



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

April

- Mon 13 – School reopens
- **Tue 14 – Puffins outdoor learning**
- Wed 15 – World Art Day
- Fri 17 – Year 5 weekly swimming begins
- **Tues 28 – Parent Carer Coffee morning (10am)**
- Thur 30 – Puffins class assembly

May

- Tue 5 – Crewe Fire & Rescue working with Year 5
- Wed 6 – Kingfishers trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
- **Mon 11 – Thur 14 – KS2 SATs week**
- **Mon 18 – Robins outdoor learning**
- **Wed 20 – Puffins trip to Nantwich museum**
- **Fri 22 – School closes for half term**

June

- **Mon 1 – INSET**
- **Tues 2 – School reopens for all pupils & Year 6 Shavington Academy-led SPARK workshop (at Weston)**
- **Tues 9 – Choir concert at Crewe Lyceum**
- **Thur 11 – International Day of Play**
- **Tue 16 - Year 6 Shavington Academy-led Maths workshop (at Weston)**
- **Wed 17 - Year 5 Shavington Academy-led Music workshop (at Weston)**
- **Thur 18 – New starters parents evening**
- **Mon 22 - Year 5 Shavington Academy-led History workshop (at Weston)**

A message from Mr Cutts

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I wanted to take a moment to mention something that feels especially important as we head into the holiday. Online safety is always a priority for us at Weston, but it has been particularly prominent in the news recently. Over the last couple of weeks, Ofcom has told major platforms including Instagram, Roblox, Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube and others that they must properly enforce their age rules and show a genuine commitment to protecting children, while the government has also been looking again at stronger measures around children's digital wellbeing and social media use.

For families, that is a helpful reminder that online safety is not just about 'stranger danger' or obviously inappropriate content. It is also about age-appropriate access, screen time, group chats, livestreams, in-game chat, privacy settings and the pressure children can feel to stay constantly connected. As we move into the Easter break, I would encourage parents to take a few minutes to check devices, review app age ratings, make sure parental controls are in place where needed and keep the conversation going with children about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Those calm, regular conversations really do make a difference.

Thank you, as always, for your support this half term. I hope all of our children and families have a happy and restful holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 13th April.



Year 6 at Boreatton Park

Our Year 6 residential to Boreatton Park was a real success and gave the children a fantastic week of challenge, adventure and teamwork. From the moment they arrived, the children threw themselves into the experience – settling into their rooms, enjoying time together and getting stuck into a huge range of activities.



Over the course of the visit, they tackled archery, zip line, Jacob's ladder, problem-solving challenges, buggy-building, high ropes, balloon splash, climbing wall, aeroball, archery tag, orienteering, giant swing, sensory trail, trapeze and survivor. Evenings were just as memorable, with children enjoying activities together and finishing the trip in style with singing, dancing and marshmallows around the campfire.

What stood out most, though, was not just the number of activities, but the way the children approached them. Staff and instructors alike commented on how polite, kind and thoughtful the group were throughout the week. They supported one another, encouraged each other to be brave and represented

Weston brilliantly every single day.

Residential visits like this are about much more than outdoor activities. They help children grow in confidence, independence and resilience, while also making memories with friends that will stay with them for a long time. We are very proud of all of Year 6 - they really did themselves proud.

Thank you to Wybunbury United Charities

We are very grateful to Wybunbury United Charities for their generous donation of £300 towards our developing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision.

This funding will go towards practical, open-ended play resources such as crates, tarpaulins, rope and fixing materials. These may seem like simple items, but in children's hands they become the building blocks for dens, shelters, imaginative games and collaborative play.

As we continue to develop our OPAL approach at Weston, donations like this make a real difference. They help us create playtimes that are more creative and active, giving children more opportunities to work together, solve problems, be imaginative and simply enjoy being outdoors.

A big thank you once again to Wybunbury United Charities for their support of this project and for helping us enrich play opportunities for children at Weston.





