# WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025







Miss Kondo's Summer Writing Challenge - A Huge Success!

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who supported their children to take part in our Summer Writing Challenge. The response has been absolutely magnificent – I now have over 175 books to read!

It was my mission to read and mark them all, and that is exactly what I am doing. Given the incredible number of entries, it will take me a little while to get through them all – but what a wonderful problem to have!

Once I have finished, we will be celebrating the children's efforts with certificates and special treats over the next couple of weeks. I am already thinking about making this a regular activity in future because the enthusiasm and creativity have been such a joy to see.

Thank you once again for your amazing support. Miss Kondo

#### **PAYMENTS**

Communication – notices/letters and emails



Just a reminder of how we keep you updated



# **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.



### Recycling Week 2025



22<sup>nd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> September 2025



WAPS want to raise awareness of the importance of recycling at school and at home to help our environment.



Choose the correct bin to dispose our rubbish.

Always think...Can it be recycled?

This year's theme -

#### Rescue Me

focuses on rescuing items that have been thrown in the bin that could be reused.



# The Action Pack Recycling Challenge

Your mission: Create a poster to help others in your family to recycle more, and recycle better. Your poster must have:

- a memorable animal character (this can be any animal, from the sea, land, or sky!) who is passionate about recycling
- · an inspiring message that will help others recycle more and recycle better
- Hand it into your teacher by Monday 6th October 2025

Pupils can use and adapt these messages as they like:

How is your animal affected if we don't recycle?

- Recycle plastic bags at the supermarket.
- · Don't forget to recycle items from the bathroom.
- · Crush plastic bottles before recycling them.
- · Make sure to recycle aluminium foil.
- · Use the Recycling Locator to help you recycle better!

Does your character have special powers or knowledge that makes Them very good at recycling?



# EHCP Secondary Transfer COFFEE AFTERNOON

Presented by: Ms Lucas

**Secondary Transfer Process and placement** 





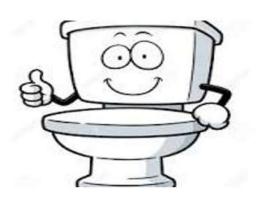
When: Thursday 25th September 2025

Time: 2.30-3.10 pm

Where: VICTORIA HALL

ARP and Mainstream Parents

# TOP TOILETING TIPS PARENTS COFFEE AFTERNOON



Advice and support about toileting

Presented by Sam Wade Occupational Therapist

When: Tuesday 14TH October 2025

Time: 2.30 - 3.15 pm

Where: VICTORIA HALL

Who: All Parents





# Come and join us at the...



# Parents/ Carers Attendance and Safeguarding Presentation

Date: Friday 26th September 2025

Time: 9:00am and 2:30pm

Location: Elizabeth Jubilee hall at West Acton

**Primary School** 





Any questions, speak to Miss Sanusi, Miss Kondo or Mrs Ghaderi



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Head Teacher: Ms K Kondo

17th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Re: No smart phones for pupils from 1st September 2025

I am sharing with you this letter which has been created for all Ealing schools who are concerned about the impact of smartphones on our children. Attached to the back of this letter is the list of schools who are committed to becoming smartphone free by September 2025. Many high schools are also smart phone free.

Smartphones are a big part of life today. Most adults have one and they are great for finding information and staying connected with family and friends.

However, there is now evidence of the negative effects of smartphones and social media on children and

- Poor mental health, such as depression and anxiety
- Issues with attention and sleep
- Risks of cyberbullying and exposure to harmful content like violence or inappropriate material
- Smartphones can be addictive and distract children from learning important life skills

Children often get their first phone in primary school and over 90% of 12-year-olds have a smartphone. This period is crucial for brain development and the younger a child gets a smartphone, the more potential harm it can cause.

Schools have a role in changing how children use smartphones.

First, we are committed to making our school environments smartphone-free. Children cannot use smartphones during school hours and we do not want your child to bring a smartphone to school.

Second, we encourage you to delay giving a smartphone to your child until they are at least 14 years old. A growing number of parents and schools across the country are choosing to do this. There is widespread support from Ealing headteachers. If you need to contact your child while they travel to and from school, a simple 'brick' phone is enough. "Brick" phone so not have internet connectivity and they are interpassive.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 smartphones will not be allowed into school at West Acton Primary School. After an initial check by the class teacher, children will be responsible for their own phone, keeping it in their school bag during the day. They will not be allowed to use it at any time during the school day.

