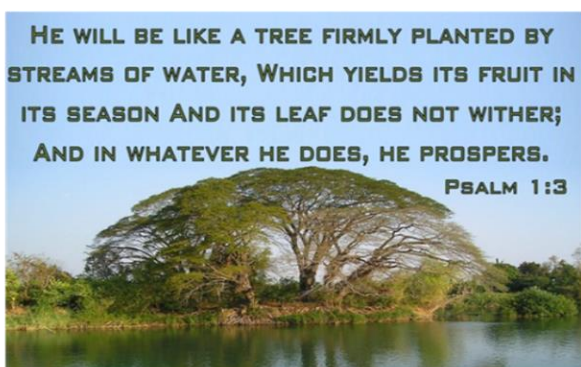


SMSC Diary Autumn 2024

^A 'A Community, Learning and Growing'



Weston is a **'good'** school – SIAMs Inspection Report 2017

*'The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is **outstanding** at meeting the needs of all learners'.*

*'The impact of collective worship on the school community **is good**'.*

*'The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school **is good**'.*



Weston Primary & Nursery School continues to be a good school.

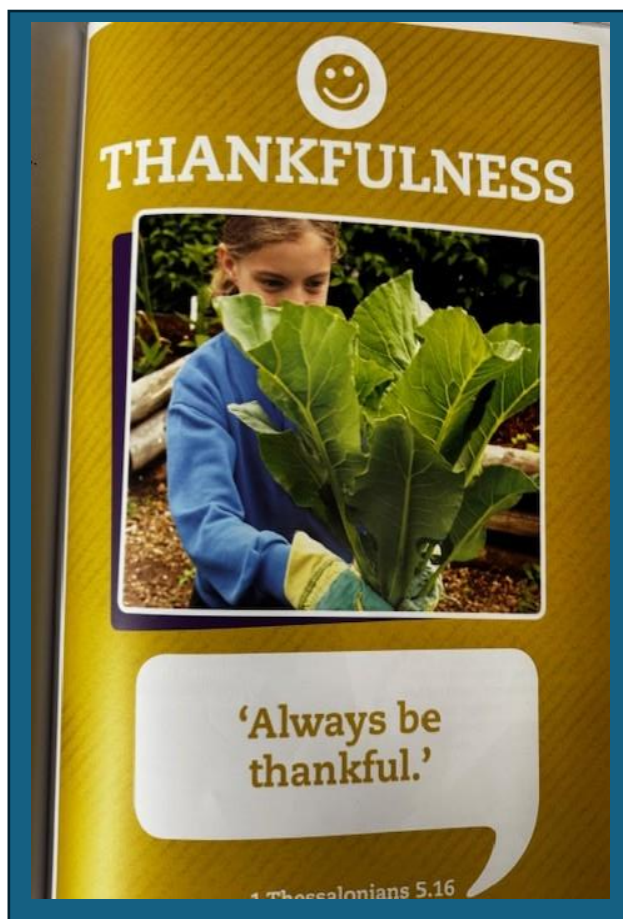
OFSTED Inspections 2023.

*'Pupils at Weston Primary and Nursery School are **kind and considerate**. They care for each other. The oldest support the youngest in social time and in lessons. Children in Reception and Nursery learn to **take turns** and **share** with each other. Pupils are **enthusiastic** about their learning. This includes those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They are **proud** of their work and talk about what they have learned. Pupils respond well to the routines and **high***

expectations that leaders have for their behaviour. At play and breaktimes, pupils play together and **respect** one another. Bullying is rare. When it does happen, pupils know that staff will deal with it quickly. Pupils are **safe**. Many pupils attend the wide range of clubs on offer throughout the school year. There is a **strong sporting ethos** within the school. Pupils **enthusiastically** take part in the sports competitions that take place between schools and within the houses in school. Pupils vote to elect their representatives on the school council. This helps to develop their understanding of **democracy**. They also choose the **charities** that the school supports and discuss some of the events held in school.'



Our values for the Autumn term have been:



Here are some of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural activities we have enjoyed during this term:

Harvest Festival in Holy Trinity church Weston

September 2024



We invited parents, carers, governors and other members of the **community** to join us in our, whole school, harvest service where we sing hymns and songs. We also **reflect on our own lives and the lives of others** to write meaningful prayers to share. We brought our harvest offerings along to donate to Letchworth foodbank. This demonstrated our value of not only **thankfulness** for all we have but **generosity** and **compassion**.

TTROCKSTAR Relaunch – every year we relaunch our TTRockstar Times Table initiative



Mr McHugh (site manager) our resident 'Rockstar' helped us relaunch our times table initiative - all members of our school **community** got involved! We want our pupils to be able to recall rapidly the times table facts and TTRockstars in a great, interactive tool to support this recall. Some children are already on 'Rock Hero' level!

Democracy – voting in our School Councillors and House Captains September 2024



Harvest Celebration in St Albans Abbey, October 2024

(Year 5 & 6) pupils)



🎵 Oh Lord my God
(How Great Thou
Art)

🎵 I, The Lord
of Sea and
Sky

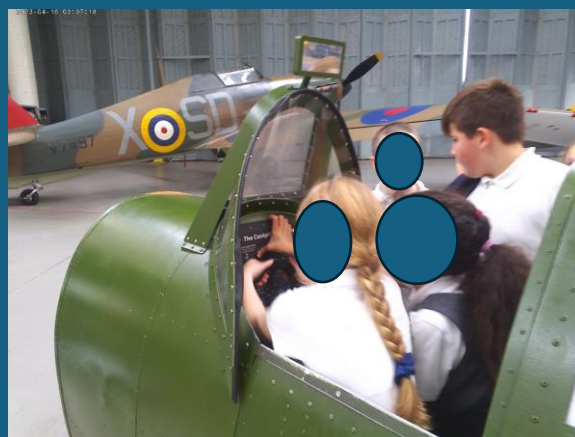
🎵 You Shall
Go Out with
Joy

Year 6, teachers and a Governor attended the harvest service. We watched the bishop and some attending clergy members processing down the nave at the beginning of the service. We **sung and rejoiced** the three pre-rehearsed hymns alongside all the other schools attending. An **appreciation** of a different Christian environment

supports a broad and balanced RE curriculum and allows our pupils to perform to a **wider community**.

School Trip to Duxford Air Museum, October 2024

(Year 5 & 6) pupils)

