



Farsley Westroyd Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher, Jenny Pashley

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As the Spring term comes to an end, in my opinion the best season of the year is on our doorstep! Warmer weather and more daylight bring more opportunity to every single day. There is such a sense of freedom in not having to put on layers of clothes before leaving the house and being able to move about freely.

It has been a strange term for me as Headteacher, not being in the school building every day for quite a few weeks. Planned preventative surgery on my hamstring at the end of January—to stop me causing any more damage to the tendon or tearing it completely—actually turned into full reattachment surgery and nerve repair when I slipped over and ripped it off the bone completely. It was slightly more serious than expected: four weeks of not moving the leg at all and a much longer recovery. If any of you have ever done something similar, you will appreciate the pain. It was real and I hope nothing like that ever happens again!

It shows, though, what an amazing team we have at Westroyd; they have, to quote Mr Popple, “cracked on.” I am really appreciative of our community and when I have got into school to see the children, they have just been delightful as always! I missed them so much. It also shows how settled and established we are as a school; routines and standards just carry on whether I am there or not. I do wonder, though, how many coffee cups Mr P had stacked up in our office in my absence at any one time? Miss Johnston tells me he “hasn’t been too bad,” though I’m not sure what that means...

We were mighty proud to be awarded Healthy Schools status this half term. Miss Martin and the children worked with the assessors to highlight all the brilliant work embedded at Westroyd to promote the children’s physical and mental health.

Anyway, as the term closes, we can look forward to fun times with our families and we are all looking forward to coming back and hearing what you have all been up to!



Sports update

We have quite a group of talented netball players in school, and we did incredibly well at the West Leeds tournament last week, winning..... A number of our girls train at Crawshaw and represent the county!

The Year of Reading

Thank you for participating in our recent sponsored read event and for all the fabulous costumes on World Book Day. The children told me it was one of their favourite days in school ever! We raised a total of £600, which is being spent on upgrading our book provision and developing reading nooks throughout the school.

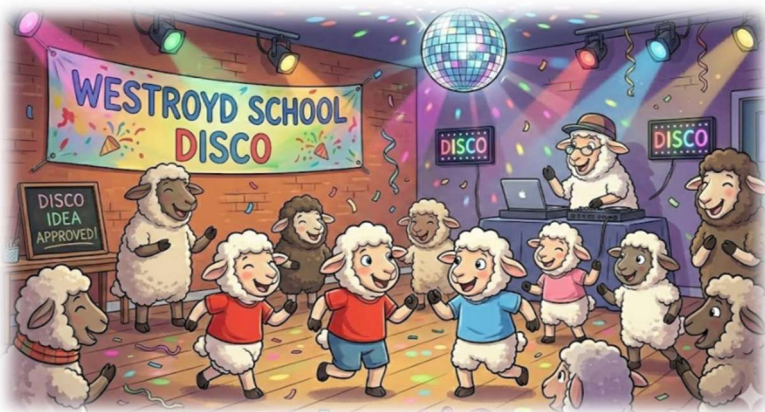


We need your help and inspiration!

Coming to school every day is what children do, and we are trying to enrich their day-to-day school life with additional exciting events. We know they love discos and movie nights, and our afternoon tea was such a wonderful sociable event. As a follow-on to the afternoon tea, we would really like to do more with both families and children together.

These events are also fundraisers for school, with the money going directly to the children in their classes. So, we are asking for help and inspiration—both in terms of time to facilitate the events, but also in organising and, most importantly, coming up with ideas!

We would like to invite you to a meeting at school on **Thursday 30th April at 2:30pm**. If you are unavailable, then please email the office instead at office@westroyd.org. We have such a lovely community of families and we want to see how we can do more together.



Behaviour

We are currently exploring changes to our behaviour policy in school, in response to what our children are telling us and what the latest evidence-based research tells us has the most impact. We work closely with the local authority educational psychology team, the LA inclusion team and our cluster.

As a consequence, we have had recent training on best-practice approaches to promote positive behaviour in a restorative way, how to use emotion coaching to encourage children to regulate their behaviour and how to consider how trauma may impact upon a child's behaviour. All really fascinating stuff! How and why we and our children behave as we do is complex for sure.