For those parents who wish to track their children's journey home, there are other ways this can be achieved. A number of children use an electronic tag attached to the inside of their school bag, which allows parents to know where their child is at any time.















As Primary Head Teachers, we have committed to promoting our own schools as being 'smartphone free'.

We would like to work together with parents on this issue. Together, we can make a big difference in our children's lives. I will address this issue at my Headteacher's presentation before the end of term however please do contact me on admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Kondo Willian

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\* Celebrating Darcie's Equestrian Success! \*

We are so proud of Darcie, who wanted to share her fantastic achievements from the recent event at Ealing Riding School on Sunday 31st August. Darcie even got up super early to plait her horse's hair so they were both looking fabulous for the big day! She then competed brilliantly, winning 1st place for Judges' Choice, 3rd place for Prettiest Mare, and 5th place for Show Jumping – what an amazing set of results!

Well done, Darcie – we are all very proud of you!



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

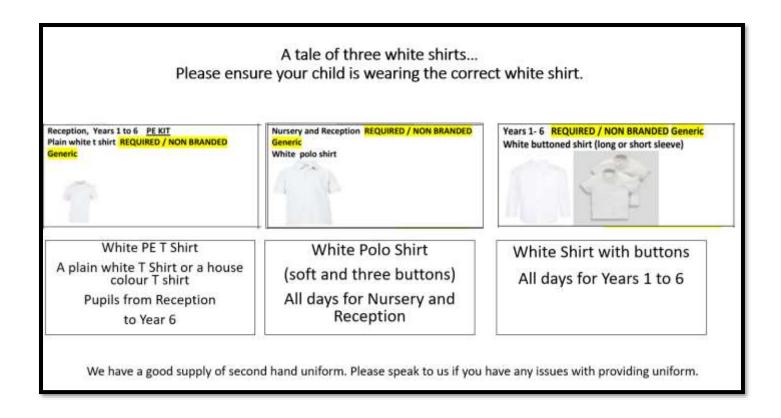




School starts at 8.45am

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.



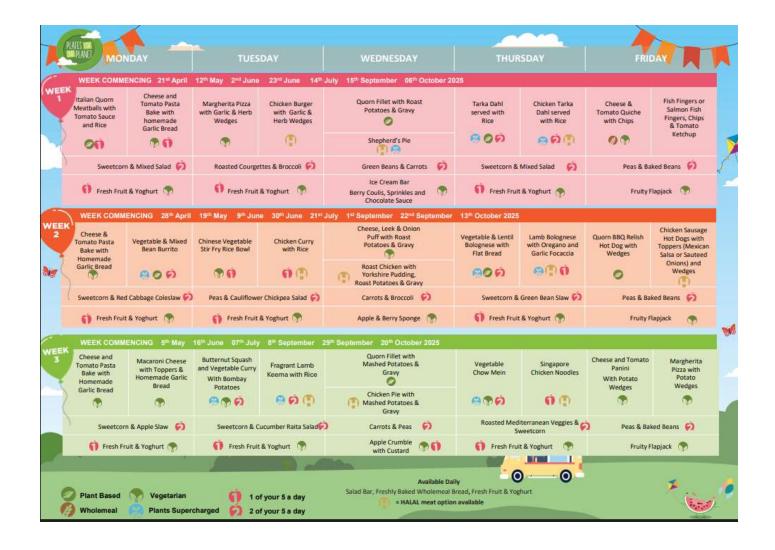


### PE DAYS - come to school in your house colour T shirt

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.



What a great week it has been! The children have settled back into school routines brilliantly, and it's been lovely to see such happy, focused learning taking place across the school.

You will notice a number of reminder letters coming out over the next few days — please do take a moment to read them carefully so we can all keep things running smoothly.

Every week the children are learning new words and phrases in Spanish — why not ask them what they can say and give them a quick quiz at home? It's a lovely way to share in their learning.

We have look forward to seeing you all attend.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Kondo



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#### West Acton Primary School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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

















### **Greetings in Spanish**

Hola Hello

¿Cómo estás? How are you?

