



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

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Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th July

- Bags2School

Wednesday 6th July

- Music Concert

Thursday 7th July

- Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
- Class Swap Morning

Friday 8th July

- Year 1 Cake Sale
- Non Uniform Day in aid of Helping Herts

Non Uniform Day in aid of Helping Herts – Friday 8th July

Reminder – We will be having a non-uniform day for ‘Helping Herts’ week. They are raising money for a range of Herts based charities with the theme of child welfare.

Summer Reading Challenge

A librarian from Berkhamsted Library visited us this week to promote ‘Gadgeteers’, the FREE national Summer Reading Challenge, administered by the Reading Agency. Last year over 13,000 Hertfordshire children took part in the challenge, so do not miss out!

There are stickers to collect along the way and children who complete the challenge by reading, sharing, or listening to 6 library books (eBooks and eAudiobooks from BorrowBox count too!) and chatting to library staff or volunteers about them will be rewarded with a medal, pencil and certificate. Children who complete the Challenge will be entered into a prize draw where they could win a ticket to an exclusive author event at Welwyn Garden City Central Library on Sunday 25 September.

The Summer Reading Challenge’s aim is to encourage children to enjoy reading for pleasure and provides families with a fun, free activity for the long summer holidays. There is also a dedicated Summer Reading Challenge website which has a great range of themed games and activities, as well as the opportunity to read about favourite authors and contribute book reviews.

‘Gadgeteers’ packs will be available in all Hertfordshire libraries, from Saturday 9 July until Saturday 3 September 2022, while stocks last!

If your child is not already a library member and would like to join you don’t need to wait until the start of the Challenge to register. Visit your local library and complete an application form in your child’s name. You will need to provide proof of your name and address e.g., gas, electricity, phone bill, or council tax bill. For more information, please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries download the Hertfordshire Libraries App to find information about your local library or call 0300 123 4049

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

This week's edition of the Dr Kathy Weston Wednesday Wisdom focuses on supporting children (and parents) with school transition from starting school to moving onto Secondary and further education:

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/wisdom/transition-touchstones/>

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

Dacorum Family Centre Service

Dacorum Family Centre Service provides support to children, young people, their parents, families and carers. Services available include: Accessing free early education, Parenting courses, Toileting, sleep & speech and language, Support for SEND and Universal sessions including Baby groups, Rhyme Times and Physical Fun sessions. To find out more about all the services available and a timetable of events, please visit: <https://linktr.ee/DacorumFCS>

Queen's Jubilee Memorial Book

We are very excited to share that the Queen's Jubilee Memorial Books which have been sent by the Government for all primary aged children have now arrived. Unfortunately, we have not been sent quite enough and as such have put in a request for the extra ones we require. However, we would like to be able to get the books into your homes as quickly as we can, so today we have sent one book home with each family (it will have been received by the eldest sibling in the school). Once we have received the extra books we require, we will of course ensure the remaining siblings receive their book. We hope you enjoy sharing the story!

Local events and Information

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



Ashlyns School Comedy & Curry Night – Ashlyns School are delighted to have their comedy and curry night back this year and the festival will be taking place on Friday 15th July from 6pm until 11pm. There will be a stellar line-up of comedians from the established professional circuit and the Fat Buddha will be offering a selection of their delicious Indian food and a licensed bar will be open for business all evening. Arrive early for pre-show drinks and food from 6pm! Acts on stage from 8pm in the Ashlyns Chapel. Please note, the festival is for over 18s only. Free overnight parking (at owners' risk). For further information and to book tickets, please visit: www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk

BIG KNIT Summer Activity – Dacorum Creatives Community Art Hub are running a summer activity for children aged 9-12 years between 9-11th August and 16-18th August. The BIG KNIT activity is an interactive community project that will result in an art installation which will be exhibited for the remainder of August within the Marlowes Shopping Centre. Children will be involved with the preparation of the 'yarn', the knitting up of the work, and in displaying the outcome. Parents/carers will need to accompany their child and no previous experience is needed. For further information, please contact Sue at the Dacorum Creatives Art Hub on 07805 128824.



Ross & Andy Girls Only Summer Camp – Ross & Andy Soccer Camps are running their Girls Only Summer Holiday Camp (ages 5-11) here at Westfield from 25th – 29th July. For further information and to book, please visit: <https://forms.gle/PMPT1StL2HWLDxt49>

Berkhamsted Medieval Festival – A Medieval Festival for all the family is taking place at Kitcheners Field & Cricket Club on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August. Activities and events will include: falconry, archery, a Jester, Magicians, Historical plays, Axe throwing, Tug of War competition, Battle re-enactments, children's activities plus lots of stalls. For further information and to book tickets, please visit: www.berkhamsted-chamber.co.uk/festival/



W1SPA News

Westival is BACK!

Only two weeks to go! Saturday 16th July. Come along to join us for a night of camping on the school field. We will be making an afternoon of it with activities for the kids, live music, yoga for the grown ups, a BBQ and bar plus more to come!

Cost is £8 per person (pre-schoolers free) and includes a sausage, bacon or veggie roll in the morning. If you'd like to come along for the day, then please purchase a day ticket for £4.

We're really excited and can't wait to get as many families together as possible!

Tickets are available from www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th July – Bags2School

Friday 8th July - Year 1 cake sale

Friday 15th July - Reception cake sale

Saturday 16th July - Westival

More events coming soon....

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Year 5 Ukulele Assembly
- Music Recital

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

We are now celebrating all our School Values