



Dates for your Diary:

Mon 2nd Feb 5.00-7.30
Parent Evening

Weds 4th Feb 3.30-6.30
Parent Evening

Mon 9th Feb 3.30-4.30
Football match v St.
Andrews @ home
selected team

Mon 16th – Fri 20th Feb
HALF TERM

Mon 23rd Feb 3.30
Football match v Pirton
@ away – selected team

Fri 27th Feb 9.30
Reception/Nursery Tour
for prospective parents

Mon 2nd Mar 3.30
Football match v Sam
Lucas @ home –
selected team

Tues 3rd Mar 3.30-4.30
Year 5 Maths Challenge
– selected team

Thurs 5th Mar
World Book Day

Fri 6th Mar
Yr 6 On-line health
questionnaire with school
nursing team

Fri 6th Mar 1.00-3.00
Yr 1 / 2 Dodgeball @ St
Ippolyts, selected team

Mon 9th March
Mother's Day Shop

News from Mr Holmes

Mobile Phones in Schools

This week Bridget Phillipson, the Education Secretary, wrote to Head Teachers stating that the Government wants all schools to be phone-free environments for the entire school day. I thought this would therefore be a good time to remind everyone about our school's policy regarding pupils' mobile phones

At Weston, children who bring a mobile phone (or smart watch) to school have to switch it off and then hand it in to staff on arrival, to be kept until they leave at the end of the day. Children are not given access to their device at all during the school day and are discouraged from using the phone on site at either end of the day.

There is a growing movement across the country among some parents to support a campaign called 'Smartphone-Free Childhood'.

This campaign promotes the idea that children should not have a smartphone before the age of 14, and that this will bring benefits to children by ensuring they are not able to access the internet with their mobile phone. The campaign also suggests that older primary school children whose parents may want them to have a mobile phone (for example, because they are walking home alone), are better off getting a 'non-smartphone' which can text and call, but which cannot access the internet.

If you are interested, you can find out further information using the following links;

[Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

[alternatives — Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

Personally, I feel there is a lot of sense in the idea of a "Smartphone-Free Childhood" while children are at Primary School (and it may even save parents some money). However, this is clearly a matter for parents to decide for their individual children.

The particular challenge with smartphones is that children who have them may be accessing all types of online content, without the same supervision/filters/parental controls that they have when going online with other devices. This can mean that they are exposed to negative content online, and this can affect their wellbeing and development.

If you have not already bought your child a smartphone, I hope that you might find the information available via the links above helpful in deciding whether to do so.

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 9th Mar 3.30

Football match v
Wymondley @ away –
selected team

Thurs 12th March

Mother's Day Shop

Tues 17th Mar

Space Race workshop
Carle Class

Thurs 19th Mar 2.15-3.15

Tan Class Open
Afternoon

Fri 20th Mar

Red Nose Day

Fri 20th Mar 2.15-3.15

Morris Class Open
Afternoon

Mon 23rd Mar 2.15-3.15

Donaldson Class Open
Afternoon

Tues 24th Mar 2.15-3.15

Carle Class Open
Afternoon

Thurs 26th Mar 9.30

Easter Service Holy
Trinity – all welcome –
teas/coffees from 9.00

Thurs 26th Mar 4.30-6.00

FoWS Easter Disco for
Yrs R-6. Reception
children to be
accompanied by an adult.
See details below.

Fri 27th Mar 1.30pm

END OF TERM

Spring Term Open Days

Spring Term Open Days dates have now been fixed. All events will take place from 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

- Tan Class – Thursday 19th March
- Morris Class – Friday 20th March
- Donaldson Class – Monday 23rd March
- Carle Class – Tuesday 24th March

The best way to see the progress your child is making in their learning and development is to sit down with them in the classroom and look through their school books together. Please do come if you can; we always value the opportunity to welcome parents into school.

Sports Success

We have had a very successful and busy period for school sport. This week the Year 5/6 football team played a team from Our Lady School, a larger school in Hitchin. Fantastic teamwork and perseverance meant we won 6–1 and progressed through to the next round.

Children from Tan Class also participated in Sports Hall Athletics at Knights Templar School, where they showed great competitive spirit and excellent behaviour throughout the event.

A group of Year 6 pupils also took part in a Dodgeball Tournament at Knights Templar School, finishing second in their pool and fourth overall.

Thank you to Miss Holman and Mrs Kitchener for accompanying the children to these events, and to the parents who helped with transport or came along to support the football team.

A New Roof for the School

You may have noticed scaffolding surrounding the main school building and the EYFS building. This is the first sign of work that Hertfordshire County Council will soon be starting to install new roofs on most parts of the school.

The new roofs will be better insulated and prevent water ingress, which will be a significant improvement for the school environment. This is work that would be beyond the school's budget alone, so we are very grateful to the County Council for funding and organising it.

School will continue to operate as usual while the work is completed. We are currently waiting for a confirmed starting date.

Attendance Trophy

A big well done to Morris Class, who won the Attendance Trophy last week with an impressive 99.1% attendance, and also the previous week with 97.8%. Excellent commitment to learning.

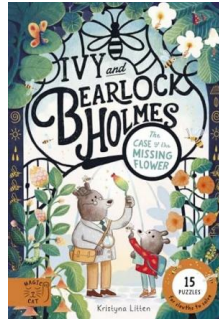
Thank you, as always, to parents and carers for supporting your children in their education and for the continued partnership between home and school.