So, with our delightful children at the centre and in combination with what we have learnt, we want to make changes. We also value what you think, so do respond when the consultation comes out. We are continuing to try out strategies in school, upskill all the staff and consult with children, staff, parents and governors.

Uniform

Our children look fabulous; I often refer to the sea of red in front of me in assembly! It makes us all feel part of the team. We do, however, collate a large amount of unnamed jumpers and hoodies. As a parent myself, I used a Sharpie to write the name or initials on the label—even when it faded, it was still visible. If there is a name, we can easily return it to you!

Mrs Masouria will be hosting her pre-loved uniform stall the first week back. If you need any uniform, do get in touch and we will see what we have to ensure everyone is smart and proud as a Westroyder in red!



Home learning

We know that when parents and school work together, that is when there is real impact. The ethos of our school is to achieve, and the definition of achieve is to make good progress by doing everything that you can.

At Westroyd, we are a solution-focused school, which means we don't let barriers get in the way, choosing instead to find a way around challenges and make incremental gains any way we can. Sometimes these are just small steps; we know that, over time, small steps make a big difference.

At home, practising basic skills is incredibly useful, and that is why we focus solely on this for our home learning: reading regularly, practising arithmetic and learning spellings. We really appreciate the time and effort you put into supporting learning at home. I know we are all so busy, but it does make a real difference to the children.

School consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended, either in person or over the phone. We offer a hybrid approach to provide flexibility and encourage participation.

As we had to cancel Year 5 consultations due to the teacher being ill, these are now rescheduled for **Tuesday 28th April (telephone)** and **Thursday 30th April (face to face)** and you can make bookings through Arbor again. We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to seeing or talking to you on one of these days. If you cannot make it on one of these dates, please email the office and we will see what we can fit in around the teacher's teaching commitments.

Keeping everyone safe in PE

We have a duty of care to ensure that pupils participate in PE and sporting activities safely, without placing themselves or others at unnecessary risk. There are generic safety rules that all schools must follow, both within school and when representing the school at sporting events.

PE uniform: Black shorts, joggers or leggings, socks and trainers (with laces fastened properly). For gymnastics and dance lessons inside, our children will be barefoot.

Jewellery: Jewellery should not be worn for PE lessons, including watches.

Earrings: Earrings should be covered in tape for the lesson. If representing the school at a Leeds West Partnership event, earrings must be removed altogether.

Hair: Hair should be tied back and any hair bands removed.

Attendance

A reminder that for any absence from school, we do need to know about it in line with national safeguarding guidelines. If your child is ill, please ring the office before 9 am to let us know. The same applies if they have a medical appointment.

For any other absence, you need to complete a "Request for Leave of Absence" form, which is available from the website or school office. The government is very clear that holidays in term time are not an exceptional circumstance and should not be authorised; you also run the risk of a fine. Parents must do what they can to ensure their child attends school.



Staff spotlight – Miss Connell

Many of you will know Miss Connell, especially in KS1, as she is our Year 1 teacher. Miss Connell is the perfect representation of our school ethos, as she is consistently full of positivity and joy. Like many of us, she certainly has an eye for fun and works hard to ensure the children in her class enjoy their time in school, whilst also working hard to achieve their very best.

One thing about Miss Connell is that she must have a huge wardrobe at home, as she never seems to wear the same outfit twice! Out of school, she loves art and music and often attends gigs across a wide range of genres.

She loves the outdoors, is Forest School trained, and is always the first to volunteer for any residential trip. We value her immensely on our team, as she is always the first to step up for school events or to help anyone out.



Summer is coming

Sometimes we have an early summer, sometimes it rains for forty days and forty nights?! But better to be prepared and optimistic. If we see the golden ball in the sky, make sure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and that you have applied long lasting factor 50 suncream in a morning before they come to school.

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After-school clubs

Our run club, led by Mr Clough and Mrs Hart, is becoming very popular! You may have already seen them out and about in the local community.

We have signed up for a Parkrun, which will take place on **Sunday 14th June**. Please put the date in your diary now; more details will follow soon.





Wedding Bells at Westroyd!

We have some wonderful news to share with our school community. Two of our lovely staff members are heading down the aisle for their own separate celebrations!

We would like to offer our huge congratulations and best wishes to Miss Johnston, our SENCo, and Miss Watson, our Wraparound Manager, as they both prepare for their upcoming weddings.