Goodbye and good luck to Miss Cornes

We would like to let families know that Miss Cornes will be leaving Weston after 20th April. She has accepted a new role with the SPOTSS team, where she will continue working in the SEN sector and supporting children across the area.

Miss Cornes has been part of our Weston team since 2021 and has made a real difference in a range of roles, whether supporting individual pupils, small groups or whole classes. She has always cared deeply about building positive relationships with children and families and we are very grateful for the important contribution she has made to school life.

We know many children and families will join us in wishing Miss Cornes every success and happiness in her new role.



OPAL Play

We are delighted to have now fully introduced OPAL play at Weston. OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, and it is all about making playtimes richer, more creative, more active and more inclusive for every child.

Rather than seeing breaktimes as just a pause in the day, OPAL recognises that play is an important part of children's development. Through loose parts, imaginative resources and more varied play spaces, children have more opportunities to build, create, explore, cooperate, invent and take healthy risks.

It has been lovely to see the impact already. We are noticing more children playing happily together, including across different age groups and fewer conflicts at lunchtime. We are also seeing children develop important skills such as communication, coordination, agility, balance, strength and problem-solving, often without even realising it, because they are so busy enjoying themselves.

This work has only been possible because of the tireless effort of the staff team led by Mrs Loveland and Miss Grindley and through the generosity of our families and wider community. Donations of resources have helped us create play spaces full of possibility and we are very grateful for every item and every offer of support. We were also thrilled that Miss Grindley secured additional resources from Wickes, including tuff trays, storage, decking boards, mats, tape and buckets, all of which are helping to enhance our provision even further.

Thank you for backing this exciting development. Our playground is now a busier, livelier and more joyful place and while it may well lead to the odd extra muddy uniform or bath, we think that is a very small price to pay for such happy, purposeful play.



Trust CPD

Miss Wright and Mrs Buckley have recently been taking part in a Cornovii Trust professional development programme focused on effective teaching and learning. Over the last couple of months, colleagues from across all eight Trust schools have been involved in an intensive lesson study approach, working together across both primary and secondary phases.

As part of this, Miss Wright and Mrs Buckley have visited Alsager School and have also welcomed secondary colleagues into Weston to observe, discuss and share effective practice.

The programme has involved looking at current research, jointly planning lessons and analysing what really makes teaching successful in the classroom.

This has been a really valuable opportunity for Weston staff to reflect on and strengthen their own practice, while also learning from colleagues in schools they would not usually work alongside. It is also particularly helpful in thinking about the journey children make from primary to secondary school and how we can make that transition as strong as possible.

We are grateful to the Trust for providing these opportunities and proud that Weston staff are playing such an active part in this collaborative work.



Owls Easter Hope Journey

Following the success of the Christmas Hope Journey with Puffins in December, we were delighted to welcome staff from Englesea Brook back into school to lead an Easter Hope Journey with Owls class.

The children took part in a series of interactive workshops exploring the Easter story and its importance for Christians. Activities included hearing an eye-witness account from someone who was there at the first Easter, exploring the meaning of the cross through examples from

around the world, piecing together the Easter story, making a scratch-art cross and planting a bulb to take home as a symbol of new life and hope.

It was a thoughtful and engaging experience which gave the children the chance to reflect, ask questions and deepen their understanding in a hands-on way. We are very grateful to the Englesea Brook team for once again giving their time so generously and bringing learning to life so effectively for our children.

Weston football team

Our school football team recently took part in the T75 football tournament at Shavington Soccer Centre, where they were coached and supported by Mr P and Mr Richards.

The team represented Weston brilliantly throughout the tournament, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship as they came up against other local schools. They also played some excellent football, moving the ball well, working hard for one another and creating plenty of chances.

Across their 8 games, the team lost only twice, won plenty and scored a hatful of goals along the way. We are very proud of the way they conducted themselves and the standard of football they produced. Well done team Weston!



TCT public speaking competition



Weston recently took part in the Cornovii Trust Year 6 Public Speaking Competition and we were incredibly proud of how our children rose to the challenge.

