



## West End Academy

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### Star Points

As you will know, the children have been collecting star points this term. Children receive star points for their outstanding work and excellent behaviour. Next week, the teachers will count up the stars for each child and they will receive a prize depending on how many points they have earned. Those children who have more than 100 star points this term will receive the biggest prize. Some children are very close to achieving this! I hope to see the children working hard next week to try and earn as many stars as possible.

### Mental Health

The Every Mind Matters campaign provides tips and advice to help children with their mental wellbeing. The campaign also aims to give parents and carers the knowledge to support their children. The advice is available on the NHS website at the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>

The website is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and how to support them. The site also offers advice to help maintain good mental wellbeing. It provides tools to help young people to stay mentally healthy and help them cope with whatever changes they may face in the future.

### Times Tables

We are working hard to improve our children's recall of their multiplication facts. By the end of Year 4, our children need to be able to quickly recall all of the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. In class, our children have been using various strategies to help them remember these facts and they have also played games on the computer. These games help the children to increase their speed of recall because they need to be able to answer the questions within six seconds. You can play one of the games at home with your child by using the following link: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. 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
91.7%	93.4%	92.4%	95.4%	95%	93.5%	91.5%	93.3%

### Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will take place next week. The children will need to remember to bring a change of clothes for the afternoon of their party. We have sent parents a letter to let them know the day of their child's Christmas party. You do not need to send any food or drink into school because we will provide these for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher