



Dates for your Diary:

Fri 21st Nov 9.30-11.00
Tan Class visit to Coptic
Church in Stevenage

Weds 26th Nov
Flu Vaccinations

**Thurs 27th Nov 2.15-
3.15**
Open Afternoon

Fri 28th Nov 9.30
Reception/Nursery Tour
for prospective parents

Fri 5th Dec
OCCASIONAL DAY

Tues 9th Dec 9.30
Reception/Nursery Tour
for prospective parents

Mon 15th Dec
Reception Height &
Weight

Mon 15th Dec 2.00
YR 1 / 2 Performance

Tues 16th Dec 9.30
Donaldson Performance

Tues 16th Dec 6.00
YR 1 / 2 Performance

Thurs 18th Dec 9.30
Christmas Service Holy
Trinity – all welcome –
teas/coffees from 9.00

Fri 19th Dec 1.30
**END OF AUTUMN
TERM**

News from Mr Holmes

Collective Worship

Over the last two weeks, our Collective Worship have focused on our new Christian Value of Compassion. To help children understand this value, we talked about how important it is to be aware of, and notice, other people's needs. The children offered thoughtful examples, such as recognising when someone is feeling sad and offering a kind word or helping hand.

We have been singing songs about kindness, including "You've Got a Friend in Me", which the children have enjoyed. Our reflections linked beautifully with the themes of Anti-Bullying Week, helping pupils to think deeply about how compassion shapes our relationships with one another. This forms part of how we explore Spirituality with the children, encouraging them to consider how we care for one another as fellow human beings.

A further link was made during Dr Gunn's Collective Worship on Tuesday 11 November, which focused on Remembrance and the importance of understanding others' experiences and sacrifices. Follow-up conversations in Class Collective Worship have continued these themes, and we have encouraged the children to try extra hard at home to notice when someone needs help and to show compassion there too.

Valerie Bloom Visit

We were fortunate to welcome the inspirational poet Valerie Bloom to school last week. Valerie performed some of her poetry for every class and taught the children words, phrases and facial expressions used in Jamaican communication, drawing on her own heritage.

The children were inspired to write their own poems afterwards, and Valerie was delighted when pupils surprised her by joining in with lines from some of her poems, during her performances!

Our thanks go to Friends of Weston School (FoWS) and to everyone who has supported their events. Funds raised by FoWS enabled us to bring Valerie to school for this wonderful opportunity.



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Dates for your Diary:

**Mon 5th Jan
INSET DAY**

**Tues 6th Jan
START OF SPRING
TERM**

Crucial Crew

Our Year 6 pupils attended the Crucial Crew event last week, which offered a fun and informative set of workshops all centred on keeping themselves safe. They told me how much they enjoyed learning (and practising) CPR on dummies, and how valuable they found sessions on rail safety, cyber-safety and other important topics.

Football Tournament

A group of Year 5 and 6 children represented the school in a local small schools' football tournament last week. They were proud to tell me that they played four matches and won three of them, including a penalty shoot-out in which our goalkeeper, Oliver Anderson, made some excellent saves. Thank you to all parents who helped with transport and supported the team during the event.

Attendance

It was lovely to award a large number of Excellent Attendance certificates to children who achieved 100% attendance last half term, as well as Very Good Attendance certificates for those with 98% or better. Great attendance is essential for your child's learning and helps them to feel settled and confident in school.

Well done to **Carle Class**, who have won the Attendance Trophy two weeks in a row – last week with 98.5% and this week with 98.2%. This is a fantastic achievement, and we appreciate the efforts of families in ensuring children are in school every day, ready to learn.

Second-hand Uniform Shop

A reminder that FoWS run an online Second-hand Uniform Shop throughout the year. You can visit their website at <https://thefows.org/> to find out more. We are very grateful to all FoWS volunteers and committee members for their ongoing support for our school community.

Thank you, as always, for supporting your children in their education and for working with us to make our school such a positive and caring community.

Mr Holmes

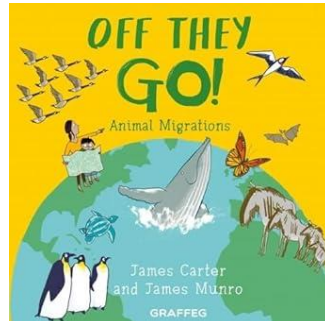


Stars of the Week

DONALDSON	Rory Jackson-Stops, Lacie Smith, Kai Kinnear & Elijah Windsor-Richards
CARLE	Arya Handa, Eliza Hardiman, Joshua Cottenden, Leora Bloom, Lilah Shelsher & Elliott Connor
MORRIS	Edward Warner-Smith, Nancy Smith, Isla Rae Finlay, Elsie Roberts, Mia Bruff & Lucas Edwards
TAN	Charlie Latin, Henry Clifford, Emily Bolster-Vis, Jessica Langridge, Malachy Fulton-Bout, Isabell Logan & Indigo Pellett

Teachers' Book Recommendations

As part of our mission to promote **Reading for Pleasure**, our teachers have shared some more fantastic book recommendations for different age groups. We hope you and your children enjoy them!



Mr Holmes Recommends:

Off They Go! By James Carter and Jamie Munro

It is a geographical / scientific non fiction about animal migration with rhymes.

Perfect for Nursery to Lower KS2.



Mrs Gooderson Recommends:

AG recommended Alone on the Wide, Wide Sea by Michale Morpurgo.

Set during Australian transportation times and modern day – emotional story about a boatbuilder and sailing back to England

Perfect for year 5/6 to adult.

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to James Towersey in Morris Class for receiving a medal for taking part in Stevenage Hockey Club and to Alex Langridge for achieving Stollies Swim Academy Level 3 & Stollies Swim Academy Level 3 25m backstroke. Well done.

Parking

Thank you to those who are not parking by the cones.

Unfortunately, not all parents are taking notice and continue to park inconsiderately. The cones are in place to prevent the bottlenecks that have taken place recently and for the safety of our children and members of the community.

We recently had a medical emergency in school that required an ambulance. Our site manager had to ask a parent to move so that the ambulance could leave safely.

Can we please ask again that you do not park by the cones. Your help with this is much appreciated.



Wreath Making Workshop

**FoWS**
Friends of Weston School

Studio 42
TEAM | MAKE | DREAM

£55 pp
(Limited Places) Cont'd

Come and enjoy making your festive wreath

Using fresh foliage

2hr Workshop with the lovely Studio 42

All materials and tools provided

and enjoy a Mulled Wine and Mince Pie

Weston Primary & Nursery School Hall

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

at 7pm

Sales of the tickets go towards raising funds for the school

Deposit of £10 and remaining balance to be paid by 21st November.

Please contact Faye on 07538964645

to BOOK your place.