Buenos días ¿Cómo te llamas? Good morning

What's your name? Gracias

**Buenas noches** Good night

Thank you Adiós Bye

## ¿Cómo estás?



Estoy bien



Estoy así, así



Estoy mal



Estoy fatal

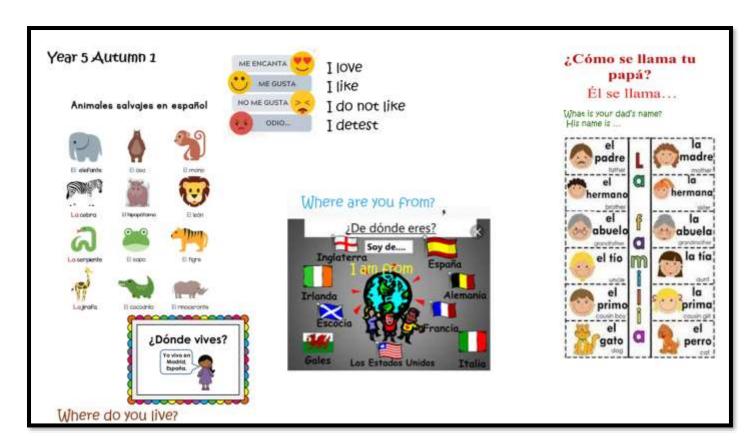


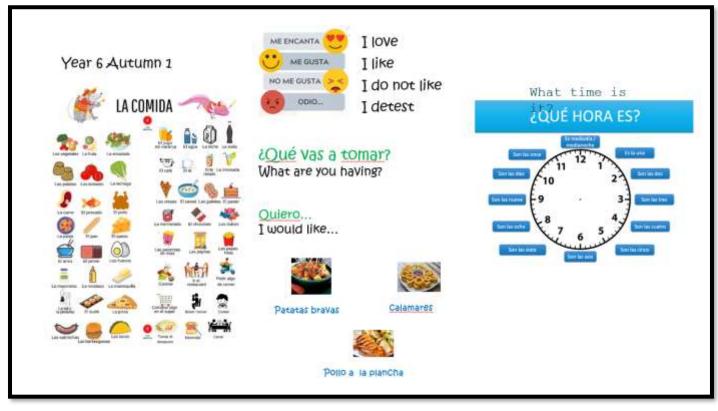






Meses Months
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septiembre September
octubre October
noviembre Movember
diciembre December







#### TIP FROM SCHOOL THERAPIST MRS PEARCE

#### Supporting with developing friendships and social skills

School is the place where children learn to navigate the world of friendships. At this age, alliances are formed and can often change. Learning to make friends and get along with peers can be challenging for some children. Promoting self-awareness, encouraging empathy, compassion and validating their experiences can help to foster emotional resilience and social skills.

Top tips for supporting your children

- ◆ Self-awareness help your child/ren to understand their own feelings and how their emotions affect their interactions with others. Being self-aware will help them with managing their feelings and communicate them more effectively in friendships. Encourage your child/ren to name their emotions. For example, you can say 'it looks like you are cross' can you tell me what's making you feel that way?" This can help them identify their emotions before responding to friends.
- ◆ Empathy and compassion help your child/ren to understand how their words and actions affect others and encourage them to practice kindness and compassion. For example, when possible, use real life examples. 'How do you think your friend felt when you didn't share your game?'. This will help to encourage compassionate behaviour.
- ◆ Validate their experiences Children need to feel that their emotions and friendship experiences are important and validated. Validating your child/ren's feelings helps them feel supported and understood. When your child/ren talk to you about challenges that they are having with friends you can support them by saying "I can see why that would hurt your feelings." This shows that their feelings are valid and you are supporting them.

Please remember that we are also here to support your children with the various friendship challenges that they may encounter but we need your help too.

