



## West End Academy

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### School Council

In the autumn term, the school council decided they wanted to improve the gardening area. The children applied to the Persimmon Homes Community Champion scheme for a donation to help carry out this work. We have just found out that the children have won £1,000 from the scheme! The children are excited and want to share their ideas on how to spend the money. They want to make the gardening area more appealing so that it can be used during science lessons and for extra-curricular clubs. I look forward to seeing how the children spend the money they have won!

### Safer Internet Day

Last week, our children celebrated Safer Internet Day. The children watched a video that shared top tips for staying safe online. If your child hasn't seen this video, they can still watch it. You can find the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MrcZNjioTs>

During the day, the children thought about the information available online and how to trust that information. We will continue to teach the children about staying safe online during their lessons on computing and relationships and health. More information to help keep children safe online is in the "Parents" section of our website, under "E-safety".

### World Book Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, our children will celebrate World Book Day. To mark the occasion, all our children will take part in special activities linked to a popular storybook. This week, your child should also have brought home a book token. The book token gives you £1 off a book. You can find out which books are available for £1 at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

This website will also let you know which local booksellers are taking part in this promotion.

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to years 1 and 6 for having an attendance of more than 99%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
96.55%	99.26%	94.4%	97.04%	92.17%	96.15%	99.26%	96.5%

### Mental Wellbeing

We continue to make mental health and positive wellbeing our priority. Wakefield CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) have produced some short films to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. One film is for children in Key Stage 2 and the other is for children in Key Stage 1. You can find these short films at:

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/wakefield-camhs-resources/>

This website also has other resources to help support the mental health of children and young people.

Have a lovely half-term and we will see you all on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher