

- Body wash & Bubble bath Nourishing Coconut
£3.00 per 500ml (£3.50 with bottle)
- Hair Shampoo Pink Grapefruit & Aloe Vera
£3.00 per 500ml (£3.50 with bottle)
- Hair Conditioner Pink Grapefruit & Aloe Vera
£3.00 per 500ml (£3.50 with bottle)
- Hand Soap (Anti-Bacteria) Sweet Clementine
£2.50 per 500ml (£3.00 with bottle)
- Laundry Liquid Fresh Linen
£2.00 per 500ml (£2.50 with bottle)
- Fabric Conditioner Fresh Linen
£1.50 per 500ml (£2.00 with bottle)
- Washing Up Liquid Apple Orchard
£2.00 per 500ml (£2.50 with bottle)
- Wallaroo Organic Mango and Pineapple
£1.00 each
- Freddies Farm Bars
£1.00 each
- Freddies Farm Fruit Shapes
£1.00 each



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

Autumn Term

- Monday 3rd November 2025
- Monday 1st December 2025

Spring Term

- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 2nd February 2026
- Monday 2nd March 2026

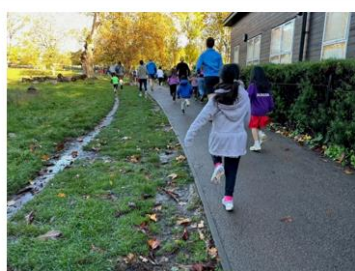
Summer Term

- Monday 13th April 2026
- Monday 11th May 2026
- Monday 8th June 2026
- Monday 6th July 2026

* other sales could take place on events at WAPS. More details TBC



WAPS Park Run



Well done to Yuzuki in Year 2 who ran her first Junior Park Run at Acton Park. She demonstrated our school value of courage very well taking on the challenge of running the Park Run. She said it was 'hard' but she never gave up and finished the run.

What an inspiration – well done!!

Bug Club


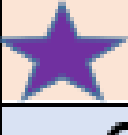


An ENORMOUS well done to our top Bug Club readers for the first week back in Autumn Term 2. Each week, pupils are asked to read and answer comprehensions quizzes online on 'Bug Club.' This is part of our pupils' weekly reading homework from Years 1 to 6: to read for 20 minutes once a week from 'My Stuff' 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=s1GRgexRskg&list=PLg4TaW5GieZR3II4D89kDbY5NVj0JqJye&index=3>

A super WELL DONE to our pupils listed below, who have read the most books so far in their classes in the last 2 weeks, 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	Aseel, Adnan, Chloe, Mitsuka, Rome, Aoi
1	Guava	Lorene, Waseem, Lojen, Sereen, Kaito, Mei
1	Katsura	Amini, Mohammad Al Naser, Meina, Sami, Kyra, Omar, Mohammed Al Aloush, Ghazi, Alma, Kenki
2	Damson	Jayden
2	Chestnut	Maho, Noel, Turranyaa
2	Juniper	Yuzuki, Haruto, Zakaria, Cheya, Ellie
3	Ivy	Muhammad, Sophia
3	Holly	Emily, Shoka, Hala
3	Rowan	Salma, Haruki
4	Sycamore	Alexandre, Jane, Emma N, Imran
4	Pine	Taichi
4	Mulberry	Haruchika, Makoto
5	Elder	Kevin, Emilie, Haruto, Chiaki, Abdullah
5	Quince	Tomona, Miku, Takeru, Sana
5	Willow	Romaisae, Sana
6	Zaytouna	Philip, Salome, Batoul, Stavros, Mila
6	Tamarind	Yuka, Takumi, Noor K
6	Lime	Meshari, Rui, Qais, Yuma, Prajay
Woodlands	Elm	Zayan, Ilyas, Abudi, Ziad, Sammy
Woodlands	Birch	Alaya
Woodlands	Oak	Reggie, Mason, Azai

Weekly attendance: WE 7TH [November 2025](#)

Acorn 87.85%		Woodlands 92%
Olive 96.90%	Banyan 96.43%	Fir 97% 
Ash 98%	Guava 99.33% 	Katsura 99.33% 
Damson 91.85%	Chestnut 87%	Juniper 97.69%
Holly 98.21%	Rowan 99.31%	Ivy 94.29%
Mulberry 98.57%	Pine 96%	Sycamore 100% 
Willow 95.52%	Elder 94.83%	Quince 96.06%
Lime 94.29%	Tamarind 95.17%	Zaytouna 95.86%

1. Ealing Council Christmas Card

What: Design a Christmas card on A4 paper landscape

Theme: Christmas in our town

Due before: Sunday 16th November 2025

How: Email a photo to
smilliew@ealing.gov.uk

There are three age categories for the Christmas card competition:

- Six and under
- seven-11
- and 12-18 years.

In your email, make sure to include **contact details of a responsible adult** (parent/carer). You **must state which age category** you are entering into and **include your full name, age and school.**

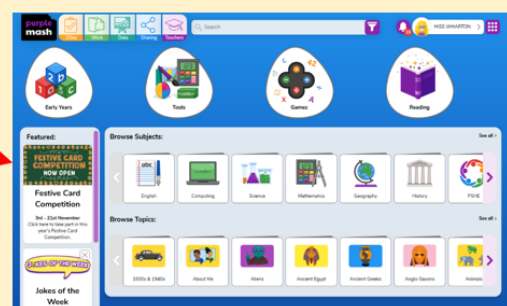
2. Purple Mash Christmas Card

What: Design a Christmas card on A4 paper landscape

Theme: Something Christmassy

Due before: Friday 21st November 2025

How: On the Purple Mash home page, click the competition where there is a template for you to use on 2Paint and instructions for how to submit!



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.

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.



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West Acton Primary School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025	
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1 st - 2 nd 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 24 th 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 19 th 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 16 th February - Friday 20 th February
Spring 2 Term	Monday 23 rd February - Friday 27 th March
End of Term	Friday 27 th 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	Monday 13 th April 2026 Monday 13 th April - Friday 22 nd May
SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 4 th May - May Bank holiday
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1 st June - INSET DAY for staff training day 4
Summer 2 Term	Tuesday 2 nd June - Friday 17 th July
End of Term	Friday 17 th July at 1.30pm
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 20 th July - INSET DAY for staff training day 5 Tuesday 21 st , Wednesday 22 nd , Thursday 23 rd July - occasional days



TIP FROM SCHOOL THERAPIST MRS PEARCE

Anti-Bullying week: Let's make kindness catchy!

This Anti-Bullying Week, we're celebrating the power of kindness — because when kindness grows, bullying has no space to thrive!

At school, we're encouraging children to *spread kindness like confetti* 🎉 — with smiles, kind words, helping hands, and friendly invitations to join in. Even the smallest act can make someone's day brighter.

At home, you can help kindness blossom by talking about feelings and noticing when your child shows care or empathy. Storytime is a lovely way to start — books like *Colour Monsters* can help children explore emotions in a fun, gentle way.

You might like to ask:

“What kind thing did you do today?”

“Who was kind to you?”

✦ **This week's challenge:** Do one kind thing each day and see how far your kindness can spread!

Slogan: *Be kind — shine bright!* ✨



Sing Education Newsletter

Music so far at West Acton

A message from your music teacher

I am so impressed by the musicality at West Acton Primary School. Across KS1 and KS2 the sense of rhythm through movement, playing instruments and reading notation is very clear. There is also a love for music outside of the syllabus which I have been very lucky to hear about. From songs and raps with accompanying dance routines being choreographed from some of the girls in Zaynouna. Along with pupils requesting to sing songs which we have learnt in class and ones which they have heard at home, for their class. Special mention for Neyson in year 4 who sang beautifully at the start of our music class a few weeks ago. Anytime I ask if someone would like to perform a song or rhyme for the rest of the class I am always received with a lot of volunteers. I am grateful to be part of such a vibrant community which has clearly been nurtured and cultivated excellently by Ms Kondo and all the other members of staff.

Ms Nabavi



EYFS were looking at Moving and Clapping

Reception sang songs and rhymes, moving in time to the beat. We listened to different styles of music, shared how they made us feel, and played instruments to a steady pulse.

In KS1 we were focussing on Pulse

In **Year 1** We explored pulse and tempo and learnt to feel the beat. We joined in call and response songs following a leader and practised pitch-matching.

Year 2 sang, played instruments and moved to music to develop their skills as musicians. We focused on pulse and tempo, finding strong beats and noticing changes in music.



Singing Assembly Song of the Term:

We don't have music assemblies. But the KS2 after school choir is learning 'how far I'll go' from the film Moana.

The KS2 focus area was Performing: Reading Notation - Rhythm

Year 3 focussed on reading musical notation and they learnt more about rhythm and tempo. We practised reading, writing and playing rhythms and improved our singing skills.

In **Year 4**, we explored music in 2, 3 and 4 time, listening to a variety of recorded music and singing songs and rounds from around the world. We worked on a rhythm ensemble that used the rhythm "syncopa". Some key words we learnt were bar, bar lines, metre, minim and rest.



Year 5 studied music in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4. We sang rounds, analysed recorded music, read and performed rhythmic phrases, and learnt technical rhythm names crotchet rest, paired quavers and semiquavers.

In **Year 6**, we developed rhythm reading and ensemble skills. We sang in parts, explored music from different genres, performed as a 4 part rhythm ensemble, and refined our ability to read and write rhythms.

Coming up this half term!

