

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another very busy week here at Westonzoyland!

Before I review this week I wanted to look back at our inaugural House Football event that took place last Friday afternoon. The Year 5 & 6 pupils battled it out, playing three matches each in a round robin tournament. The competition was played in great spirit, with lots of encouragement and every pupil getting involved. Polden were the overall winners with Mendip House close by in second place. Blackdowns were awarded 2 bonus points for their fair play throughout the afternoon. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to Mrs Bell for her help in refereeing the fixtures. The next House Football event will be contested on the afternoon of Friday 9th October, between our Year 3 and 4 pupils.



In assembly time this week we have been exploring the word courage, and what it means to be courageous. We talked about how having courage can be similar to being brave, and that if people act with courage, then it can help them to try new things for the first time, to speak out and stand up for what they feel is right, and to develop their self-confidence and self-belief. As always, the children were very keen to share their thoughts and ideas, impressing me with their carefully considered responses to our discussion.

On Wednesday afternoon, I had the pleasure of taking a group of Year 6 boys to a football festival at Haygrove School. I was very impressed with the boys; they played with both skill and commitment,

and worked really well as a team against a host of excellent teams. Our highlight was a 6-0 victory in our third match, with hattricks for both Chadley & Edward. Well done boys!



Upcoming Event

Scholastic Book Fair will be after school in the hall on Wednesday to Friday of next week. Last year, this event was incredibly well supported and it helped us to earn free books for our school library, as well as providing the opportunity for children to discover and read new books. Payment can be made online at the fair, but last year some parents found this a bit troublesome due to poor mobile internet signal in the school, so we recommend bringing cash for ease.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please “Don’t think, ‘What if I’m wrong?’ Think... ‘What if I am right’”. If you have any concerns about a pupil, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse, you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Clark and Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads are Mrs Bell, Mrs Bridgeman and Miss Hellyer. If you are ever worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact Children’s Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or via email on childrens@somerset.gov.uk.

Attendance Matters



Well done to Osprey class who achieved the highest attendance score this week! Our whole school attendance so far this academic year stands at 96.9%, almost at our target of 97%.

It is incredibly important that our children attend school as much as they possibly can to make the most of their learning opportunities. Our teachers work hard to provide an engaging, purposeful and inspiring curriculum and we don't want our children to miss out on it. Thank you, as ever, for your support in maintaining regular school attendance for your child/children.

Merlin 90.2%

Kestrel 91.8%

Osprey 100%

Buzzard 96.2%

Eagle 98.2%

Hobby 96%

PTFA

- I am delighted to say that due to the generous support of our PTFA, we have secured the booking for a whole-school trip to watch Dick Whittington at The McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater, on Wednesday 16th December. More details will follow closer to the time.
- We are running the lottery again this year, and numbers are now available to buy through the PTFA.
- Our PTFA are looking for parent helpers for their fundraising events. Whether you can help in part or for a whole event, any help would be gratefully received. Please email wz-p-t-f-a@hotmail.com. Thank you.
- Saturday 10th October – Family Halloween Party. Please see poster below for details, and follow the link to purchase tickets - <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/annual-gala-7373>

Upcoming key dates

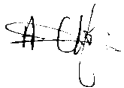
- Monday 28th September – Individual school photographs.
- Tuesday 29th September – Y5/6 Girls Futsal Festival @ BCA. The children involved have been sent letters.
- Wednesday 30th September-Friday 2nd October – Scholastic Book Fair in the School Hall.
- Tuesday 6th Oct (pm) and Thursday 8th Oct (am) – Reception (Merlin Class) Open Events for September 2027. Please save the date and spread the word for prospective parents and families to visit. Thank you.
- Parents evenings this term will be held on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

Notices

- School website – Any visitors to our website will notice it has a new look! Please bear with us whilst we ensure all content is up to date following the launch of the new site.
- We are always in need of adult helpers to listen to the children read during the school day. If you feel that this is something you'd like to help us with, please do contact Laura in the office for more information.

I hope that you all have a relaxing, restful and enjoyable weekend.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Clark'.

Mr. Andy Clark

Westonzoyland

PTFA

FAMILY

HALLOWEEN
PARTY

All welcome!

Tickets £2 per child
to include a raffle ticket
on arrival for the children's
Halloween raffle
(drawn on the night).

Under 1s FREE

£1 per
adult

10th October
6 - 8.30 in

Westonzoyland Village Hall

Bar will be open.
Tuck shop will be open.

Come along for
spooktastic games
and disco!

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LIMITED NUMBER
OF TICKETS FOR SALE

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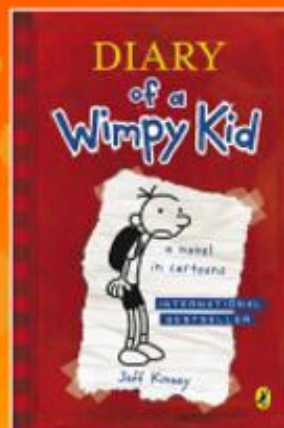
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TICKETS ON THE DOOR

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FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISCO.

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BOOKS
for our school*

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IN.

National
Year of
Reading
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DATE:
30TH SEPT – 2ND OCT

TIME:
3:15 - 4:00PM

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL