

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th January 2026



It was wonderful to welcome parents into school this week for **Book Look** and to see them spending time looking through their child's work. We hope you enjoyed the experience. The positive messages written by parents to their children were particularly special and mean a great deal to them.

We also enjoyed two fantastic assemblies this week from Damson and Mulberry Classes. Both classes showcased the many things they have been learning and, above all, demonstrated our school values of **courage, consideration and collaboration** so clearly. This week, Miss Sanusi led a safeguarding assembly, talking with the children about how we can keep ourselves and our friends safe. This is important as it helps everyone to feel comfortable, included and able to learn and how it supports a strong sense of belonging within our community. At West Acton, this shared commitment enables everyone to thrive and achieve their very best.

Clubs have also started again this week, making school very busy after school. Thank you for following up on correspondence and supporting us with arrangements. We kindly ask that parents collect their children promptly at 4.15pm, ready to take them home at 4.20pm, to help ensure everyone's safety. There are also a range of booster sessions taking place, so please do check your child's bag regularly for letters and information.

Over the next couple of days, you will receive your child's trip letter for this year. As always, trip payment plans are scheduled for the spring and summer terms, as we appreciate that the autumn term is a particularly busy time with uniforms and back-to-school preparations. As many trips have already taken place, we are very grateful for parents' support and contributions from those who choose to pay, as this enables these valuable experiences to go ahead. We continue to offer a full and exciting programme, and it is wonderful to receive such positive feedback—such as from parents following Year 5's recent visit to the Science Museum, who commented on how impressed they were by both the experience and the organisation and dedication of the staff involved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Miss Kondo

West Acton Primary launches The National Year of Reading!

This week, West Acton Primary School launched the start of a very special year: 2026 The National Year of Reading! To mark this, pupils in Key Stage 1 enjoyed an exciting visit from a children's author, Jaya Bhanot, who shared one of her books about a child who told the story of all the wonderful things her grandmother does to care for her. The book was read in both English and Hindi, where pupils were encouraged to discuss languages they could speak and family members that cared for them in similar ways to the examples in the story.

The author was very impressed with how well our pupils behaved and relished how eagerly pupils were keen to talk about their home languages and their family members.

Pupils enjoyed the visit thoroughly and were all gifted an activity sheet to bring home so they could share their experiences with their families and continue to build their love of reading. When questioned, some pupils were particularly keen to share their thoughts and opinions about the visit:

"I liked it when we were learning the language that the lady wrote. It was fun taking photos with the lady."

(Yasmin, Guava Class – Year 1)

"It was very nice that she brought us a book to see. I liked the language she shared. It was so amazing!"

(Calais, Chestnut Class – Year 2)

"I liked the grandma because she has a grand-daughter. I really liked the language."

(Zayan, Elm Class – Woodlands ARP)



Bug Club

An ENORMOUS well done to our top Bug Club readers for Spring Term 1, week 1. 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 in their classes last week 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	Aaron, Aseel, Rome, Ema, Mitsuka, Toma
1	Guava	Yuto, Kohane, Asuka, Lorene
1	Katsura	Kenki, Ema, Kazuki, Negunn, Alma, David, Charlie, Mohammed Al Naser
2	Damson	Haruka
2	Chestnut	Mahao, Rares, Asahi
2	Juniper	Yuzuki, Haruto, Riko
3	Ivy	Lina, Emiri, Muhammad I, Sophia
3	Holly	Paighmulhaq
3	Rowan	Salma, Yazn, Shinichi
4	Sycamore	Jane, Lana
4	Pine	Jun, Zain, Yuna, Rena
4	Mulberry	Haruta, Makoto, Layla
5	Elder	Keishi, Jay, Soshiro, Danny, Chiaki
5	Quince	Sana, Liv
5	Willow	Mira, Cassandra, Waka, Lilian
6	Zaytouna	Philip, Alesha, Batoul, Lena, Anaya
6	Tamarind	Noor
6	Lime	Maya A, Qais, Hameed
Woodlands	Elm	Zayan, Abudi, Kai
Woodlands	Birch	Abdikadir
Woodlands	Oak	Abdul, Dorian

Overall School Readiness Session at West Acton Primary School on Thursday 29th January 2025 at 11:15am and 2:45pm

Discuss healthy eating and the types of food children should be eating to enable a balanced diet.