Both are such vital parts of the Westroyd family, and we know you will join us in wishing them a lifetime of happiness as they begin these exciting new chapters. We can't wait to see the photos and hear all about their special days!

Congratulations to both of our brides-to-be!

Term dates next year

School Calendar academic year 2026/2027

Holiday	School Closes	School Opens
Summer Break		Tuesday 1 September 2026
Autumn mid-term	Friday 23 October 2026	Monday 2 November 2026
Christmas Break	Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 4 January 2027
Spring mid-term	Friday 12 February 2027	Monday 22 February 2027
Easter break	Friday 2 April 2027	Monday 19 April 2027
Summer mid-term	Friday 28 May 2027	Monday 7 June 2027
Summer Break	Thursday 22 July 2027	

Bank Holidays Include

25 December 2026	Friday	Christmas Day
26 December 2026	Saturday	Boxing Day
1 January 2027	Friday	New Year's Day
26 March 2027	Friday	Good Friday
29 March 2027	Monday	Easter Monday
3 May 2027	Monday	Early May Bank Holiday
31 May 2027	Monday	Spring bank holiday
30 August 2027	Monday	Summer bank holiday

Training Days 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 20th November 2026

Friday 28th May 2027

Friday 2nd July 2027



Calendar Dates - Summer

April 2026

- 20.4.26–23.4.26 – Y4 Swimming
- 23.4.26 – Y3 Trip to The Deep
- 24.4.26 – Grow a Pound Deadline
- 30.4.26 – TTR Battle Y3/Y4

June 2026

- 1.6.26 – Y4 MTC Test Week
- 4.6.26 – Y5 Horrible Histories Theatre Trip
- 5.6.26 – Y3 Horrible Histories Theatre Trip
- 8.6.26 – Y1 Phonic Screening Week
- 11.6.26 – Afternoon Tea for a Special Person @2pm
- 12.6.26 – Non-uniform for Chocolate Donations
- 14.6.26 – Family Park Run at Bramley Park
- 17.6.26 – New Reception & Nursery Parents Meeting @6pm
- 18–19.6.26 – Y4/Y5 Geography Residential (YHA Grinton Lodge)
- 19.6.26 – EY Open Session @2.30pm
- 25.6.26 – Summer Fair @3.30–4.30pm
- 26.6.26 – Y3 Sleepover
- 26.6.26 – Y1 Sharing Assembly
- 26.6.26 – Big Sing KS2
- 29.6.26–1.7.26 – Y6 Bikeability
- 30.6.26 – Reception Stay and Play

May 2026

- 4.5.26 – School Closed (May Bank Holiday)
- 5.5.26 – Y1 Phonic Screening Meeting @6pm
- 7.5.26 – Phonic Screening Meeting in Person @9am
- 7.5.26 – EY Open Session @2.30pm
- 11.5.26 – Y6 SATS Week
- 14.5.26 – SATS Treat (Y6 & Staff)
- 15.5.26 – Reception Trip to Hesketh Farm
- 15.5.26 – Y2 Sharing Assembly
- 21.5.26 – TTR Dress Up Day Y3/Y4

July 2026

- 1.7.26 – Reception Stay and Play
- 3.7.26 – School Closed (Training Day)
- 6.7.26 – Happy, Healthy Week
- 6.7.26 – Reports to Parents
- 8.7.26 – Sports Day KS1 & Reception @9.30am
- 8.7.26 – Nursery Sports Day @10.45am
- 8.7.26 – KS2 Sports Day @1.30pm
- 9.7.26 Yorkshire Water Workshops
- 10.7.26 – Reception Sharing Assembly
- 10.7.26 – Big SAMBA (Y5)
- 13.7.26 – Y6 vs Teachers Rounders @1.30pm
- 14.7.26 – Y6 Filey Trip (TBC)
- 15.7.26 – EY Beach Party
- 15.7.26 – Westroyd's Got Talent
- 15.7.26 – Y6 Prom
- 16.7.26 – End of Year Recognition @9am
- 16.7.26 – Y1/Y2 Theatre Trip
- 17.7.26 – Y6 Leavers Assembly @2pm
- 17.7.26 – Last Day of School