Maria Pearce Therapist

### Violin Lessons at West Acton Primary School - Register Today!

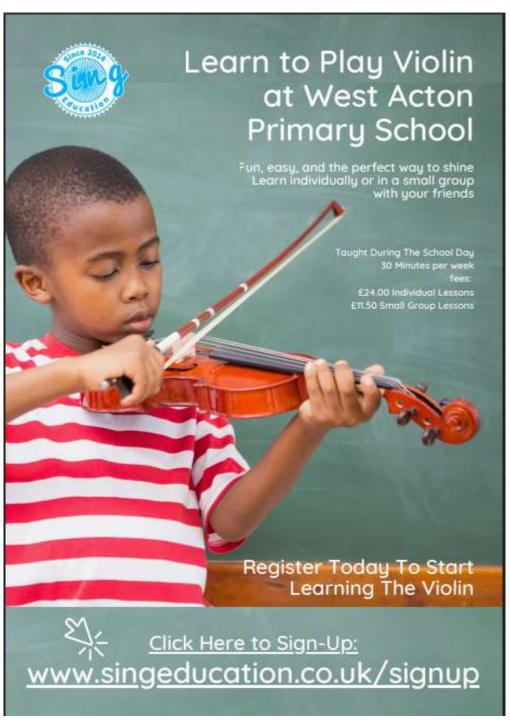
Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that violin lessons are available for students at West Acton Primary School!

These lessons are taught during the school day for 30 minutes per week. Students can choose to learn individually for £24.00 per lesson or in a small group with friends for £11.50 per lesson. It's a fun, easy, and perfect way for your child to learn and shine.

Register today to secure a spot for your child!

Click Here to Sign-Up: www.singeducation.co.uk/signup



#### **West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards**



w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Yasmin	Ashahi	Victoria
Ash	Shaikah	Mitsuka	Martin
Guava	Sam	George	Laith
Katsura	Kyra	Lilly	Neguun
Chestnut	Jana	Mohammad I	Elizabeth
Damson	Rebecca	Jacob	Zainab
Juniper	Naveed	Emi	Abdimalik
Holly	Ahmed	Zareena	Noel
lvy	Yasuto	Stanley	Shahd
Rowan	Abrianna	Aboody	Camelia
Mulberry	Amin	Ai	Esra
Pine	Dhanvi	Roaa	Darcie
Sycamore	Lana	Ania	Kaichi
Elder			
Quince	Rosa	Uzair	Kobi
Willow	Leyla	Ayesha	Mehreen
Lime	Elsie	Ali K	Prajay
Tamarind	Yaasseen	Isabella	Leyna
Zaytouna	Radvin	Mahmoud	Lana
Birch	Saleef	Abdi	Isabelle
Elm			
Oak	Azai	Reggie	Adbul



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18th September 2025

#### Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Uniform - High Expectations

First, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has sent their children back to school looking so smart in the correct uniform. It is wonderful to see so many pupils proudly wearing their free house T-shirts on PE days and taking pride in how they represent West Acton. Your support really does set the right tone for learning and helps build a strong sense of community.

However, we are increasingly concerned about the way our school uniform policy is being disregarded by some families. This is not just about clothing — it is about respect for our school community, our shared values, and the example we set for our children.

We are seeing pupils arriving in:

- · Trainers of all different kinds, instead of proper school shoes or brightly coloured trainers
- · Huge rucksacks that cause health and safety issues
- Sports tracksuits and branded sportswear, instead of school PE kit
- Earrings that do not meet our policy
- Hoodies instead of school jumpers or cardigans
- Non-uniform shirts and tops

Disregarding the school uniform policy shows a lack of respect for our school's rules and values. This is not the benchmark to aspire to, and it is not the example we want for our children.

School uniform is an important part of our identity. It promotes equality, reduces distraction, and sets a tone of high expectations. It is also part of preparing children for the future — including secondary school and beyond.

What is particularly frustrating is that we know many of our pupils have siblings in local secondary schools, where the rules are followed without question — because the consequence would be a detention. At West Acton, we take a supportive approach, provide free house T-shirts, and keep a very large supply of second-hand uniform and donations. In fact, we have enough stock that we could probably give every child a whole new school uniform if they needed it.

If you see a pupil who is not in the correct school uniform, particularly if you are new to West Acton, do not take that as a sign that we do not care or that uniform does not matter. Take it as a sign that a parent/carer is disregarding our expectations and disrespecting our policies. That is not the behaviour or example we want our children to see as normal and it is not the role model they should aspire to be.















