



Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year. The children have come back to school eager and ready to learn. They all look smart in their school uniforms! Also, welcome to all our new children and I hope you have a great time at West End!

Teaching and Learning

Information about what the teachers have planned for your child this term is on our website. We all continue to have high expectations for our children and we ask you as parents to support us in this. We all want the best for our children.

Achievement Assembly

The special mentions assembly will be held every Tuesday morning. We look forward to welcoming parents of children who have been recognised by the staff for their outstanding work and behaviour each week. Parents will receive an invitation to these assemblies every Friday.

PE

Through the use of the sports funding, we are committed to improving the quality of PE opportunities for our children. More details about what we have planned this year will follow shortly. The table below shows when the children will need to bring their PE kit to school.

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Upper Foundation	Monday	Monday
Year 1	Friday	Monday
Year 2	Friday	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday (Swimming)	
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Thursday	Tuesday

School Uniform

Please can I remind you about our rules for school uniform.

- West End Academy jumper or cardigan, white shirt with a grey skirt / trousers.
- Black shoes.
- Jewellery cannot be worn (only stud earrings are allowed and should be removed or taped up for PE).

PE Kit

- Black or navy shorts and a white T-shirt.
- Trainers for outdoor PE lessons.
- Warm black or navy top and trousers for outdoors.

Please make sure that your child's name is on all items of clothing. If you have any concerns about uniform, please call into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

Dinner Money

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school dinner. Dinner money is £2.80 a day or £14 a week for the children in Key Stage 2. If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please call in at the office for an application form.

Text Messages

Please remember to tell us if you change your mobile number so that we can update our system. We need up-to-date contact numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Thanks for your support with this.

Making an Appointment

If you have any concerns whatsoever, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher first. You can make this appointment by telephoning or visiting the office. If you feel that your child's teacher cannot help, please make an appointment to see Mr Jackson, our Deputy Head, or me.

School Term Dates

The school term dates and school holidays for this academic year are listed below. The school will also have INSET days throughout the year. Our INSET days will be Monday 6th January, Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July.

	School will close on	School will reopen on
Autumn half-term	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024
End of term	Friday 20 th December 2024	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Spring half-term	Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025
End of term	Friday 4 th April 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Summer half-term	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
End of term	Friday 18 th July 2025	

I am looking forward to another successful year and to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher