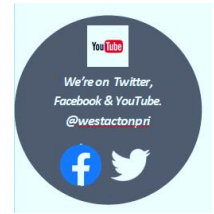


# WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st November 2025



It has been extremely cold this week and we have noticed several children coming in without coats, or with their coats undone. Please ensure your child is wearing a warm coat every day, that it is clearly named, and that they are able to do up their own zip independently.

Thank you for supporting our Road Safety Week. Our *Be Bright, Be Seen* sale has been very popular and a big well done to our Active Travel Ambassadors who managed the stalls so responsibly.

As you will have seen, there have been several exciting school trips taking place. Payment plans for future trips will be available from the New Year, as I want to give families in the autumn term time to focus on uniforms before requesting trip payments.

A reminder that **parents must not enter the school site before 8.30am**. We are still seeing adults coming in early, allowing children to play on the playground and blocking other families. This is both unsafe and inconsiderate. Please wait until 8.30 when staff open the gates. Unless the wide gates are open, you should not enter the site or follow staff vehicles through the gates.

This week's assembly focused on road safety and was led by Miss Campbell and our Active Travel Champions. Please reinforce road safety messages with your children, particularly awareness when walking near roads.

It has been an absolute delight to see our attendance figures improve over the last week and in recent weeks. A big well done to all families who are ensuring children attend school regularly and who are informing us of genuine illnesses in a timely way when they occur.

We still have a little way to go, but please do keep doing what you're doing – it really is making a difference and it is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead: In two weeks' time, we will be holding our **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 3rd December**, followed by our **Santa Stroll** where we will meet at West Acton Playground and walk together. Please add this date to your diaries.

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Kondo.

# Bug Club

An ENORMOUS well done to our top Bug Club readers for the second 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 week 2 of this term, 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	Toma, Adnan, Aoi, Chloe, Mitsuka
1	Guava	Lorene, Riko, Asuka
1	Katsura	Shohei, Saki, Kenki, Kyra, Meina
2	Damson	Jayden, Jad
2	Chestnut	Mohammadnour, Minato, Laya
2	Juniper	Yuzuki, Riko, Alea, Ellie, Emi
3	Ivy	Muhammad, Haytham
3	Holly	Mohammad C, Hala
3	Rowan	Salma, Aaron, Yuta
4	Sycamore	Jane, Ania
4	Pine	Taichi, Ayaha, Yuna, Moe, Rena, Aymaan
4	Mulberry	Aicha, Roshna, Sota
5	Elder	Soshiro, Emilie, Abdullah, Chiaki, Oswald
5	Quince	Uzair, Sara, Zak, Rosa
5	Willow	Romaisae, Sana K
6	Zaytouna	Mizuka, Seif, Salome, Irfan, Yui, Mila W
6	Tamarind	Celine, Sosuke, Isabella
6	Lime	Mariam H, Itsuki, Qais, Inas, Adem, Rui
Woodlands	Elm	Zayan
Woodlands	Birch	Saleef
Woodlands	Oak	Abdul



### *The River Thames*

Year 5 went to the River Thames. We walked on the (very muddy!) foreshore and did some dipping in the river, as well as looking under rocks for signs of life. Most of us found limpets, although there were also little worms and other creatures that inhabit the river. We tested the water to see if the Thames was healthy or not!

*It was healthy!*





## Yr2 Trip to the London Buddhist Vihara

Over the last two weeks, the Yr2 children went on trips to the London Buddhist Vihara in Chiswick. This was to support their RE learning from last term about Buddhism. The children had a talk from one of the monks and gained a greater understanding of the religion and what a Buddhist place of worship looks like.



## Litter Picking in the WAPS community



Thank you to Masa from Year 1 Guava Class and one of our School Councillor for taking the time to litter-pick on Noel Road. He has been doing his bit for the environment and helping to make our local area a cleaner, nicer place for everyone

Masa donates some of his free time which is such a thoughtful gesture and we all at WAPS are very thankful and proud of you!

