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Summer Term, Issue 1



Weston News

A Community, Learning and Growing



Dates for your Diary:

Mon 4th May
BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May
SATs week – Yr 6

Mon 11th– Fri 15th May
Yr 5 Bikeability

Thurs 21st May
Class & Year 6 Leaver photos

Thurs 21st May 3.15
Year 6 Trip Meeting

Mon 25th – Fri 29th May
HALF TERM

Mon 1st June
INSET DAY
Tues 2nd June 9.00-4.30
U11 Cricket Festival – selected team

Weds 3rd June
Donaldson visit by Little City

Fri 5th June 9.00-12.00
Rural Athletics selected team – St Ippolyts

Mon 8th June 9.00
FoWS Father's Day Shop

Tues 9th June 9.00
FoWS Father's Day Shop

Fri 12th June 9.30-2.30
KTS Olympic Event Tan Class

Mon 15th – Fri 19th June
Yr 6 residential

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News from Mr Holmes

Carle Class Open Day

Thank you to all parents and family members who attended the recent Open Day in Carle Class. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and to share the children's learning with you. Opportunities like this are one of the best ways to see your children's progress in both their learning and development, and the pride they take in their work.

We were delighted to hear such positive feedback, as the following:
"It is great to see my son's confidence growing in his learning. It was lovely to see how proud he is of his books. His DT puppet is fantastic!" – parent in Carle Class

Your support and engagement make a real difference to the children's confidence and enthusiasm.

Morris Class Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple

Morris Class had a fantastic day out recently as part of our RE curriculum. Alongside learning about Christianity, we also teach children about other major world religions, and this visit helped deepen their understanding of Hinduism.

The children were very impressed by the statues and intricate decoration of the temple. A particular highlight was their time outdoors, where they enjoyed looking after the cattle on site and even being pulled along in a wagon.

Experiences such as this help our children to appreciate that not everywhere looks the same as Weston, broadening their understanding of the wider world.



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Dates for your Diary:

Mon 15th June 9.30-2.30 tbc

Carle Class trip to Church Farm, Ardeley

Mon 22nd – Fri 26th June
Sports Week

Weds 24th June 9.00-12.00

Sports Day

Tues 30th June 1.45-3.00

Morris Class Concert

Weds 1st July 9.00-12.00

Reserve Sports Day

Thurs 2nd July 1.30-4.00

U11 Rural Rounders – selected team – St Ippolyts

Fri 3rd July 9.30-12.00

Ridlins Athletics – selected team

Mon 6th July 6.00

New Nursery & Reception children parents meeting – school hall

Tues 7th July 12.30-3.30

Intervillage athletics – selected team

Thurs 9th July

Transition / Moving Up Day

Thurs 16th July 9.30

Thanksgiving Service
Holy Trinity Church, teas & coffees from 9.00

Thurs 16th July 2.15-3.15

Meet the Teacher Open Day

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Research into Reading for Pleasure

In the 2024–2025 academic year, a visiting researcher from Birmingham University worked with some of our pupils on a Reading for Pleasure study. We have recently received an update, and we are pleased to share some of the key findings.

The research team developed and tested new online measures of reading experience, reading ability and spelling. These included ways to assess how much children read for pleasure, alongside tests for word and sentence reading, as well as spelling.

Their findings showed that children who read more frequently for pleasure demonstrated stronger reading and spelling abilities.

We are grateful to have been part of this important research and remain committed to fostering a love of reading across the school.

Sporting Update

Well done to Morris Class, where all pupils received swimming certificates in recognition of the progress they made during their weekly lessons in the Spring Term. It is wonderful to see their confidence growing in the water. Our football team also recently took part in an end-of-season tournament, achieving a good mix of wins, draws and losses. Most importantly, they showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

Congratulations to all children involved in these activities. Your effort and positive attitudes are commendable.

Christian Value – Friendship

This half term, we have introduced the Christian value of Friendship. The children have been exploring what it means to be a good friend, including kindness, honesty and support for others.

We encourage you to discuss this value at home with your child, thinking together about what real friends do for each other and how we can show friendship in our daily lives.

K'Nex

Both Morris and Tan Class took part in the **Go Construct K'NEX Challenge**, an engineering workshop designed to spark curiosity, creativity and collaboration. The children worked in pairs to tackle an exciting building challenge — developing real STEM skills along the way!



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Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 16th July 4.30-6.00

FoWS End of Year Disco

Thurs 23rd July 9.30

Leavers Assembly – Year 6 parents invited

**Thurs 23rd July 1.30
END OF TERM**

Attendance

Well done to all children who received Silver or Gold Attendance Certificates in the first week of term for their attendance in the previous half term. Strong attendance is key to enjoying school and making good progress.

Congratulations to Morris Class, who won the Attendance Trophy this week with 98.2% attendance. Tan Class achieved 98.8% last week, and Donaldson Class won the previous week with 96%.

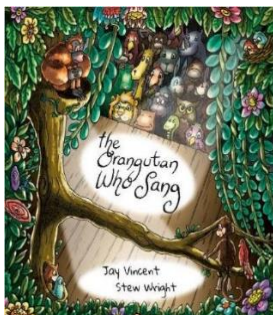
Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school regularly and on time.

Thank you, as always, to our staff for their hard work and dedication, and to all parents and carers for supporting your children in their education.

Mr Holmes

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!

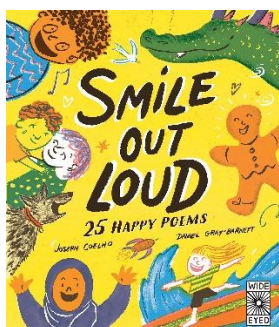


Miss Pettengell recommends:

The Orangutan Who Sang by Jay Vincent

Olly is shy and anxious - He can sing so ends up doing it in front of an audience

Perfect for Year 1 / 2



Mrs Nelson recommends:

Smile Out Loud by Joseph Coelho

25 happy poems including actions and silliness · Recommended on Reading 4 pleasure website

Perfect for KS1

Stars of the Week



DONALDSON

William Hill, Corey Wijesekera, Harry Ravilious & Rory Jackson-Stops

**CARLE
MORRIS**

Florence Toal, Erik Naughton, Lily Lewis & Elliott Connor
Lucas Edwards & Delia Connor

TAN

Henry Clifford, Charlie Latin, William Bolster-Vis & Archer Armon Jones

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Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Erik Naughton in Carle Class for achieving Rainbow Award 25M and to Jack Chamberlain & Herbie Brame in Tan Class for representing their football team (Bedwell Rangers Galaxy) in the Royston Crow Kim Bailey Trophy Final. The game was played at Stotfold Football Club, where they took on the opponents of Letchworth Garden City Eagles Flame. After a tight and well fought game, they managed to both get on the score sheet for a 2-1 victory. Well done.

