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Summer Term, Issue 3



Weston News

A Community, Learning and Growing



Dates for your Diary:

Fri 26th June 3.15

FoWS selling ice lollies outside school & every Friday until end of term.



Mon 29th June 9.30-2.30

Carle Class trip to Church Farm, Ardeley

Mon 29th June

Reception Dental Survey

Tues 30th June 1.45-3.00

Morris Class & musicians Concert

Weds 1st July 9.00-12.00

Sports Day

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

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News from Mr Holmes

Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL

Last week, our Year 6 children travelled to Bawdsey Manor on the Suffolk coast for a fantastic week of outdoor and adventurous activities. The weather was perfect for this kind of trip, allowing the children to make the most of every opportunity on offer.

Activities included abseiling, archery tag (with foam-tipped arrows), a visit to the beach, orienteering, zip line, buggy building and many more exciting challenges. Throughout the week, the children showed resilience, teamwork and determination, while also having a great deal of fun.

Most importantly, they behaved exceptionally well and were a real credit to both the school and their families. They represented our school brilliantly wherever they went.

A massive thank you to Mrs Gooderson and Miss Pettengell for joining me in spending 24 hours a day with the children throughout the week. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. I think it is fair to say that all staff slept very well once they finally got home.



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Dates for your Diary:

Fri 10th July

Morris Class Trip to Verulamium

Thurs 16th July 9.30

Thanksgiving Service
Holy Trinity Church, teas
& coffees from 9.00

Thurs 16th July 2.45

Premier Education
information for parents

Thurs 16th July 3.15-4.15

Meet the Teacher Open Day

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

Tues 1st Sept INSET DAY

Weds 2nd Sept START OF AUTUMN TERM

Mon 7th Sept 11.30

Reception lunch with a parent

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct HALF TERM

Mon 2nd Nov INSET DAY

Fri 4th Dec OCCASIONAL DAY

Sports Week

With the hot weather this week, we made the decision to postpone Sports Day to our planned reserve date of Wednesday 1st July. We hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us.

The rest of Sports Week has gone ahead as planned, although some activities have been adapted to suit the weather conditions.

On Monday, every class took part in dance workshops, Tuesday brought golf sessions, carefully adapted to ensure children did not spend too long in the sun. We may even have identified a few future Rory McIlroys.

Today, all classes have enjoyed a session of Kim Ball using the largest beach ball many of us have ever seen. On Friday, children will have the opportunity to take part in table tennis activities.

Thank you to Miss Cole and Mrs List for organising such an enjoyable and varied week of activities for the children.

Year 1 and Year 4 Tests

Well done to all of our Year 1 children who recently completed their Phonics Screening Checks. Phonics provides key knowledge for reading and, of course, reading is essential for accessing learning across the curriculum and throughout life.

Congratulations also to our Year 4 pupils who completed their Multiplication Tables Checks. Secure times table knowledge is another important life skill which supports so much of children's mathematical learning.

Thank you to Miss Cole and Mrs Gooderson/Mrs Bull for all of their hard work in preparing the children for these Government assessments.

Hot Weather

Thank you to all parents and carers who have sent children to school already wearing sun cream and equipped with hats and water bottles. This has been especially important during the current spell of hot weather.

As outlined in my letter earlier this week, we have remained open with our usual start and finish times thanks to a range of measures. These include keeping blinds and curtains closed where possible, opening windows early each morning to allow cooler air into the building, reducing the use of lighting indoors, and encouraging staff to make use of cooler areas of the school.

Children have spent less time outdoors, with activities taking place in shaded areas wherever possible, including under the gazebos we have erected. Electric fans have been used throughout the school, children are being regularly reminded to drink water and refill bottles, and school meals have been switched to cold options on the hottest days. Children have also been able to wear PE kit throughout the week.

A big thank you to all staff for persevering and continuing to provide excellent learning opportunities in these challenging conditions.

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Other Sports News

Our girls' cricket team achieved an excellent third-place finish out of ten schools in a tournament earlier this half term. This was particularly impressive given that we were one player short of the ideal team size. Well done to all involved.

More recently, a team of children from Reception through to Year 6 represented the school at the Rural Sports athletics competition in St Ippollyts. The children demonstrated fantastic behaviour, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event against other small schools. Well done to everyone who took part.

Meet the Teacher Day

Please join us on Thursday 16th July for our Meet the Teacher Day. This is an opportunity for families to meet their child's teacher for next year and also to thank their current teacher for all of their support this year. With our mixed-age classes, some children may even have the same teacher again next year.

The event will take place from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Most families come straight after school and bring their children along.

Attendance

A big well done to Carle Class, who won the Attendance Trophy this week with 96.7% attendance. Congratulations also to Morris Class, who won last week with 99%, Tan Class with 97.2% the week before, and Donaldson Class, who won the previous week with 92.6%.

Well done to all children who received certificates for 100% attendance or 98%+ attendance during last half term.

Please remember that schools are not permitted to authorise holidays during term time except in truly exceptional circumstances.

As we move towards the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to thank all of our staff for their continued hard work and commitment to the children. Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support and for working in partnership with us to support your children's education. It is greatly appreciated.

Mr Holmes

After School Clubs

Premier Education will at school outside Carle\Tan Class on Thursday 16th July to talk to parents about what they offer in respect of after school care/clubs. To find out more pop along for a chat.

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!

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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Mr Holmes Recommends:

Where the Wild things are by Maurice Sendak. Originally published in 1963, the story follows a mischievous boy named Max who, after being sent to his room for misbehaving, imagines a mysterious forest and sails to an island inhabited by giant monsters (warning – the illustrations are quite genuinely scary!).

Perfect for KS1

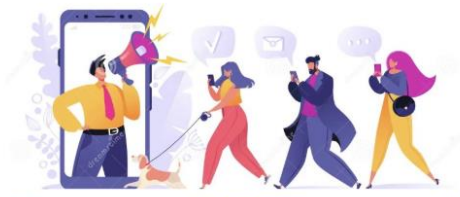


Stars of the Week

DONALDSON	Kai Kinnear, Felix Cherry, India Shelsher, Mia Cherry & Junior Harkness
CARLE	Eliza Hardiman, Phoebe Bastin, Joshua Cottenden & Lilah Shelsher
MORRIS	Harrison Toal, Elsie Roberts, Alex Langridge & Oliver Yates
TAN	Soraia Rocha Neto, Joel Potts, Archer Armon-Jones & Isabelle Logan

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Charlie Bainbridge in Carle Class for receiving a medal from Letchworth RFU U8s for playing well this season & getting better at rugby each week, to Jakob Cottenden in Morris Class for being part of the winning team in a friendly competition in Red Academy at Letchworth Tennis Club and to Harrison Toal in Morris Class for learning the Water Safety Code. Well done.



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VOLUNTEER PUBLICITY LEAD

Could you help put our Village Hall at the heart of the community?
We're looking for an enthusiastic Volunteer Publicity Lead to help spread the word about events, activities, and opportunities at our Village Hall.

What you'll do:

- ✓ Create and share social media posts
- ✓ Promote events and community activities
- ✓ Help design posters and publicity materials
- ✓ Encourage local residents to get involved

What you'll bring:

- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Creativity and enthusiasm
- ✓ Basic social media knowledge
- ✓ A passion for supporting your local community

Time commitment is flexible, and you'll be making a real difference to village life.

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