



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

3rd May 2024

Edition 29

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th May

- Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 7th May

- Tempest Photography – Class Photographs

Friday 10th May

- Parent Drop-In Session 8:30-9am

Advance Notice

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May

- Year 6 SAT's Week

Thursday 16th May

- Census Day Lunch Menu

A message from Miss Leach...



We've had a much better few months for attendance and lateness, but last week we had 51 late marks. Please remember that if your child is not going to be in because they are unwell or have an appointment to let us know ahead of time where possible.

The better weather means that we are seeing lots of jumpers and cardigans lying around – please can you check that they are named. We've got a lot of "new to you" uniform in the main entrance if you need to top up – there's a handy QR code to scan to donate to WISPA – and a whole rail of summer dresses if you would like a spare!

Have a good LONG weekend!
Miss Leach

LEADERSHIP CORNER

A message from Miss Leach

Assessment

It's a busy term for assessment and tests nationally, so I thought I'd outline what's happening across the school over the next few months.

EYFS - In EYFS years we assess against the 7 early learning goals for "Good Levels of Development (GLD) as we think about being year 1 ready.

Year 1 - Phonics Screening tests are a statutory assessment confirming whether or not pupils have met expected standards in phonic decoding.

Year 2 - End of KS1 tests are no longer statutory, but there are optional KS1 tests that we can use to benchmark where the children are with their learning.

Year 4 - The purpose of the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently. It helps us to identify pupils who have not yet mastered this so that additional support can be provided.

Year 6 - This month (13th-16th May) year 6 pupils will take the KS2 national curriculum tests, more commonly known as SATs.

These tests, alongside teacher assessment of English writing and science, are used to measure school performance and to make sure individual pupils have the support that they need as they move into secondary school.

There will be curriculum tests in English Grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics.

The administration of ALL of these tests and assessments will be done in a child friendly way – sometimes they don't even know they are happening! Please talk to class teachers should you have any questions.

Get in Touch

We always welcome suggestions and work in a solution focused way.

Please get in touch:

admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 22 nd – 26 th April 2024						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.88%	96.9%	94.44%	84.58%	96.06%	90.48%	91.33%
3	12	5	6	5	9	11

Our target is 95%. Being in school each day, if well, gives your child the best chance of learning and making good progress both educationally and socially. Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time.

Please can we remind you all about the process for reporting your child's absence. It is our duty of care to know where children are and our Office team are having to chase parents/carers on a daily basis when no information has been received regarding an absence.

Parents/carers must inform the school on the first day of absence by 9am, preferably via email, giving a reason for their child's absence. Parents/carers must give a specific reason for absence – "ill" or "unwell" is not an adequate reason for absence. If a reason is not provided, the absence will be marked as "unauthorised".

Parents/carers should also maintain daily contact with the school, preferably via email, until their child returns to school, unless otherwise advised that it is not necessary due to specific/long term illness. In these circumstances, the parent/carer will still be asked to keep school informed but on a less regular basis.

Thank you for your support.

Next Week's Learning

	Maths	English
Reception	Composition of 10 including finding the missing parts	Innovate a character from a story
Year 1	Multiplication	We are continuing to explore the text Little Red and the hungry Lion.
Year 2	Fractions of shapes	Instructions
Year 3	Long Division	Persuasive Writing – understanding the power of language
Year 4	Formal division	Persuasive letter writing
Year 5	Finding the area of compound shapes	Draft and write a descriptive recount creating mood and atmosphere
Year 6	Revision for SAT's	Advocacy Campaign

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you are eligible for certain benefits, you may be able to receive free school meals for your child and the school will receive Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education.

If your child already has a free school meal because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 (Universal Free School Meals), it is still important that you apply for free school meal funding, as your child could be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, which in 2023-24 was worth £1,455 per pupil who qualifies and would be used to support your child's education. This support can take many forms - everything from supporting their learning, their emotional and mental health, to offering financial support for them to attend clubs, trips and activities.

