



Friday 11th September 2026

What a great first full week we have had!

We are settling back into our routines, forming positive relationships with our new teachers and making new friends across school. This week has been all about The West End Way and what that looks like in action. We have talked a lot about the responsibilities that we all share to make our school a happy and safe place to be. Thank you to all of our fabulous staff who have taken the time to reset and uphold those high expectations. We have welcomed 3 new children in to school this week and hope that they have enjoyed their first few days at West End.

Welcome to our family!

Instagram

Thank you to everyone who has followed and / or liked our recent updates on Instagram. We are looking forward to sharing more of the exciting learning happening in classrooms soon – we’re just waiting for permission to be granted or declined for new students; this can be done using the school app. Our intention is to use this platform as a fun way to communicate with yourselves and to share the exciting learning that is taking place in school. If you don’t already follow us, simply search for @watwestendacademy . A gentle reminder to keep comments positive and do contact us if you have specific concerns.

All important information and key dates will be emailed to you. Parents of Reception children can now also find important updates on Tapestry. Please see Mr Lovatt if you have any issues setting this up.

Uniform Swap Shop

In school, we have lots of spare uniform that has been kindly donated over time. It has been washed and cleaned! Very soon, you will notice a small unit appear in the main entrance where you are welcome to come and take anything that you may need. We will be placing a small range of sizes out initially but please ask if there is anything specific you need – we will try our best to help. In the meantime, please speak to one of our lovely office staff if you need support with any items of clothing.

All Weather Breaks

As the weather starts to turn, please ensure your child brings a coat to school that is appropriate to go outside in all weathers. Whenever possible, we are hoping to still take our breaks outside.

Dates for this term

We have lots of exciting plans coming up and some dates are still to be confirmed but here’s what we have in our diaries so far! Information regarding each event will also be sent separately but for now, add these important dates to your diaries too. We hope you will be as excited as we are for some of the upcoming events!

Date	Event
Friday 25 th September	Dress as a Rockstar for the day! (Come to school in your best Rockstar outfit!)
Monday 28 th September	Flu Sprays for Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 30 th September	School Photographs
Friday 2 nd October	Yr 2 Trip – Emergency Vehicle Museum
Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow Day – in support of Children’s Mental Health and Wellbeing – wear one item of something yellow for the day for a £1 donation.
Wednesday 14 th October	Yr 3 Trip – Magna
Friday 16 th October	Yr 5 Trip – Royal Armouries
Tuesday 20 th October	Yr 6 – Rachel Knox Author Visit in school.
Wednesday 21 st October	Spooky Dress Up Day and Halloween Disco (Come to school in your best spooky outfit). Timings of the disco TBC.
Tuesday 3 rd November Wednesday 4 th November Thursday 5 th November	Year 3 and Year 4 – Inspire Event 1:45pm (Parents invited in to school) Year 1 and Year 2 – Inspire Event 1:45pm (Parents invited in to school) Year 5 and Year 6 – Inspire Event 1:45pm (Parents invited in to school)
Friday 6 th November	Yr 1 – Dino Fossil Workshop in school
Tuesday 10 th November 3:30 – 6pm Wednesday 11 th November 3:30 – 6pm	Parents’ Evenings – Will take place in individual classrooms this year. More information to follow but appointments will be available over both days in all year groups.
Thursday 12 th November	Yr 4 Trip – Leeds City Museum
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – Wear your spots to school and donate £1 for Children in Need.
Friday 20 th November	Yr 6 Trip – Lotherton Hall
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner (Wear your Christmas Jumper to school and donate £1 for Save the children).
Thursday 10 th December	Year 1, 2 and 3 Carol Concert – 9:15am and 1:30pm
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Friday 11 th December	Jolabokaflod Event (An old Icelandic tradition – come to school in your favourite festive PJs and bring a blanket and a book!)
Monday 14 th December	Reception Nativity – 9:30am and 1:30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole school Celebration Event – this used to be our ‘Always Green’ event but will now include ALL children.
Wednesday 16 th December	Sparkly Dress Up Day and Christmas Disco (Come to school in your best sparkly outfit) – Timings of the disco TBC
Thursday 17 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties
Friday 18 th December	Reception and KS2 Christmas Parties

Further dates to be confirmed – please watch out for further information.

Reception – Pantomime
Yr 3, 4, 5 Trip – Wakefield Museum
Singing at the Care Home

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Kind Regards,

The West End Team