Discussion around establishing routines.

Discussion around the importance of communication and speech and where your child should be at developmentally.

Discuss fussy eating and what we can do to support.

Discussion around toilet training and how to get children toilet trained.

Discussion around children being independent and being able to clean and wipe themselves and wash their hands.

Discussion around behaviour management and tackling unacceptable behaviour.



Your healthcare closer to home

Spring 2026

Parent Course	Who?	Date and time
SAL Colourful semantics and vocabulary	Kelly Ellis	29 January 2:30 p.m.
Supporting behaviour at home	J Lucas	5 th February 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
SEND and Mental Health	J Lucas	12 th February 2:30 p.m.
Parent drop-ins ARP and mainstream	Kelly Ellis Sarah Holdship SAL	24 th and 26 th February 3:15 -6 p.m.
Sensory needs	Sam Wade OT Therapist	10 th March 2:30 p.m.



Flu community catch up clinics

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for their vaccine at one of our local community clinics.

Winter season is upon us, and with colder weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread.

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today. The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

Stay Well:

Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.



For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please scan the QR code or follow the links below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/contact>

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>



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8th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers



Year of Reading 2026

We are delighted to share that West Acton Primary School will be launching our **Year of Reading** next week.

Reading is at the heart of everything we do, and throughout 2026 we will be celebrating reading for pleasure across the whole school. Our aim is to inspire a lifelong love of books, stories and reading in all children.

Throughout the year, children will enjoy a new reading theme every month, alongside exciting school events designed to celebrate reading for pleasure. These will include author visits, family reading events, challenges and special celebration days.

Children will receive a **monthly reading challenge booklet** to complete at home. Those who successfully complete all monthly challenges across the year will receive a **prize** at the end of the Year of Reading.

Each month will feature a different celebration, including:

- Author visits
- World Book Day
- Family and parent reading events
- Seasonal reading challenges
- An end-of-year reading celebration

More information about each month's theme and events will be shared regularly.

We look forward to making 2026 a fantastic year of reading for all our pupils!

Yours sincerely

Miss Kondo, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Livingstone
The Reading Team



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



Two pupils present to their class each week.

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.

TIP FROM SCHOOL THERAPIST

When you argue in front of your children....

Conflict is a part of every human relationship, which means that arguments between adults may sometimes come up in front of children. When they hear angry yelling, studies have shown that their stress hormones shoot up and can take some time to come back down. Naturally, since a child's parent is their source of security and safety, they feel scared when they seem out of control. Their fear can often turn into anxiety or misbehaviour and some children may think that yelling is the grown-up way of resolving conflict.

How can parents/carers help?

It is great for children to see healthy and respectful disagreements between adults. Therefore try to model listening to the other person's needs without making them feel they are wrong. What is even healthier is, for the child to see you repair and reconnect quickly.

It is a good idea to come up with a code word or signal with your partner in advance, so that when one of you starts to feel particularly triggered, you know to take a pause and continue later, away from the children.

Don't forget we have our first Parent/carer Coffee Morning of the year coming up...

*I am inviting you to come and meet with me on **Thursday 29th January 2026** from **9.00am -10.00am** in the Conference room.*

I look forward to welcoming back, those of you who I have met before and meeting some of you in person for the first time. Mrs Ahmad



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.



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 😊

WEEK 1 MENU		MONDAY	TUESDAY
w/c 3 rd November w/c 24 th November w/c 15 th December w/c 5 th January w/c 26 th January w/c 9 th March		Mighty Veggie Penne Bolognese with Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread 🌱🌱	Rainbow Chilli with Mexican Rice 🌱🌱🌱
		Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🌱	Lamb Chilli Con Carne with Mexican Rice 🌱🌱
		Sweetcorn & Soy Wilted Greens 🌱	Peas & Roasted Root Veg 🌱
		Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creamy Cheese Puff with Mash & Gravy 🌱		Chickpea & Butternut Rogan Josh with Rice 🌱🌱	Delicious Dippers & Chips with Tomato Ketchup 🌱
Shepherd's Pie with Gravy 🌱		Caribbean Brown Chicken Stew with Rice 🌱🌱	Salmon or White Fish Fingers & Chips With Tomato Ketchup
Roast Parsnip & Carrots 🌱		Sweetcorn & Paprika Spiced Broccoli 🌱	Peas & Baked Beans 🌱
Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard 🌱		Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

WEEK 2 MENU		MONDAY	TUESDAY
w/c 10 th November w/c 1 st December w/c 12 th January w/c 2 nd February w/c 23 rd February w/c 16 th March		Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🌱	Thai Red Vegetable Curry & Wholegrain Rice 🌱🌱🌱
		Mac & Cheese with Roasted Squash & Garlic Bread 🌱	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Rice 🌱
		Peas & Sweetcorn 🌱	Broccoli & Roasted Mediterranean Veggies 🌱
		Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Piri Piri Veggie Strips with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy 🌱		Vegetable Chow Mein Noodles 🌱	Cheese & Tomato Puff Square with Chips 🌱
Roast Chicken with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy		Singapore Chicken Noodles 🌱	Quorn Burger with BBQ Relish, Chips and and Tomato Ketchup 🌱
Green Beans & Swede and Carrot Mash 🌱		Cauliflower & Winter Slaw 🌱	Peas & Baked Beans 🌱
Forest Fruit Baked Rice Pudding 🌱		Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱





WEEK 3 MENU		MONDAY	TUESDAY
w/c 17 th November w/c 8 th December w/c 19 th January w/c 9 th February w/c 2 nd March w/c 23 rd March		Paprika Roast Vegetables in a Tomato & Herb Sauce with Pasta 🌱🌱🌱	Plant Power Thai Curry with Pilau Rice 🌱
		Chinese Rainbow Fried Rice 🌱🌱🌱	Chicken Curry with Pilau Rice 🌱
		Sweetcorn & Red Cabbage Slaw 🌱	Broccoli & Peas 🌱
		Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese, Leek & Onion Pasty with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy 🌱		Mighty Veggie Penne Bolognese with Garlic & Herb Bread 🌱🌱	Homemade Margherita Pizza with Herby Wedges 🌱
Chicken & Vegetable Puff Pastry Pie with Crispy Potatoes & Gravy 🌱		Lamb Penne Bolognese with Garlic & Herb Bread 🌱	Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Herby Wedges and Tomato Ketchup 🌱
Carrots & Herby Green Beans 🌱		Mediterranean Vegetables & Sweetcorn 🌱	Peas & Baked Beans 🌱
Carrot Cake 🌱		Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 🌱

West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 5 th January 2026	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Mira	Teddy	Arone
Banyan	Archie	Zayan	Dani
Olive	Taleen	Salma	Ghalia
Fir	Mason	Koshi	Chanugi
Ash	Aus	Ema	Rabab
Guava	Jaad	Curt	Lorene
Katsura	Kazuki	Kyra	Shohei
Chestnut	Asahi	Laya	Stefano
Damson	Zayn	Shimba	Alaa
Juniper	Rehan	Emi	Evelyn
Holly	Yasmine	Kaisei	Paigham
Ivy	Keito	Mao	Omar
Rowan	Amaiya	Aaron	Andrii
Mulberry	Isaiah	Kiana	Paddy
Pine	Sara	Ladan	Othman
Sycamore			
Elder	Itsuki	Layah	Ema
Quince	Uzair	Shunya	Sho
Willow	Manar	Saeed	Yasin
Lime	Ria	Itsuki	Magda
Tamarind	Madoka	Celine	Isabella
Zaytouna	Alesha	Michael	Abdallah
Birch	Saleef	Kassim	Mikhael

Oak	Ahmad	Mason	Mira
Elm	Elyana	Ilyas	Kai

Weekly attendance: WE 9th January 2026

Acorn 92.53%	Whole School 93.17%	Woodlands 90.69%
Olive 82%	Banyan 88.89% 	Fir 95.33%
Ash 92.76%	Guava 99.33% 	Katsura 97.67%
Damson 94.48%	Chestnut 95.52%	Juniper 90%
Holly 94.48%	Rowan 95.17%	Ivy 93.57%
Mulberry 91.48%	Pine 87.15%	Sycamore 94.83%
Willow 94.16%	Elder 92.41%	Quince 95.17% 
Lime 95.17% 	Tamarind 90.69%	Zaytouna 83.93%