Click here [Free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#) to check your eligibility for Free School Meals. It only takes a few minutes to apply and if you would prefer us to apply on your behalf we are happy to help - please contact the school office on 01442 862729 or via email: admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk

Parent Governor Election

Voting is open for the Parent Governor Election, please click here [Parent Governor Election](#) for the link to the Google voting form and the personal statements for the candidates. Paper ballot forms are also available from the school office. Voting closes at midday on Friday 10th May 2024.

Menu Change – Thursday 16th May

Our School Census is on **Thursday 16th May 2024** and we would like to ask you to encourage your child to order a school dinner on this day as it will make a significant difference to our school budget. School funding for Government Free School Meals comes from the numbers that take up school dinners on a Census Day.

This is linked to Universal Infant Free School Meals and applies to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ONLY.

The menu for everyone on Thursday 16th May will be:

Red – Beef Burger in a Bun
Green – Quorn Pattie Burger (V)
Yellow – Cheese Spread Sandwich

Dessert – Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard

We thank you for your support.

Wellbeing and Parenting Information

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Newsletter this week 'Meaningful Conversations' talks about how as parents we can find time to have meaningful and valuable conversations with our children about the things that matter to them:

[Wednesday Wisdom | Meaningful Conversations | Tooled Up Education](#)

Family Lives Summer Term Groups

Family Lives are delivering 4 Online (via MS Teams) parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council, in the Summer term. These include:

- Bringing Up Confident ADHD /ASD children – Wednesday 15 May to 26 June 7-9pm
- Sorting Out Family Arguments – Thursday 16 May to 27 June 7-9pm
- Less Shouting, More Cooperation – Monday 3 June to 8 July 9:30-11:30am
- Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager – Tuesday 4 June to 9 July 7-9pm

For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email: services@familylives.org.uk

Local Events and Information

Game On Half-Term Multi-Sports Camp

On Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May, Game On Sports Coaching are running their multi-sports camp at Victoria School from 9am – 3pm for children in Years 1-6. Please see the flyer below for more information and to book, please visit: www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses

Junior Bowls

Starting this Friday (3rd May) 4.30-6pm, Berkhamsted Bowls Club will be running their fun outdoors junior bowls sessions for all children from age 10+. The weekly sessions will introduce players to this enjoyable sport through exciting challenges using obstacles and targets on the bowling green. Don't be fooled - Bowls is not just for older adults - everyone can enjoy this increasingly popular sport! Parents are encouraged to watch and get involved (and the bar is open for them too!) It's a great way for everyone to start the weekend in the sunshine* (*weather not guaranteed!). There is no need to book, just turn up. For more information, please check out: www.berkhamstedbowlsclub.co.uk.

Let's Play Holiday Club

A new holiday camp at Chesham Leisure Centre is starting this May half-term and will also be running over the summer holiday period. The club will be open to children aged 5-12. For more information, please visit: www.lets-play.org.uk or call: 01344 508008 or email: letsplay@play-sport.co.uk

Sewing Bee

Do you love sewing? Applications for Series 11 of The Great British Sewing Bee are now open and they are looking for a new bunch of amateur sewers to take part. They are keen to hear from anyone 18+ who has a passion for sewing and creating clothes for themselves or others, so if you or someone you know is a talented amateur sewer then please apply at www.applyforsewingbee.co.uk Applications Close: **8.00pm on Wednesday 15th May 2024**

Berkhamsted Art Fair

From Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May, Berkhamsted Art Society are holding an Art Fair Exhibition and Sale at the Civic Centre in Berkhamsted. The opening times are 9am-6pm on Friday 10th May, 10am-6pm on Saturday 11th May and 10am-4pm on Sunday 12th May. Entry is free and there will be a free art activity for all the family on the Saturday and Sunday. More than 60 local artists are taking part, with 380 pieces of art on display and available to buy, as well as ceramics, glass work, cards and gifts. To find out more, please visit: www.berkhamstedsociety.co.uk

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip
- Year 3 Sensory Garden Parent Helpers
- Parent Governor Election
- Year 6 SAT's Information leaflet

Copies of all letters sent home can be found in the letter rack outside the office and can also be accessed from our website within the '[Letters Home](#)' page

Our School Value this half term is Perseverance



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MAY & SUMMER FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, ARTS N CRAFTS, LASER TAG, SOFT PLAY, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING AND MORE!