A message from Masa, *'Can you not litter please because it will hurt wild animals! I pick up litter because it will help our planet. Join me!'*



# Tag Rugby Competition



Children from Year 5&6 competed in the FSSP Tag Rugby Competition. They played four competitive games against Southfields, Hambrough, Mount Carmel and Selborne. The children competed well despite the bitter cold weather and made some important tags. Against Hambrough, the children demonstrated great collaboration to score a well executed try. Well done WAPS!





## CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU 2025

### Roast Turkey

With Christmas Sausage, Roast Potatoes,  
Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Gravy

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### Roasted Root Vegetable Wellington

With Christmas Sausage, Roast Potatoes,  
Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Gravy

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Roast Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts, Sliced Carrots,  
Peas

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### Festive Gingerbread Cookie

or

Vanilla Ice Cream

or

Fresh Fruit Platter



## 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>

## Thursday Oracy Challenge

Reception target: 10 seconds

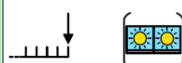
Year 1 & 2 target: 10-20 seconds

Year 3 & 4 target: 20-30 seconds

Year 5 & 6 target: 30-60 seconds



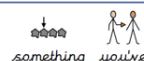
Talk about...



last weekend



something you like



something you've



enjoyed learning about



a book you recently



finished

Two pupils present to their Class each week.

## 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 <b>end of Reception</b> should be on: <b>Yellow</b> .
Year 1 5-6 year olds	Light blue Green Orange Turquoise	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the <b>end of Year 1</b> should be on: <b>Orange/Turquoise</b> .
Year 2 6-7 year olds	Turquoise Purple Gold White Lime	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the <b>end of Year 2</b> should be on: <b>White/Lime</b> .  NOTE: Children reading at <b>Gold</b> 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 <b>end of Year 3</b> should be on: <b>Brown/Grey</b> . <b>Greater Depth</b> readers can move onto <b>Dark Blue</b> .
Year 4 8-9 year olds	Grey Dark blue	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the <b>end of Year 4</b> should be on: <b>Dark Blue</b> . <b>Greater depth</b> readers can move onto <b>Dark Red</b> .
Year 5 9-10 year olds	Dark blue Dark red	The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the <b>end of Year 5</b> should be on: <b>Dark Red, Oxford Level 17</b> . <b>Greater depth</b> readers should move onto <b>Dark Red Level, Oxford Level 18</b> .
Year 6 10-11 year olds		The curriculum expectation is that pupils at a secure standard by the <b>end of Year 6</b> should be on: <b>Dark Red, Oxford level 19</b> . <b>Greater depth</b> readers should move onto <b>Dark Red level, Oxford level 20</b> , which is also known as: <b>Black Level</b> .  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 <b>REQUIRED / NON BRANDED</b> Generic 	Nursery and Reception <b>REQUIRED / NON BRANDED</b> Generic White polo shirt 	Years 1- 6 <b>REQUIRED / NON BRANDED</b> 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.

## **TIP FROM SCHOOL THERAPIST MRS PEARCE**

### **Using Praise**

Praise is a powerful tool that parents can use to encourage their child's good behaviours. Research has shown that positive reinforcement – such as praise – is far more effective than discipline.

- 1) **Catch your child being good** – It's normal to focus more on unwanted behaviours, rather than the behaviours we want. Sometimes, a good behaviour can be as simple as the absence of an unwanted behaviour (for example, talking with a sibling instead of arguing). Make a point to praise your child's good behaviours, even if they seem ordinary.

"You sat at the table nicely during dinner"

"Thank you for getting along with your brother".

- 2) **Start with small steps** – An easy goal for an adult might be a big deal for your child. Try starting small. Instead of wanting your child to follow the rules all day, praise them when they follow the rules for 15 minutes. Focus on the steps towards achieving a goal, rather than the goal itself.

"Well done for bringing home your homework".

"Thank you for remembering to start your chores".

- 3) **Praise effort, not outcome** – Many things in life are outside of our control. For example your child might study for hours and still not get the grade they want. By praising the actions that are in your child's control (studying), you will teach them skills that are more likely to create good outcomes. (good grades).

"You have been doing such a good job studying – I'm sorry you didn't get the grade you wanted".

"I'm proud of you for trying out for the swim team. It's great that you tried, even if you didn't make it."

- 4) **Don't sweat the small stuff** – When children don't get positive attention, they'll often settle for negative attention. If an unwanted behaviour isn't dangerous or destructive, try ignoring it. After the unwanted behaviour has stopped, wait a few moments, and praise your child for something good they are doing.
- 5) **Be consistent** – Just like eating one apple won't make you healthy, praising your child once won't instantly improve their behaviour. Giving praise regularly will help your child build the behaviour you're looking for.



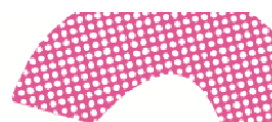


West Acton Primary school are proud to be a parkrun primary school.

A junior parkrun is **free, fun** and **friendly** weekly 2km event (run/walk) for children aged 4-14years old.



junior parkrun



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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](mailto:admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing them all 😊

# WEEK 1 MENU

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
w/c 24<sup>th</sup> November  
w/c 15<sup>th</sup> December  
w/c 5<sup>th</sup> January  
w/c 26<sup>th</sup> January  
w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March



## MONDAY

Mighty Veggie Penne Bolognese with  
Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread 🌱🌱

Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Penne  
Pasta 🌱🌱

Sweetcorn & Soy Wilted Greens 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## TUESDAY

Rainbow Chilli with Mexican Rice  
🌱🌱🌱

Lamb Chilli Con Carne with Mexican Rice  
🌱🌱

Peas & Roasted Root Veg 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## WEDNESDAY

Creamy Cheese Puff with Mash & Gravy  
🌱

Shepherd's Pie with Gravy  
🌱

Roast Parsnip & Carrots 🌱

Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard 🌱

## THURSDAY

Chickpea & Butternut Rogan Josh  
with Rice 🌱🌱

Caribbean Brown Chicken Stew with Rice  
🌱🌱

Sweetcorn & Paprika Spiced Broccoli 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## FRIDAY

Delicious Dippers & Chips  
with Tomato Ketchup 🌱

Salmon or White Fish Fingers & Chips  
With Tomato Ketchup

Peas & Baked Beans 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

# WEEK 2 MENU

w/c 10<sup>th</sup> November  
w/c 1<sup>st</sup> December  
w/c 12<sup>th</sup> January  
w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March



## MONDAY

Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese Sauce  
with Penne Pasta 🌱🌱

Mac & Cheese with Roasted Squash & Garlic Bread  
🌱

Peas & Sweetcorn 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## TUESDAY

Thai Red Vegetable Curry & Wholegrain Rice  
🌱🌱🌱

Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato  
Sauce with Wholegrain Rice 🌱

Broccoli & Roasted Mediterranean Veggies 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## WEDNESDAY

Piri Piri Veggie Strips with Crispy Potatoes &  
Gravy 🌱

Roast Chicken with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans & Swede and Carrot Mash 🌱

Forest Fruit Baked Rice Pudding 🌱

## THURSDAY

Vegetable Chow Mein Noodles  
🌱

Singapore Chicken Noodles  
🌱

Cauliflower & Winter Slaw 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## FRIDAY

Cheese & Tomato Puff Square with Chips  
🌱

Quorn Burger with BBQ Relish, Chips and  
and Tomato Ketchup 🌱

Peas & Baked Beans 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

# WEEK 3 MENU

w/c 17<sup>th</sup> November  
w/c 8<sup>th</sup> December  
w/c 19<sup>th</sup> January  
w/c 9<sup>th</sup> February  
w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March