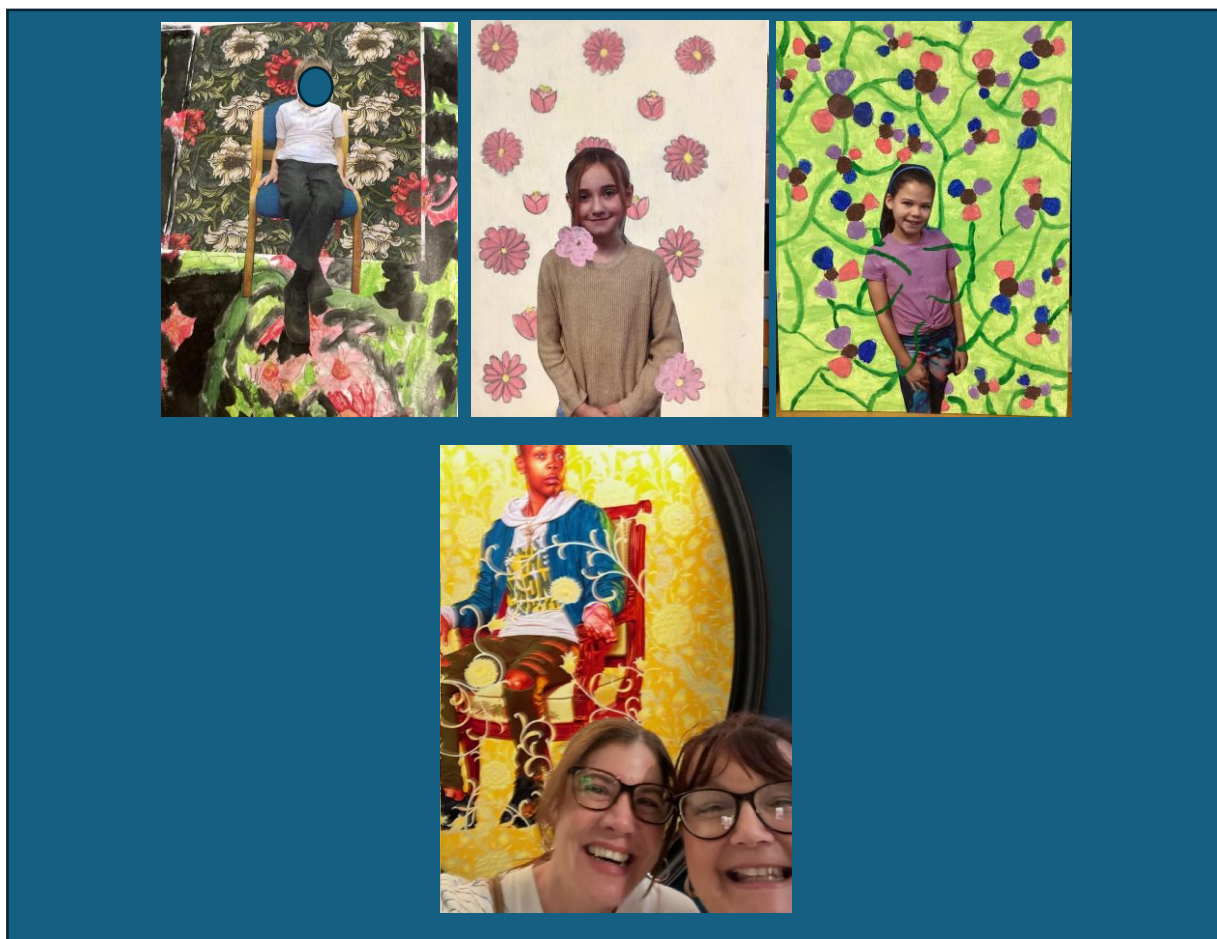


Year 5 & 6 went to visit Duxford Aircraft Museum to support their history learning of WW1. It was a great ‘hands on’ experience - **sharing** and **turn taking** on the exhibits. The pupils were able to **reflect on human achievement** and the development of wartime aircraft. We are **thankful** to FOWs for subsidising this trip.

Black History Month, October 2024

Kahinde Wiley – Black Artist

(Whole School)



The whole school looked at Kahinde Wiley, a black artist, as a focus for **Black History month**. Each class created some amazing artwork using Kahinde's art as a stimulus, **reflecting on and respecting** the art techniques he uses. Mrs Gooderson and Mrs Nelson were very excited to go to the Victoria and Albert museum to see the actual paintings and were very surprised how big they were. **Every member of this school community grows their learning!**

Our **international** Link school, Kadoma, Zimbabwe visit October 2024

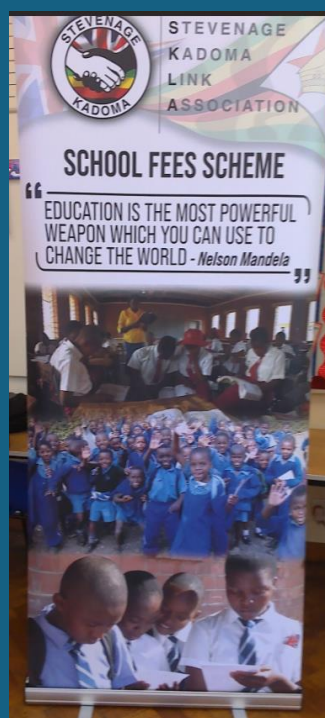
Our submission to Diocese news, **sharing with our** **wider community:**

Weston Welcomes Visitors from Zimbabwe



Weston Primary & Nursery School were delighted to offer a warm Weston welcome to a representative from their twinned school in Kadoma, Zimbabwe, who joined them for an assembly. They have maintained strong links with

Cam & Motor Primary School since 2019 and are part of the Kadoma Stevenage Link that has been in place for 35 years. Visitors from Kadoma and the Stevenage Link team joined Weston for an assembly where the children sang 'I, The Lord Of Sea & Sky' to the visitors, one of the hymns from their Harvest Festival. The visitors shared stories about the school in Kadoma, and the children showed the visitors around their school. It was very interesting to hear about the differences and challenges the children face in Kadoma. Like Weston, they have a very strong school community based on Christian values. The pupils will continue to share work with the children in Kadoma and really look forward to the next visit.



Whole school

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK, November 2024



Every year, in November, Weston school has an **antibullying** week focus. Each class/whole school completes daily activities. We mix up all age groups – the children **support** one another in their understanding and tasks.

Monday 25th November 2024 - Thursday 28th November 2024

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



On Monday 25th November, we will be celebrating uniqueness by wearing odd socks! Our focus text will be *The Great Big Book of Families*. We will discuss our likes and dislikes. We will realise that all children and adults are unique.



On Tuesday, all classes will be discussing how kindness can make us strong. Classes will be mixing to create a beautiful display in the hall. The theme is 'spreading kindness like confetti.'



On Wednesday, Year 1-6 will have a kindness workshop run by the 52 Lives School of Kindness charity. Children will be learning about different ways to spread kindness in school and at home.



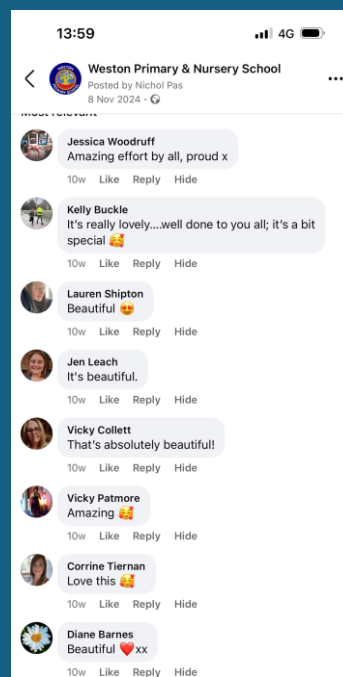
On Thursday, classes will mix again to perform songs linked to friendship. Please remember that the school is closed on Friday 29th November.



This week in PSHE, all classes will be learning about anti bullying. **EYFS** will be discussing how to be a kind friend. **Year 1 and Year 2** will understand what bullying is, why it's wrong, and how to be a good friend. **Year 3 and Year 4** will be learning about different types of bullying. They will be reading scenario cards and discussing if it is bullying or not. They will make kindness paper chains. **Year 5 and Year 6** will be learning about how to be an 'upstander' rather than a bystander. They will create anti-bullying posters.

Remembrance display outside school to whole community, November 2024

To **commemorate Remembrance** every pupil and adult in Weston school made a poppy for a **community** poppy display to show our **thankfulness** and **respect** for those who perished in wars. We **generously** raised £159.78, a wonderful amount, for the Poppy appeal.



Author -Martin Impey visit, November 2024

Linked to whole school writing (Remembrance)

Using Martin's books as a stimulus, the whole school write their own versions of diary entries and narratives linked to WW1. We **reflected on their courage, resilience in the face of adversity and showed empathy for the soldiers in the trenches**



FOWS working party and events – throughout the Autumn Term – Thank you so much for all you do to fundraise for the school and share in the community!

We are so thankful!



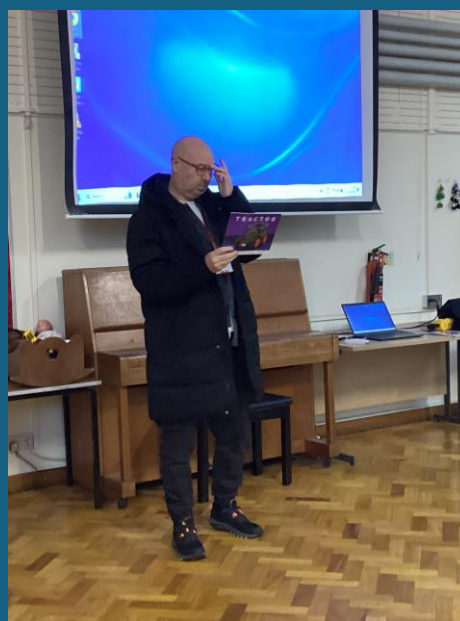
FIREWORKS & BONFIRE NIGHT
VENUE: THE CRICKETERS | WESTON
SAT 2ND NOVEMBER 2024
Gates: 3:00pm, Live Music: 5:30pm, Fireworks: 8:15pm
3x Bares | 2x BBQs | Live Music | King Road | Dandelion | Toys | Kite Rides | More
Tickets: Only £7!
Under 3s FREE
Purchase your tickets online, at the Cricketers,
or from the Weston Village Shop.
 www.thefows.org/TICKETS
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The day the Tractor came to school!

Whole school, December 2024

The local hospice ran a tractor decorating competition to raise funds. James in our year 1 class came runner up! He received his prizes in assembly from John Darren from Herts radio station and Richard Hill. A member of **our local community** bought his tractor onto the school grounds – we learnt a lot in assembly about ‘farm to fork’ and the uses of a tractor .



EYFS Nativity to our school community

December 2024



Year 3 & 4 Pantomime of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhyme, Cinderella

Hello,

Gary and I just wanted to say a big thank you, and well done, for the Dahl class performance. It was just amazing; we laughed and clapped and were humming the songs all evening!! A huge amount of work would have gone into coaching the children to that level; they were word perfect and worked together so well. It was an absolute pleasure to watch.

My sister, Mia's Aunt, was in the audience last night. She is a classically trained actress who has worked in theatres across London and she was really, really impressed with the confidence and the level of performance for children that young (and the harmonies!!) And she earmarked a few and said "Wow- get them into stage school quick"!! It was a lovely opportunity for all of them to show how talented they are outside of the more standard subjects....it was clear how much they all enjoyed it.

Thank you again; and we look forward to the next one!!

