



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

26th May 2023

Edition 32

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

- Half-term Break – School Closed

Monday 5th June

- School re-opens to all pupils

Thursday 8th June

- Parent Forum – 9am
- Tempest Photography – Class Photos
- Forest School – Year 6

Friday 9th June

- Year 4 Class Assembly

Advance Notice – Dates for your diary

Monday 12th June to Wednesday 14th June

- Year 4 Residential – Hudnall Park

Thursday 15th June

- Clean Air Day

Friday 16th June

- Open Learning Morning

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 15 th – 19 th May 2023							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.06%	94.81%	86.33%	95.67%	97.33%	90.36%	96.43%	98.89%
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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.

Arbor Communications

Please can we remind you that all communications are now sent via the Arbor Parent Portal or App so please make sure that you check your account regularly to ensure that you do not miss out on any important updates and communications. To be notified of messages within the Arbor app, please ensure you have push notifications turned on. Thank you.

Reporting Absences

Please can we remind you that if your child is absent for any reason, you MUST telephone or email the school office before 9am on each day of absence detailing the reason.

In line with our safeguarding procedures and the requirements for schools, if we do not hear from you, we will contact you as follows:

- Send an In-App message through Arbor.
- If there is no response, we will phone the primary contacts.
- If there is still no response, we will send a further urgent request via email and/or text

If we are still unable to make contact with you, we may also conduct a home visit and seek advice from the police as your child will then be classed as 'a missing child'. The police may carry out a welfare check.

These procedures are to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we head into the summer months and hopefully some sunnier weather, please can you ensure that your child has sun cream applied in the morning and that they have a named sun hat in school. It is school policy that staff **DO NOT** apply sun cream to children so it must be applied before they come into school. Thank you.

PE Kit Reminders

Thank you for supporting the change of uniform to wearing P.E kit on the days we have P.E. We have noticed, however, that some children are wearing a variation of sportswear so please can we remind you that children should be wearing:

- Blue t-shirt (plain or with a Westfield logo)
- Black shorts
- Black bottoms (plain joggers or leggings)
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers

There should not be any other coloured items being worn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any branded items with large logo's on them. Thank you for your support.

Dacorum Family Services Parent Workshop – Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

Dacorum Family Services are running a FREE online workshop on Thursday 15th June (10-11:30am) for parents of children moving up to Secondary School in September. Areas covered within the workshop will include homework, staying safe and keeping connected. For more information and to book, please refer to the flyer emailed home today or contact Jan Nethercoat at: jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk - Telephone: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Newsletter this week 'Wonder and Curiosity' explores the concepts of wonder and curiosity: <https://www.tooledupeducation.com/wisdom/wonder-and-curiosity/>

Previous articles are also available via the tooled up website: <https://www.tooledupeducation.com/tooled-up/wednesday-wisdom/>

ADD-vance Parent Courses

The ADD-vance summer programme of 6-week courses funded by Hertfordshire County Council is now open for booking. Weekly online support groups are also running. Courses include:

- Understanding ADHD & Autism
- Understanding ADHD & Autism for Dads
- Understanding ADHD & Autism in Girls

For more information and booking details, please see flyer below.

Local Events and Information

Please find below details of local events, activities and information for:

Ashlyns Festival – Back after a 3-year hiatus, the 2023 Ashlyns Festival will take place on 14th and 15th July and promises to be bigger and better than ever before! A feast of family fun, this community-led event promises live music, comedy performances, a delicious array of locally-provided food and drink, an activity-stuffed fun zone, and the ever-popular glow-up tent. For more information and to book tickets, please visit: www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk

College Lake Nature Reserve – The Wildlife Trust for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire (BBOWT) have a range of fun events for families and children including:

- Wildlife Garden – open on 31 May (Ages 2 – 12 years)
- Young Rangers – a monthly club for children aged 8-12 years
- Teen Rangers – a monthly club for young people aged 11-17 years
- Nature Explorer Day Camps – in the August holidays for children aged 7-12 years

