



**West Acton**  
Primary School

# Year 6

# WELCOME TO MEET THE TEACHER

September 2023

[www.westactonprimaryschool.org](http://www.westactonprimaryschool.org)

# Welcome to our Year Group

The Year 6 Team are:

- **Class teachers**

- Miss Ferreira, Zaytouna Class & Year Group Lead
- Mr McKay, Tamarind Class
- Miss Bantleman, Lime Class
- Mrs Bakali

- **Teaching Assistants and support staff**

- Mrs Visawadia



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.



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## 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.



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# School Values



**Courage**



**Consideration**



**Collaboration**





# School website & app

- To access our school website, please visit the following address. Information specific to Year 6 can be found on the Year 6 page under 'Curriculum.'  
<http://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/>



# What should your child have every day?

- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Healthy snack (Fruit or Veg)
- ▶ Coats and jumpers (named)
- ▶ Bag
- ▶ Reading record/ diary

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# Uniform

<b><u>School Uniform</u></b>	<b><u>PE Uniform</u></b> <i>(To be worn to school on PE day, Friday)</i>
Grey Trousers or Shorts	Plain White T-shirt
Grey Skirt or Pinafore (Girls)	Black Shorts or Tracksuits
White Buttoned Shirt (Long Sleeves or Short Sleeves)	White/Black Plimsolls for indoor PE
Silver and Green Tie www.aceclothing.co.uk	Trainers for outdoor PE
Green Checked Dress (Girls)	
West Acton V necked Jumper or Cardigan www.aceclothing.co.uk	
Black School Shoes (high heels are not permitted) All shoes must have black soles	<b><u>Green Baseball Cap or Floppy Hats</u></b>
Grey or Green Tights or Socks	Book Bags with school logo www.aceclothing.co.uk
Grey, White or Green Headscarf	

Please remember that every item should be named.

➤ <http://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/parents/uniform>

# PE Kit

- In line with Borough Policy, no jewellery is allowed to be worn, apart from small stud earrings or for religious observance. Long hair should be tied back out of eyes.
- Children should wear trainers for PE.
- Children need to wear their PE kit every **Friday** this term.
- Children can bring deodorant (roll on only) for sports activities we do throughout the week.



# Enrichment Lesson Teachers on PPA day



- **Physical Education (P.E.) teacher: Miss Murphy**
- **Spanish teacher: Senora Marquez-Garcia**
- **Music teacher: Miss Avlianos and Miss Olowoyo**

**These lessons will take place every Friday from 11:45.**

# 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.

# Rewards

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



# Sanctions

- Reminders
- Move seat
- 5 minutes missed play
- Calls or discussions from teacher and/or senior leaders

# Our Houses



# What will your child be learning?

- **Year 6 is a pivotal year when we prepare the children for high school. We have high hopes and expectations of learning behaviour and appreciate your support with this.**
- Themed learning topics will be taught each half term including:
  - The Impact of World War One and Two In Acton
  - Global Warming and Climate Change
  - Ancient Greeks
  - Our World in the Future
  - Journeys – where does our stuff come from?
  - History of me and my family and my time at West Acton
- We cover the National Curriculum subjects : Maths, English, PSHE, Reading, Computing, Science, History, Geography, Art, DT, Music, PE, Spanish, RE and Collective Worship
- Each term our curriculum overview will be uploaded onto the school website



# Mornings



- 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.



**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.**



# Pick-up

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

- If you are unable to pick up your child and have arranged for someone else to do this, please let the school know as soon as possible.
- We cannot send your child home with someone that we do not recognise or have not been informed about - even if your child knows them.
- Once you have picked your child/children up, please do not stay in the playground as it is a safety risk.
- If you would like your child to walk home on their own, we require a signed permission slip.



# Weekly Timetable Example



**Year 6 Zaytouna Class Timetable**

	8:45	8:50	9:05	9:20	10:20	11:00	11:15	11:25 – 11:35	12:30	1:30 -2:30	2:30-3:00	3:00-3:15
Monday	Registration	Collective worship/ class novel	Spelling	English	Reading	BREAK	10 a-day	Maths	LUNCH	Humanities	Assembly	Handwriting
Tuesday	Registration	Collective worship/ class novel	Spelling	English	Reading		10 a-day	Maths		Science	PSHE	PSHE
Wednesday	Registration	Collective worship/ class novel	Spelling	English	Reading		10 a-day	Maths		Computing 1:45-2:30		RE 2:30-3:15
Thursday	Registration	Collective worship/ class novel	Spelling	English	Reading		10 a-day	Maths		Library 1:30 to 2:00	GAPS and Arithmetic	
Friday	Registration	Collective worship/ class novel	Reading 9:05	English 9:30	Maths 10:15		10 a-day	Spelling	PPA Music	PPA Spanish		PPA PE

# Home Learning

We encourage a love of **reading** and therefore expect children to be reading every night for twenty minutes. When possible, please try to listen to your child read once or twice a week. Parents or carers are asked to check and sign the **Reading Record** daily. This will be checked by a teacher daily.