I know that the vast majority of our parents and carers support us fully with this and ensure their children are dressed smartly every day — thank you. We are proud of the way your children represent West Acton.

Thank you for working together to make sure every child looks just as smart and ready to learn as we know they can.

Yours faithfully Karen Kondo Headteacher



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Head Teacher: Miss K Kondo

18th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Start of School Year Reminder - Health, Safety and Expectations

As we begin the new school year, I would like to remind everyone of some important expectations that help keep West Acton Primary safe, positive and well-organised. We are still seeing some persistent issues that need to be addressed. These concerns affect the smooth running of the school and pose potential risks to the safety of our pupils and the wider school community.

Please read the following carefully and support us in ensuring these expectations are followed:

- Healthy Snacks: We are still seeing an increase in chocolate, crisps and other unhealthy snacks in packed lunches and at pick-up time. Please send your child in with healthy, balanced snacks in line with our packed lunch and food policy.
- Litter and Food on Site: Food and litter are being dropped on the premises at the end of the day. To keep our school clean and safe, please wait until you have left the grounds before giving children food.
- Unsafe Use of Equipment: Climbing frames and gym equipment are out of bounds after school to
  ensure they remain safe for all pupils during lesson times. Please ensure children do not use this
  equipment outside supervised school hours. Some children have also been climbing the fence
  outside front reception this is dangerous and must stop.
- End-of-Day Supervision and Security: Children must be supervised at all times. Please do not remain on site talking while children are left unsupervised, as we need to secure the premises promptly.
- No Smoking: Smoking, vaping or use of e-cigarettes is strictly prohibited anywhere on the school site, including the area between the Billy and Belinda bollards.
- Respect for Staff: Swearing at or abusing staff will not be tolerated. Any such incidents may result in an immediate site ban and, where appropriate, a report to the police.

These rules are in place to keep everyone safe and maintain a positive, well-ordered environment. We know that most families follow these procedures, and we thank you for your support. Together, we can ensure West Acton Primary remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully Karen Kondo Headteacher

















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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Road Safety and Driving Outside School

I am writing to share my serious concerns about the driving and parking behaviours we are continuing to see outside our school. The safety of our children is always our highest priority and unfortunately some of the actions of a small number of parents are putting that safety at risk.

We have received complaints from both neighbours and other parents about:

- Cars mounting pavements or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school
- · Parking across neighbours' driveways or double-parking in the road
- · Vehicles performing dangerous three-point turns or reversing while children are walking nearby
- Children cycling and scooting too fast and out of their parents' control

This behaviour is not acceptable. It is a danger to all children, other parents and members of the community. In fact, there was a near miss this week when a child went too fast on a scooter, hurt another child, and ended up going straight into the road. We were very fortunate that no one was seriously injured and another parent stepped out to support the child.

#### Please remember:

- . The yellow zig-zags are a no-stopping zone they must remain clear to keep sight lines safe for children crossing.
- If you must drive, park a short distance away from school and walk the last few minutes.
- Children should ride their bikes and scooters slowly and stay with their parents.
- Children should always walk their bikes and scooters once inside the school gates and stay close to their parents.
- Allow extra time in the morning and afternoon so you are not rushing, which is when accidents are most likely to happen.

If unsafe or illegal driving, cycling or scooting continues, we will have no choice but to report incidents, including number plates, to the local authority and the police.

Most of our families already model excellent road safety habits — thank you for this. Together, we can make sure that drop-off and pick-up are calm, safe and respectful for everyone.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Kondo Mr Rollason

Headteacher Chair of Governors















Weekly attendance: WE 19th September 2025				
Acorn		Woodlands		
89.56%		95.49%		
Olive	Banyan	Fir		
94.41% /	85.17%	94%		
Ash	Guava	Katsura		
99.63%	100%	99.24%		
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Damson	Chestnut	Juniper		
96.65%	98.91%	94.89%		
Holly	Rowan	lvy		
97.78%	95.86%	99.63%		
Mulberry	Pine	Sycamore		
98.21%	85.86%	97.14%		
Willow	Elder	Quince		
91.55%	91.48%	99.30%		
Lime	Tamarind	Zaytouna		
98.54%	97%	95.86%		