## MONDAY

Paprika Roast Vegetables in a Tomato & Herb  
Sauce with Pasta 🌱🌱🌱

Chinese Rainbow Fried Rice  
🌱🌱🌱

Sweetcorn & Red Cabbage Slaw 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## TUESDAY

Plant Power Thai Curry with Pilau Rice  
🌱

Chicken Curry with Pilau Rice  
🌱

Broccoli & Peas 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## WEDNESDAY

Cheese, Leek & Onion Pasty with Crispy Potatoes  
& Gravy 🌱

Chicken & Vegetable Puff Pastry Pie with  
Crispy Potatoes & Gravy 🌱

Carrots & Herby Green Beans 🌱

Carrot Cake 🌱

## THURSDAY

Mighty Veggie Penne Bolognese with Garlic &  
Herb Bread 🌱🌱

Lamb Penne Bolognese with Garlic & Herb Bread  
🌱

Mediterranean Vegetables & Sweetcorn 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

## FRIDAY

Homemade Margherita Pizza with Herby Wedges  
🌱







Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Herby Wedges  
and Tomato Ketchup 🌱

Peas & Baked Beans 🌱

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱



Weekly attendance: WE 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2025

<b>Acorn</b> <b>94.06%</b>		<b>Woodlands</b> <b>89%</b>
<b>Olive</b> <b>97.24%</b> 	<b>Banyan</b> <b>97.24%</b> 	<b>Fir</b> <b>95%</b>
<b>Ash</b> <b>100%</b> 	<b>Guava</b> <b>98.33%</b>	<b>Katsura</b> <b>100%</b> 
<b>Damson</b> <b>97.78%</b>	<b>Chestnut</b> <b>97.86%</b>	<b>Juniper</b> <b>100%</b> 
<b>Holly</b> <b>98.21%</b>	<b>Rowan</b> <b>99.29%</b>	<b>Ivy</b> <b>97.14%</b>
<b>Mulberry</b> <b>94.29%</b>	<b>Pine</b> <b>100%</b> 	<b>Sycamore</b> <b>99.29%</b>
<b>Willow</b> <b>95.67%</b>	<b>Elder</b> <b>94.83%</b>	<b>Quince</b> <b>99.29%</b>
<b>Lime</b> <b>98.57%</b>	<b>Tamarind</b> <b>96.90%</b>	<b>Zaytouna</b> <b>97.59%</b>

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

<b>w/c 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	<b>Courage</b>	<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Collaboration</b>
<b>Acorn</b>	Tsubasa	Hudson	Hasan
<b>Banyan</b>	Salfia	Leonard	Lilian
<b>Fir</b>	Freddie	Reem	Andrew
<b>Olive</b>	Mariam	Jacob	Zain
<b>Ash</b>	Harin	Lelyaan	Aseel
<b>Guava</b>	Mazen	Yuma	Rioya
<b>Katsura</b>	Katsura	Kazuki	Charlie
<b>Chestnut</b>	Adhan	Stefano	Qais
<b>Damson</b>	Ayah	Zayn	Shimba
<b>Juniper</b>	Noah	Haruto	Shaden
<b>Holly</b>	Taraf	Luna	Mohammad
<b>Ivy</b>	Havraz	Florence	Muhammad
<b>Rowan</b>	Shinichi	Yuta	Misaki
<b>Mulberry</b>	Keijel	Itsuki	Aicha
<b>Pine</b>	Hijraan	Anu	Roaa
<b>Sycamore</b>	Bahaa	Remy	Maria
<b>Elder</b>	Jahnaye	Oswald	Keishi
<b>Quince</b>	Sho	Maryam	Ahlem
<b>Willow</b>	Cassandra	Dima	Shuji
<b>Lime</b>	Musawer	Abigail	Maya H
<b>Tamarind</b>	Sawa	Madoka	Saya
<b>Zaytouna</b>	Zainab	Stavros	Misato
<b>Birch</b>	Adam	Isabelle	Abdi
<b>Elm</b>	Arin	Sammy	Zayan
<b>Oak</b>	Mira	Hawa	Reggie