**Spelling** will be set weekly for a test.

Guidance for home learning in **CGP books** will be directed regularly.

Children will also have access to **online resources** including Espresso and Purple Mash.



# Reading



**At West Acton Primary School, we value the importance of reading and we encourage a love of reading.**

- ▶ All pupils visit the school **Library** once a week to choose a book for reading pleasure. This might be read with you or by you at home for enjoyment, for example, before bedtime to help them relax.

## Library days:

Zaytouna: Wednesday

Lime: Thursday

Tamarind: Thursday



All pupils will have a **Home Reading Book** for their book bag that matches their reading level and must be read **5 times a week for homework for 20 minutes**.

In Key Stage 2, they are encouraged to write their own comments and sign their Reading Records themselves gradually more as they get older. However, we ask that parents of children in Key Stage 2 still listen to their child read and comment and sign in Reading Records at least once a week.

Reading books are changed Monday and Tuesdays and reading records are checked daily by the teacher.



Out of these 5 sessions of reading homework in a week, we ask that pupils read online once a week, using **Bug Club**, where they have been allocated Home Reading books at their reading level and go on to answer questions about what they have read. This is checked weekly by school staff.





# How do you know about your child's progress?

- **October: Parent/Carer Evening** – you are given the targets for the year.
- **February: Parent/Carer Evening** – you will be told what level your child is and if they are making expected progress.
- **July: Written Report** – you will be told where your child is in relation to national expectations
- **Autumn and Spring: Book Looks** - coming in to look at your child's books or we will send copies of the work home (depending upon restrictions).

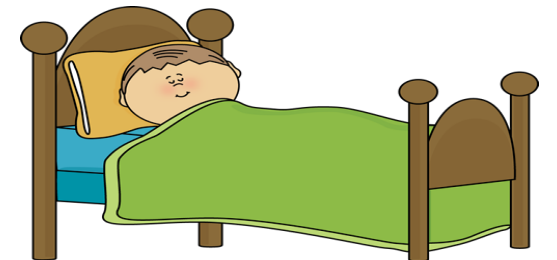
# Key Stage 2 Assessments

- KS2 SATS tests are scheduled for week commencing **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**
- We will be having a SATS meeting later in the year and will be able to answer all of your questions at that time.
- For the time being, please encourage your child to develop good routines such as completing their home learning and reading every day.

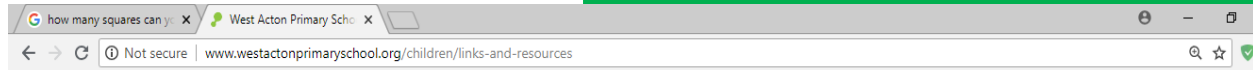
# Things to keep in mind

- Finally, remember that your children work very hard at school and need a lot of sleep. Please make sure that they have a regular bed time and are not spending too much time on devices.
- It is essential that they have a healthy breakfast before coming to school.

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# Online Safety



## 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.

The internet is a brilliant place to learn and explore, just remember to always be **SMART!**



**S IS FOR SAFE**  
Never give out personal information to strangers on the internet. Personal information includes things like your home address and your birthday.

**M IS FOR MEET**  
Never ever meet up with a stranger you have met online unless a parent or guardian has said it is ok and is present. Never, never, never, never, never.

**A IS FOR ACCEPTING**  
Don't open emails from people you don't know, they could contain viruses. If you get a strange email from a friend and you think they might have a virus make sure you let them know!

