



# WESTON NEWS

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## Dates for your diary (**new dates in red**):

### December

- Fri 5 – Puffins and Owls outdoor learning & FOWs Christmas Fair (straight after school)
- Mon 8 – Sparrows nativity (pm & evening)
- Tue 9 & Wed 10 – Y5 Bikeability
- Thu 11 – Robins & Puffins performance (pm & evening); Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 12 – Christmas dinner day
- Mon 15 – EY & KS1 theatre trip
- Tue 16 – Choir at Shavington Christmas Concert (evening)
- Thu 18 – Magpies class assembly (10am; arrive 9:50am)
- Fri 19 – Weston's Got Talent; break up for Christmas

### January

- Mon 5 – School reopens for all children
- Mon 12 – Rhino sensory van in all week
- Tue 13 – Year 4 resilience workshops
- Tue 20 – Parent Carer Forum coffee morning (referrals and pathways) & Year 4 resilience workshops
- Thur 22 – Blackbirds class assembly (10am; arrive 9:50am)
- Tue 27 – Year 4 resilience workshops
- Fri 30 – Robins and Magpies outdoor learning

### February

- Mon 2-Wed 4 – Year 4 Tattenhall residential
- Thur 5 – Class photographs
- Mon 9 – Children's mental health week
- Tue 10 – Safer Internet Day and Robins trip to Sudbury Toy Museum
- Thur 12 – FOWs Valentine disco

## A message from Mr Cutts

Over the next two weeks, school really does enter full Christmas mode. **Today, Friday 5 December**, we begin with the **Friends of Weston Christmas Fair** straight after school. The hall will be full of games, stalls and festive treats, with our choir performing too – it's always a lovely way to start the countdown.



Next week, the performances begin in earnest. **On Monday 8 December, Sparrows** will share their nativity in both an afternoon and an evening performance. **On Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 December**, our **Year 5** children will be out developing their road safety and cycling confidence through **Bikeability**, and then **Thursday 11 December** brings the **Robins and Puffins Christmas performance** (afternoon and evening), as well as **Christmas Jumper Day**, when children are invited to add something festive to their school uniform. We round off that week with **Christmas dinner day on Friday 12 December**, when the whole school sits down to enjoy a traditional festive lunch together.

The following week is just as busy. **On Monday 15 December**, our **EYFS and KS1** children will head out on their **Christmas theatre trip**, which is always a magical experience. **On the evening of Tuesday 16 December**, our **school choir** will be representing Weston at the **Shavington Academy Christmas Concert**, sharing their singing with families and the wider community. Later in the week, **Magpies** will lead their **class assembly on Thursday 18 December at 10am**.

We finish the term in traditional Weston style on **Friday 19 December** with **Weston's Got Talent** – our whole-school celebration where everyone comes together to enjoy KS2 pupils sharing their talents in singing, dancing, comedy, magic and more – before we **break up for Christmas at the end of the day**.

It is a busy time, but it's also one of the most special points in the school year. Thank you in advance for all the support you give with costumes, transport and everything else that helps these events to run smoothly.

### Morning arrival and registers – important reminder

We're tightening up our morning register procedures to make sure we always have an accurate picture of who is in school. From Monday 8 December, children will need to be in their classrooms and ready to start the day by 8.45am in order to be 'on time'. This is the official start of the school day and when learning begins.

From 8.45am on the dot, the pupil entry doors and gate will be closed. Any children arriving after this time will be asked to come through the main school entrance and go straight to Mrs Blackburn in the office, where they need to be signed in and their arrival time recorded. We ask that parents accompany children of all ages if they are coming into school after 8.45am so that you can sign them in.

I want to reassure you that coming through the main door and being signed in is not a punishment. We know there are many reasons why families may occasionally be late. This system is simply a vital part of our register and safeguarding procedures – it means we always know exactly who is on site, can follow up any unexplained absences quickly and can account for every child in the event of a fire drill or emergency.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and for doing everything you can to ensure they arrive on time. A calm, prompt start at 8.45am makes a real difference to children's confidence, learning and routines.



### Friends of Weston Christmas Fair

A final reminder that our Friends of Weston Christmas Fair takes place today, straight after school **(3.15–4.30pm)** in the hall.

There'll be lots going on, including:

- Raffle, wine & chocolate tombola
- Teddy tombola and fun games
- Cakes and cold drinks
- A performance from the school choir at 4.00pm

Santa will also be visiting the children in school during the afternoon, handing out chocolate reindeers – a lovely warm-up for the fair! Huge thanks to Friends of Weston for all their hard work in organising the event and to families for your generous donations of bottles, chocolates and soft toys.

