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Weston News

A Community, Learning and Growing

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Dates for your Diary:

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct
HALF TERM

Mon 2nd Nov
INSET DAY

Tues 3rd Nov
No music lessons with Jenni

Tues 3rd Nov 1.00-3.00
KS1 Multi-Skills Festival, Whitehill, selected team

Weds 4th Nov 1.30-3.30
U11 Cross-Country competition, KTS, selected team

Sat 7th Nov
FoWS Fireworks & bonfire night

Tues 10th Nov
Dahl Woodland Walk

Sat 14th Nov 9.30-11.00
EYFS Open Morning for prospective parents

Mon 16th Nov
Anti-bullying Week

Tues 24th Nov
Flu vaccinations – catchup

Thurs 26th Nov 2.15-3.15
Open Afternoon

Fri 13th Nov
Children in Need

Sat 14th Nov 9.30-11.00
EYFS Open Morning for prospective parents

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News from Mr Boxall

Dear Parents and Carers

As we end the first half-term of the academic year, it offers a perfect opportunity to reflect and celebrate so many positive things happening at Weston.

- Feedback on Class Dojo has been exceptionally positive with parents and carers thoroughly enjoying being able to have a view into school and classroom to provoke conversations at home about learning and experiences.
- Parents have valued the opportunity to come into our celebration assemblies to celebrate their 'Stars of the Week'
- Music lessons continue to be a hit with the 1-2-1 sessions with Jenni alongside the Toots that Fan Class are learning to play.
- We held our fantastic Harvest Festival at the church where the children demonstrated fantastic singing and readings throughout.
- We have celebrated Black History Month as a school and the children have enjoyed learning more about Floella Benjamin, Mary Seacole, Harriet Tubman and Nelson Mandela as 'history makers'.
- FoWS led their Halloween Disco this week, kindly supported by Mrs Bull, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Clift. I think the children seemed to enjoy themselves although it was hard to see with their masks and face paint.
- Today, we hosted Darren from Roots to Food where children made a chicken jambalaya as part of Black History Month. It was great to see the children listening, following instructions and showing a real passion for it. I have shared the recipe with this newsletter if the children want to have a go at making it for/with you over half-term.

We also have so much to look forward to coming up:

- Supported by FoWS, we have secured a contractor to improve the toilet area in Dahl Class which was in desperate need of restoration. Works will take place from Monday 9th November and will mean Dahl Class will be temporarily rehomed in our spare classroom for a couple of weeks whilst work takes place.
- FoWS have also helped to fund a number of new iPads for the children to use in computing lessons and to support the wider curriculum in KS2.
- We look forward to inviting parents into school on the afternoon of Thursday 26th November for an Open Day (2:15pm-3:15pm). This will be an opportunity to come into class and experience the wonderful learning across the whole curriculum so far this autumn term.

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Thurs 26th Nov 2.15-3.15
Open Afternoon

Fri 27th Nov 9.30
EYFS tour for prospective parents

Fri 4th Dec
OCCASIONAL DAY

Mon 7th Dec
FoWS Christmas Shop

Tues 8th Dec 9.30
EYFS tour for prospective parents

Fri 11th Dec
Rundell Class singing in village hall for Herts Wellbeing Hub

Mon 14th Dec 2.00
Yr 3 / 4 Performance

Tues 15th Dec 9.30
Waddell Performance

Tues 15th Dec 6.00
Yr 3 / 4 Performance

Weds 16th Dec
FoWS Christms Shop

Thurs 17th Dec 9.30
Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church with teas/coffees served from 9.00

Fri 18th Dec 1.30
END OF TERM

Mon 4th Jan
INSET DAY

Tues 5th Jan
START OF SPRING TERM

- And whilst I know it's still October, we have a number of festive events planned including the Panto, Decoration Day, Christmas dinner, FoWS Christmas Shop and our Christmas Service.
- Finally, Dahl Class will be performing for parents on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December, with Waddell Class will also be performing for parents on the 15th.

Staffing

Mrs Brewster, one of our afternoon teaching assistants, leaves us today having taken the difficult decision to leave Weston. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her hard work in her time with us.

Parking

A reminder for parents to park responsibly and respect the natural boundaries in place, especially in Munts Meadow.

Finally, and I know I've said this an awful lot in my first half-term.... Thank You! Weston is a wonderful community and I regularly remind myself how honoured and privileged I am to serve the community. Thank you for trusting me to address any concerns you have and work in partnership with you. I intend to continue to understand and reflect on parent voice and tweak our provision to make it even better still. Thank you for joining us in celebrating your children's successes. I'm incredibly excited about future opportunities and continue to put the children at the heart of everything we do.

Have a restful half-term and we will look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd November after our INSET day.

Ricky Boxall
Headteacher

Class Attendance

The Class Attendance Cup for the week commencing Monday 5th October was Fan Class with 98.6% and Monday 12th October was Fan Class again with 98.3%. Thank you to parents & carers for supporting your child's attendance.

Individual & Sibling Photographs

The deadline for ordering photos is Monday 26th October. If you have lost your proof card please contact the office.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school after half term. Paper poppies are any donation, but the other items will be minimum of £1.

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Prospective Parent Tours

Do you know of anyone that might be looking for a place in Nursery or Reception in September 2027? If so, we are offering tours on the following dates:

2026 - Fri 27th Nov & Tues 8th Dec all at 9.30am
2027 - Weds 6th Jan, Thurs 28th Jan & Fri 26th Feb all at 9.30am

We are also holding an Open Day in our Early Years unit at 9.30am on Saturday 14th November 2026. Come along and find out more.

If these dates are not suitable Mr Boxall is happy to show parents around at another time.

Please contact the school office to book a place.

Stars of the Week

FAN CLASS Rory, Elizabeth, India, Corey & Eliza

DAHL CLASS Lilah, Erik, Millie & Charlie B

RUNDELL CLASS Gracie, Elsie, Chloe & Faith

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Elizabeth in Fan Class for competing in both 25M Freestyle & 25M Backstroke in the Tom Moore Charity Fundraiser swimming gala, to Corey in Fan Class for receiving Player of the Week at Datchworth RFC, to Arya in Dahl Class for achieving Core Level 7 at Stevenage Gymnastics Club, to Ivy in Rundell Class for taking part in a production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Gordon Craig Theatre, to Safiya in Fan Class for achieving Core level 10 at Stevenage Gymnastics Club & to Eliza in Fan Class for submitting a story to the BBC 500 Words Competition. Well done.

After School Wrap Around

Premier Education

Wrap Around clubs will be changing for the 2nd half of the Autumn Term.

Monday	-	Football
Tuesday	-	Dodgeball
Wednesday	-	Multi-Skills
Thursday	-	Dance

Clubs run from 3.15 – 4.30 and cost £5.00 per session, payable for the whole half term. There is a discount for children in receipt of Pupil Premium. Please enquire at the office.

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Please click on this link for details.

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Fireworks



Don’t forget to claim your free child tickets. Click below.

[Free Child Tickets for children in school]