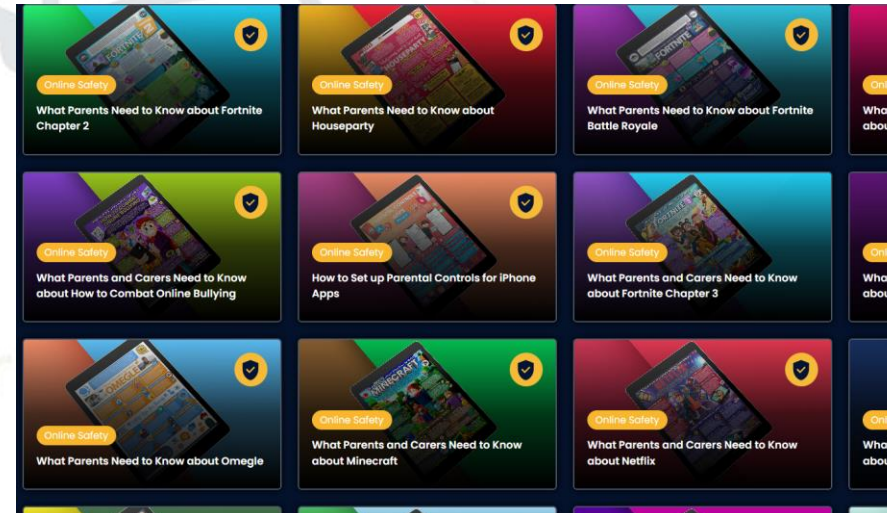
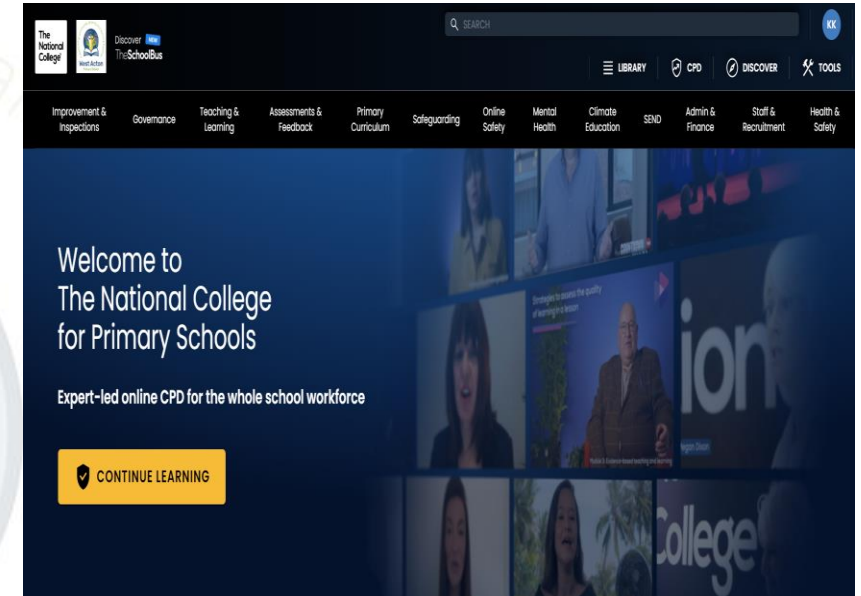
**R IS FOR RELIABLE**  
Don't believe everything you read online, check your facts! Did you read it on a reliable website like the BBC? Are other websites saying the same thing? Does it tell you where they got the information from?

**T IS FOR TELL**  
If you have an online safety problem, make sure you tell someone. Tell a parent, guardian, or teacher as soon you can.

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# National College

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/west-acton-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.





# 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
- Website and school mobile app
- Text messages
- Various workshops and meetings



**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

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NO cakes  
or sweets  
for  
birthday  
treats

Celebration  
party bags  
must be  
given out by  
parents

# Safeguarding

Keeping your child safe and happy is paramount at West Acton Primary School. Your child's class teacher will inform the leadership team of any behaviour or safeguarding concerns.

As part of the school's safeguarding policy and procedures, a member of the senior leadership may call you to inform you of an incident and sanction given.

If the matter is related to a safeguarding concern and a referral is made to the Ealing's Social Care, Miss Sanusi (Deputy Headteacher and DSL) or Ms Kondo (Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) will call parents to discuss the incident beforehand and explain why a referral is being made.

Due to the nature of safeguarding, parents may be informed after the referral has been made or not informed at all if it could put the child at risk. This is in line with Ealing's Social Care practice and procedures.





# Children with medical needs



## Short-term medication

If your child requires prescribed medication to be taken during the school day, parents must complete a **short-term medication form** which can be collected from the school's office. The completed form and prescribed medication must be brought to the school's office and collected when the prescription is completed.

## Long-term medications

For children who require medication long-term, parents will need to complete the **long-term medication form** which can be collected in the school office and returned with the prescribed medications. The school require two sets of medications e.g. two inhalers and spacers as one set of medication is kept in the child's classroom and another is kept in the Medical room.

If you require a letter from the school for your G.P. to issue a second set of medication, please email the school office.

The school's office can advise you on which prescribed medication can be accepted in the school.

## Expired medications

Parents will receive an email from Medical Tracker notifying them that their child's medication will be expiring soon. Please ensure replacement medication is requested from your doctor early and brought into school before your child's medication expiry date. Your child may not be allowed to go on a school trip if their medication has expired and replacement medications have not been provided to the school. This is part of the school's risk assessment and safeguarding procedures.

## Anything else?

If you have any concerns, in the first instance please contact your child's class teacher. If needed, you can then contact Miss Ferreira (Year Group Lead).

You can ask the office to make an appointment for a meeting.

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