



## West End Academy

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### Visits from Governors

Two governors recently visited our school. They wanted to check our progress against the priorities shown in the school development plan. Mrs Booth, the parent governor, observed a speaking and listening intervention in our Reception class. Mrs Booth recognised that these sessions were supporting our children with the small steps to improve their speaking.

Mrs Shaw, the Chair of Governors, watched a history lesson and spoke with Miss Allan, our history leader. Mrs Shaw also asked the children what they had learnt in history throughout their time at school. After these conversations, Mrs Shaw said, "The children are clearly able to sequence events in chronological order. Some can explain why they happened in the order that they did." I am pleased that our children are making good progress in history and that one of our governors has recognised this.

### Reading

We recently sent a letter to the parents of our younger children. The letter explains what your child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The letter also gives information about how you can help your child at home with their early reading. Please keep going back over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already learnt. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, you can find it under the "Letters to Parents" section of our website.

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to years 3 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
95.5%	97.9%	96.3%	99.2%	97.3%	95.4%	99.6%	97.3%

### Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please come and get a form from the office. There are many benefits that your child could be missing out on if you don't apply.

### Twitter

Please remember to continue to check our Twitter account for the latest information about the academy. Last week, our teachers shared examples of work that the children have recently done in class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

