



West End Academy

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year! The children have come back calmly, eager and ready to learn and it has been lovely to hear the buzz around school as we set off on this new journey together. We are particularly proud of our new starters and youngest children who have joined us in Reception. They have enjoyed a couple of days full of curiosity and exploration and have settled into school life beautifully.

Before school started, our teachers met to reset our school vision and values and together, came up with three, brand new golden rules that will drive everything that we do;

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Resilient

These, along with a determination for ambition, feeling valued and being safe is our West End Way! We will continue to have high expectations for all our children, and we ask for your support with this.

Teaching and Learning

Look out for information from our class teachers about all the wonderful learning that will be taking place this half term. They will be sending you all the information that you need.

PE

Here are the PE days for your year group – children will need to bring their PE kit to school on these days.

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Reception	No PE kit required until after Christmas	
Year 1	Friday	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday	Monday
Year 3	Monday	Friday
Year 4	Friday (Swimming)	
Year 5	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday	Tuesday

School Uniform

Please can we remind you about our school uniform.

- Green jumper or cardigan (with or without a school badge), white shirt with a grey skirt / trousers.
- Black shoes and black indoor pumps
- 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 meal. Dinner money is £3 a day or £15 a week for the children in Key Stage 2. If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please use the following link <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals>

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. Thank you 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, after speaking with them, you feel that your child's teacher cannot help, please make an appointment to see Mr Jackson, our Deputy Head, or myself.

School Term Dates

The school term dates and school holidays for this academic year are listed below. The school will have 3 more INSET days, in line with other Waterton schools on 19th, 20th and 21st July 2027.

	School Closes On	School Opens On
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026
End of Term	Friday 18 th December 2026	Monday 4 th January 2027
Spring Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027
End of Term	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
Summer Half Term	Friday 28 th May 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027
End of Term	Friday 16 th July 2027	

School will also be closed on Bank Holiday Monday – 3rd May 2027.

We will be in touch next week with further dates and events for your diary – for now, thank you again for the warm welcome we have received back in school. As we navigate new classrooms, new senior leadership and new children, we appreciate all your support, patience and understanding whilst we build our new relationships.

Kind Regards,

The West End Team