Mr Holmes

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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!



Miss Cole recommends:

Ivy and Bearlock Holmes by Kristyna Litten

Appealing graphics and puzzles to solve throughout – good at engaging the young reader.

Perfect for Year 2, Lower KS2



Miss Pettengell recommends:

What happens On Line by Nathaniel Lessore

About a boy who is a really cool gamer (anonymous) but not so cool in school. Everyone is talking about this cool gamer online and they do not know it is him.

Perfect Upper KS2/Teenage



Stars of the Week

DONALDSON

Elijah Windsor-Richards, Sadie Stevenson, Eden Lewis & Edie Chamberlain

CARLE

Elizabeth Rich, Arya Handa, Joshua Cottenden & Maximilian Luis

MORRIS

James Towersey, Edward Warner-Smith, Tino Chaweresa & Chloe Wijesekera

TAN

Jude Jackson, Jack Chamberlain, Whole Class & Malachy Fulton-Bout.

Outside Achievements

Don't forget to share your child's outside achievements. Well done.

A quick update, Charlotte Rich who left us last summer, has now qualified for East Regional Swimming Championships in May. It's always good to hear the successes of past pupils. Congratulations to Charlotte.



THURSDAY 26TH MARCH | 4:30PM - 6PM

Weston Primary School Hall,
Maiden St, Weston, Hitchin SG4 7BG

£6 a ticket

includes Drink, Hot Dog & Sweets
Scan QR Code to buy your tickets.



Please purchase tickets in advance, by scanning the QR code to book.
This Disco is for Reception - Year 6. If your child is in Reception, they WILL
NEED to be accompanied with a parent during the Disco.

Youth Group

at Holy Trinity Weston

Meeting at 4pm in church, with snacks, games, and a chance to explore big questions and share ideas about life, faith, and the world. For anyone in Years 6-9.

Scan the QR code to sign up, or contact
thekingswoodbenefice@gmail.com



January 25th
February 22nd
March 22nd

www.thekingswoodbenefice.co.uk



Weston Village Hall Activities & events Spring 2026

CAFE & BOOK EXCHANGE open for coffee/tea and cakes every Saturday 10.30-12

NATTERING NEEDLES is back on Thursday 5 February 2-4pm in Reading Room.

BRIDGE CLUB is back on Monday 2 February 2-4.30pm in Reading Room.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB Tuesday evening session restarting on Tuesday 3 February.

YOUTH CLUB returns for 2026 on Friday 13 February.

QUIZ NIGHT Friday 20 March at 7pm to raise funds for our roof appeal. Tickets must be booked in advance, £16 per person to include fish and chip supper available from Village Shop or e-mail Michele on chair@vvh.org.uk

ROOF APPEAL Please support our roof appeal. We need to raise £80,000 to keep the hall alive.
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/raise-funds-to-replace-the-roof>



Regular Activities 2026

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	10am – 12pm Art Group		10.15am – 12.15pm Table Tennis Club	Term time only 9.30 – 11.15am Cherry Tots	10.30am – 12pm Café & Book Exchange
2-4.30pm Bridge Club	11am – 12pm Everyone Active Senior Fitness	11am – 12pm Strength & Balance	4 th Thursday 10.30am – 12pm Men's Coffee Club		
	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday 1.30-4.30pm Patchwork	Term time only 12-1.30pm Senior Citizens Lunch Club	1 st Thursday 2-4pm Nattering Needles 3 rd Thursday 1.30-4.30pm Patchwork	1.30-3.30pm Wellbeing Hub	
4-6.30pm Children's Ballet	3.45-4.45 Modern/Tap 4.45-5.45 Street Dance		4 th Thursday 2-4pm Ladies' Friendship Group		
	6-7pm Ladies' Badminton		6-7pm Contemporary Dance	4.30-5.30pm Children's Ballet	
7-8pm Pickleball	7.30-8.30pm Table Tennis	7-8pm Yoga	7.30-8.30pm Pilates	2 nd Friday 7-9pm Youth Club	

QUIZ NIGHT

Raise the roof for
Weston Village Hall !

WHEN
Friday 20th March 7pm

Teams of six

WHERE
Weston Village Hall

CASH or CARD BAR

beer, wine,
gin, vodka,
mixers,
prosecco

Entry £16 per person includes
fish and chip supper



RAFFLE



Prizes to be won

Advance tickets only
from village shop or Michèle at
chair@vvh.org.uk

Why we are raising money.

The village hall roof has sheltered so many cherished memories but is now in urgent need of replacement.

By donating to the roof fund, you're helping protect the future of Weston's community life keeping the lights on, the doors open, and the laughter echoing for generations to come.



YOUR POP-UP PUB IS BACK!

THE JACK O'LEGS ARMS

FRIDAY 27th FEB AT 7PM
EVERYONE WELCOME

GAMES NIGHT
DECENT BEER, GOOD WINE
& GREAT COMPANY
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
EVERYONE WELCOME

Come along for a bit of fun and friendly competition with board games, table tennis and maybe a quiz. Bring your game face (and maybe a bit of luck!). It's the perfect chance to catch up with friends, meet new faces, and enjoy a relaxed night out right here in the village. Spread the word and bring a friend.

Where: Weston Village Hall

When: From 7pm Friday 27th February

What: Beer, wine, games, laughter, and good vibes