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
EYFS Focus Areas	Moving and Clapping	Recalling Patterns, Actions and Rhythms
Nursery	Move to the Music: Stopping and Starting	Follow the Leader: Copy Me
Reception	Move to the Music: Skip, Hop and Jump	Follow the Leader: Tap with Me
KS1 Focus Areas	Pulse	Rhythm
Year 1	Exploring Pulse and Tempo 1: Feel the Beat	Exploring Rhythm 1: Playing and Copying
Year 2	Exploring Pulse and Tempo 2: Find the Strong Beat	Exploring Rhythm 2: Stick Notation
KS2 Focus Areas	Performing: Reading Notation - Rhythm	Performing: Reading Notation - Pitch
Year 3	Reading Notation 1: Rhythm and Tempo	Exploring Staff Notation 1: High and Low (Glockenspiel)
Year 4	Reading Notation 2: 2, 3 and 4 Time	Exploring Staff Notation 2: Follow the Score (Glockenspiel)
Year 5	Reading Notation 3: Time Signatures	Developing Sight Reading Skills 1: Melodies (Glockenspiel)
Year 6	Reading Notation 4: Rhythm Ensemble	Developing Sight Reading Skills 2: Note Names and Durations (Glockenspiel)

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



enjoyed



learning



about



a book



you



recently



finished

Two pupils present to their Class each week.

Create Your Own Pirate Flag!

One Piece Poster Competition with Kanada-Ya Ealing

Ahoy, artists! Our friends at Kanada-Ya Ealing are running a special One Piece poster competition — and this time, it's all about designing your own pirate flag!

One Piece is a famous anime about pirates, adventure and friendship. Now it's your turn to create a flag that shows what your pirate crew would stand for — maybe bravery, kindness, teamwork or fun!

What to do: • Design a bright, bold poster in the shape of a pirate flag

• Show your pirate crew's spirit — use colours, symbols and imagination!

Add your name and class on the back. Winners will have their flags displayed inside the restaurant and be invited to a special celebration event at Kanada-Ya Ealing on Monday 1st December!

So unleash your creativity and set sail on an adventure — One Piece style!

Please give entries to Miss Kondo or Miss Wharton on A4 paper, or email digital entries to

admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk by Friday 14th November





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.



junior parkrun



West Acton Primary School

is proud to be a
2025-2026
parkrun primary!

Promoting a healthier and
happier planet for everyone.

Join in the fun every Sunday at
Acton Park



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](#).

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!

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



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 😊

West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 3rd November 2025	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Zaid	Bradley	Sota
Banyan	Rayan	Haruki	Zayan
Fir	Emily	Hayaki	Isra
Olive	Sana	Khalil	Romell
Ash	Hiroka	Iris	Rabab
Guava	Asuka	Fathle	Zakariya
Katsura	Omar	Mona	Ema
Chestnut	Rares	Calais	Adam
Damson	Fatiha	Itsuki	Taea
Juniper	Yousuf	Loulia	Adam
Holly	Khyani	Pera	Royal Reign
Ivy	Shun	Sama	Gursimrat
Rowan	Aaron	Salma	Shevoy
Mulberry	Haruta	Noor	Eito
Pine	Ladan	Aymaan	Darcie
Sycamore	Kosei	Emma Y	Lile
Elder	Aurora	Kaichi	Kevin
Quince	Sara K	Nico	Miku
Willow	Mousa	Safiya	Ilyas A
Lime	Inas	Adem	Ali T
Tamarind	Elsa	Rabih	Takuto
Zaytouna	Seif	Misha	Michael
Birch	Kassim	Zaida	Saleef
Elm	Abudi	Elay	Aimen
Oak	Azai	Mason	Abdul

CHRISTMAS SHOW time – it is coming up to the magical time of year! Save the date in your diaries now!

Individual year groups will send home details of any costumes/clothes needed nearer the time.

Year group	Date	Parent/c arers let in to sit down	Show start	Show information
Reception	Wednesday 10 th December	9.00am	9.15am	The Nativity A simple traditional story with accompanying songs. This script references thanking God that Jesus was born.
Year 1	Tuesday 9 th December	9.00am	9.15am	“Wriggly Nativity” tells the Christmas story through songs, actions and dance. This script references Jesus as a “special baby” and “the king of the world”.
Year 2	Monday 8 th December	9.00am	9.15am	<i>‘Chaos at Christmas.’</i> <i>A fun story about Santa mixing up the children’s presents and how the children find that actually trying something new and playing with something different is actually good fun.</i>
Year 3	Tuesday 9 th December	2:20pm	2:30pm	“Twas the Night Before Christmas” - a new original West Acton show focussing on cultural Christmas activities and symbols.
Year 4	Monday 8 th December	2:20pm	2:30pm	“Christmas around the World” - a new original West Acton show focussing on cultural Christmas activities and symbols.
Year 5	Wednesday 10 th December	Parents in 2:20pm	Start 2:30pm	A West Acton original set of musical song performances interwoven with a narrative of the Nativity story and seasonal poems.
Year 6	Thursday 11 th December	Parents in 2:20pm	Start 2:30pm	A West Acton original set of musical song performances interwoven with a narrative of the Nativity story and seasonal poems.

If you have any questions about the show contents please speak to your child’s class teacher.