To find out more, please visit: <https://bbowt.org.uk/events>

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Dacorum Family Services Parent Workshop – Transition to Year 7
- Year 4 Hudnall Park Final Reminders & Kit List
- Forest School After-School Club
- Slapped Cheek Syndrome Information
- Art Club – Summer 2 Project
- Years 5 & 6 Inter-District Swimming Championships

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

After half-term we will be celebrating all our School Values

Friday 14 July 6pm until 11pm

Comedy Night

Pre-show drinks and food from 6pm
Acts on stage from 8pm
Drinks interval between every set

Our event partners  **BERGSON & EATON**

Saturday 15 July 12 noon until 11pm

Ashlyns festival

live music

food stalls

full bar activity zone

Ashlyns School, Berkhamsted **Parking on-site**

Visit our website at:
www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk
for more info and tickets!




What's on at College Lake

Berkshire Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Wildlife Clubs

Be a Wildlife Warrior and help us look after our amazing nature reserve! From September we will be running a monthly wildlife club for children/ young people aged 8-16.

- 🌱 Learn about wildlife - that's animals and plants
- 🌱 Learn, in an upbeat way, about valuable conservation work and how to use tools safely
- 🌱 Develop scientific knowledge and bush craft skills as you build up experience.

2nd Saturday of the month

🕒 8-11 yrs - 10.30am - 12.30pm 🕒 11-17 yrs 1.30pm - 3.30pm



£7* per young person. Booking essential.




* - booking fee

Visit our website to book or for more info:

- bbowt.org.uk/events
- Email: collegelakeeducation@bbowt.org.uk

bbowt.org.uk

More nature everywhere

FREE ONLINE SUMMER 2023 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

Online Workshops funded by HCC	Audience	Day	Date	Time
Diagnosing ADHD and/or Autism	Parents/carers	Tue	25.4.23	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding ADHD	Parents/carers	Wed	26.4.23	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding PDA	Parents/carers	Tue	02.5.23	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding ADHD in Girls	Parents/carers	Wed	03.5.23	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Autism	Parents/carers	Wed	10.5.23	19:00 - 20:30
Support for Dads	Parents/carers	Mon	15.5.23	18:00 - 20:30
Understanding Challenging Behaviour	Parents/carers	Tue	16.5.23	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Anger	Parents/carers	Wed	17.5.23	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Change	Parents/carers	Tue	23.5.23	10:00 - 11:30
Half Term				
Supporting Transition into Primary School	Parents/carers	Tue	06.6.23	10:00 - 11:30
Supporting Transition into Secondary School	Parents/carers	Wed	07.6.23	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Tue	13.6.23	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Wed	14.6.23	10:00 - 11:30
Supporting Siblings	Parents/carers	Tue	20.6.23	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Neurodiverse Teens	Parents/carers	Wed	21.6.23	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Support Puberty	Parents/carers	Thu	22.6.23	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Anxiety	Parents/carers	Tue	27.6.23	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety	Parents/carers	Wed	28.6.23	10:00 - 11:30
Communication Workshop				
Communicating with your child when talking is too much	Parents/Carers	Wed	19.4.23	10:00 - 11:30
Communicating with your child when talking is too much	Parents/Carers	Wed	14.6.23	10:00 - 11:30

"What a fantastic workshop - thank you so much! I've taken away a wealth of information"

"That was so amazing. I have done many training sessions about ASD through my work but that was the most honest & informative session I have ever had"

"Absolutely incredible workshop, it has been extremely beneficial to my child"

HCC Funded Workshops - Recordings are sent to all registered participants to view for 7 days, even if you don't attend live.
Communication Workshop - the 2nd half of this workshop will be recorded and sent to all those that ATTEND on the day.

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hertsadd-vance.org
<http://www.add-vance.org>

Book your FREE ticket on <http://add-vance.eventbrite.com/> or visit our website
These workshops are funded by Hertfordshire Carers Council and are open to residents of Hertfordshire only.