Do come along if you can – it's a great way to start the festive season and every penny raised goes straight back into experiences and resources for the children.

## Parent Survey - Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has already completed this year's Parent Survey. If you haven't had chance yet, we'd really appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your views.

Last year, almost all parents said they would recommend Weston to another family and most felt their children are happy, safe and well cared for. Your comments also helped us to:

- sharpen how and when we communicate key information
- review homework and home learning, especially in KS1
- widen clubs, sport and enrichment
- keep the cost of trips and events under close review

We're proud of what we do at Weston, but your feedback is a vital part of helping us keep improving. If you think we're doing a great job, please tell us - and if there are things we could do better, we want to hear those too.

Please go to the Parent Survey letter on School Spider (sent last Friday) to find the link. Thank you in advance for your time and for your continued support in making Weston a place where every child can thrive.



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## Owls Class Assembly

Last Thursday, Owls class shared their learning in a fantastic class assembly, with parents and carers invited in to watch.

The children showcased work from across the curriculum, including printing and drawing feathers in Art, Ancient Egyptians in History, Space in Science, Fractions in Maths, Gymnastics in PE and songs from Music. One of the highlights was a song called "Our Community", which linked beautifully to the way they support and include one another in class.



Owls spoke clearly, performed confidently and did a brilliant job of explaining and demonstrating their learning. We are very proud of them and grateful to all the families who came along to support – it means a great deal to the children.

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## The Hive – Christmas Fun

It's been a busy and festive week at The Hive. The children have started their Christmas activities, including making melted snowmen biscuits and designing all sorts of imaginative creations through junk modelling – from robots and rockets to houses and vehicles!



Next week, the fun continues with more Christmas crafts, including salt dough decorations to hang on the tree and gingerbread biscuits to bake and decorate. As always, sessions at The Hive mix play, creativity and time with friends in a warm, familiar environment run by Weston staff.

If you're looking for wraparound care that offers more than just childcare – somewhere your child can relax, create and have fun after school – The Hive still has limited spaces available. Please contact the school office for more information about bookings and availability.



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### KS2 Trip to The Little Mermaid

This week we took all of Key Stage 2 to the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-under-Lyme to see their magical production of The Little Mermaid. The show was a wonderful mix of storytelling, live music and breath-taking circus-style moments, bringing Hans Christian Andersen's tale to life in a really imaginative way. The children were captivated from start to finish. There were plenty of wide eyes, gasps and laughs as the mermaid's underwater world and her adventure 'above the waves' unfolded on stage.



We were also incredibly proud of how the children represented Weston throughout the visit. Their behaviour, manners and enthusiasm were commented on by staff and members of the public, both in the theatre and on the coaches. A huge well done to all of KS2 and thank you to the staff and volunteers who supported the trip and helped make it such a memorable experience.

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### A Christmas Journey for Puffins

Earlier this week, our Puffins (Year 2) children enjoyed a very special Christmas Journey in school, led by six wonderful volunteers from Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum.

Instead of us travelling to the chapel, Englesea Brook brought the experience to Weston, turning different rooms around school into scenes from the Nativity story. In small groups, the children 'travelled' around

school, meeting characters such as Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, a wise man/wise woman, the innkeeper, a donkey and an angel.

The sessions were interactive and felt a bit like immersive theatre – the children listened, asked questions and joined in as each character shared their part of the story. Afterwards, everyone came back together for Christmas crafts and a festive sweet treat, before ending with a song.

It was a lovely way for Puffins to explore the Christmas story in a calm, thoughtful and memorable way. We're very grateful to the Englesea Brook team for their time and for creating such a special experience for the children.



### Stars of the Week

Here are most of the most recent stars of the week. They embraced the Secrets of Success in a number of different ways and their teachers told the whole school how they had been successful, in Celebration Assembly.



## Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the most recent school communications:

- Have your say: Admissions consultation 2027-28
- New Vic Theatre trip – final information letter (KS2)
- The Grange Theatre trip – consent reminder (EY and KS1)
- Weston parent survey
- Headlice prevention and treatment
- Jamaica appeal

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together we make Weston a place where children feel safe, happy, and challenged to be their very best. We are looking forward to another year of learning, growth, and success for every child, supported by our strong home/school partnership. If you have any questions, or if we can support your family in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

*Thomas Cutts*