Half-Term: Tuesday 28th May – Friday 31st May
Summer: Wednesday 24th July – Tuesday 3rd September



Chesham Leisure Centre

White Hill, Chesham HP5 1BB

9.00am – 4.00pm

Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

FROM £20.00 PER DAY!

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For more information,
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Multi Sports Course this May Half-Term

for Years 1 - 6 Primary School Pupils in Berkhamsted



Course Details

WHEN:
Thursday 30th & Friday 31st May

TIME:
9 am - 3 pm

COURSE VENUE:
Victoria School
Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted,
HP4 3HA

COST:
£22 for one day or £42 for two days

★ Children can attend as many days as they wish

★ Children work in groups with similar aged children. Opportunity to play fun skills based games and matches

★ We will cover Dodgeball, Football, Basketball and Tennis
★ Chance to win medals and trophies

★ All coaches are DBS checked, first-aid trained and have attended safeguarding courses

Book now at www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses

Any child who attends both days will receive Game On Sweatbands!

Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps?

Sidra Hussain,
Beezee Families Nutritionist

We are here to help!

Our free healthy lifestyle programme can support families like yours make healthy habits. Help yourself to our sweet tips below.

1. Create a shopping list for the family, before going shopping.
2. Have a weekly sweet voucher. Your children choose when to "cash in" for a portion of sweets.
3. Use the **NHS Food Scanner** app to help find healthy swaps in the shops.
4. Try having a mix of fresh and dried fruits to help the sweet cravings, i.e. dried mango, bananas.

5. Remember to have dried fruits in small amounts as the sugar is more concentrated.
6. Mix things up and make fruit more fun – try making fruit cocktails, smoothies or ice lollies.
7. Look for healthy sweet treat recipes online. We might be biased but we think beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes is pretty good!

Beezee Families



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*Our courses are for families with children aged 5+.

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Applications close Wed 15th May 2024




Come and Try Junior Bowls



First session FREE!

Who: Anyone aged 10+

What: Fun sessions using obstacles and targets to learn the sport of bowls

Where: Berkhamsted Bowls Club, Canal Fields, HP4 2AL

When: Fridays 4.30-6pm

Wear: Comfy clothes and flat shoes/trainers (all equipment supplied)



For more details: www.berkhamstedbowlsclub.co.uk

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Summer Term Groups



All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 15 May to 26 June 7pm - 9pm

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school. Our programme covers:

- ADHD/ASD - a whole-family issue
- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Helping your child manage their feelings and outbursts
- Balancing support of siblings
- Learning about structure and routines
- Supporting your child at school

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 16 May to 27 June 7pm - 9pm

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family. Our programme covers:

- How parents and children can be affected by conflict
- Strategies in handling and resolving conflict and anger
- Parent's role when there is sibling rivalry and jealousy, fostering cooperation rather than competition
- Effective communication, implementing boundaries and how to negotiate

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 3 June to 8 July 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control. Our programme covers:

- Exploring what helpful discipline is
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 4 June to 9 July 7pm - 9pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise. Our programme covers:

- Learn tools to help teenagers manage difficult emotions and become more emotionally resilient
- How to change parenting styles to meet the developmental needs of your teenager & remain effective
- How to talk to teens so they will talk to you and build strong relationships
- How to set effective boundaries to stop problem behaviour

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Friday 10 to Sunday 12 May
Civic Centre, Berkhamsted

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DEMONSTRATIONS

FREE ENTRY

Friday 10 May 9am-6pm
Saturday 11 May 10am-6pm
Sunday 12 May 10am-4pm

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and on social media @berkhamstedartsociety