As part of the process, all of Year 6 got involved by writing and presenting speeches in school around the theme 'My Big Ambition.' This gave every child the chance to think carefully about their future hopes, practise speaking aloud and share something meaningful with others. From there, a small number of pupils were selected to represent Weston at the Trust competition.

Our finalists did a wonderful job. Mila spoke about her ambition to become a dancer and one day open a dance school for physically disabled children. Harry shared his dream of becoming a paramedic and Jude spoke powerfully about wanting to set up a charity to support homeless people.

Although we did not win the overall competition this time, the children represented Weston brilliantly and really impressed the judges with the quality, thoughtfulness and ambition in their speeches. We were very proud not only of the children who went on to the final, but of all our Year 6 pupils for the way they engaged with the project.

It was an inspiring experience and a lovely reminder of the compassion, confidence and big dreams our children carry with them.

Year 4 brass concert

Over the last few weeks, our Year 4 children have been learning to play brass instruments in school through Love Music Trust and recently they were able to share their progress in a small concert for parents and carers.

The children did a fantastic job, showing how much they have learned in a short space of time. It was lovely to hear them playing together and growing in confidence as performers. Learning an instrument brings so many benefits, from listening carefully and working as a team to developing concentration, perseverance and self-confidence. This project has been a great opportunity for the children to experience all of that for themselves.

We were very proud of the children for the effort they have put into the sessions and grateful to the families who came along to support them.



Friday's Science Fair, which was a real highlight. The hall was filled with an impressive range of models and projects, all based around thoughtful scientific questions. It was lovely to see children explaining their ideas, exploring one another's work and clearly taking real pride in what they had created. We were also pleased to welcome parents in after school to come and view the entries.

A huge thank you to Mrs Armitt, our Science Lead, for organising the week so well and to families for supporting the home projects. The standard of entries was fantastic and we were delighted to announce six winners across a range of categories in today's celebration assembly. Well done to everyone who took part - Science Week was a wonderful celebration of curiosity, enquiry and creativity at Weston.

Weston science week

Science had a real focus at Weston last week, with children across school taking part in a range of exciting activities as part of Weston Science Week. In class, pupils explored big questions linked to areas such as space, plants, animals and the wider world, showing lots of curiosity and enthusiasm as they investigated, discussed and found things out.

The week built towards



Kingfishers class assembly

Our Kingfishers class shared a lovely class assembly with parents and carers yesterday, showcasing some of their learning from this term. The children spoke confidently and proudly about topics including fossils, French, space and more, giving everyone a real flavour of what they have been learning in class.

Well done to Kingfishers for the effort they put into preparing their assembly and for the confident way they

shared their work. Thank you to the families who came along to support them.



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.



FOWs Easter bunny hop

This afternoon, the children enjoyed taking part in the Friends of Weston Bunny Hop in support of our developing OPAL play project. It was lovely to see everyone joining in with such enthusiasm – hopping, skipping and jumping their way across the playground in a fun and fully inclusive event.

Thank you to Friends of Weston for organising it and to families for supporting the fundraiser and helping us continue to develop more active, imaginative and inclusive outdoor play for all of our children.



World Book Day

We had a wonderful World Book Day at Weston, organised by Mrs Whittaker, our English Lead. The children came to school dressed as book characters or in cosy bedtime clothes, which gave the whole day a lovely bookish feel.

The day began with a whole-school assembly and then children enjoyed paired reading across different classes, sharing stories together and celebrating reading with children of different ages. Later in the morning, classes took part in poetry activities and after play everyone enjoyed a special 'Drop Everything and Read' session. During the afternoon, children also entered a

colouring competition, with a winner chosen from each class.

It was a lovely celebration of books, reading and imagination and a great reminder of how important reading is at Weston. Thank you to parents for your support.

Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the most recent school communications:

- Working together when things don't feel right (parent guide to school complaints)
- Year 6 leavers' hoodies
- OPAL play appeal
- World Book Day
- Swimming lessons information (Year 5)
- Spring parents and carers' consultation evenings
- East holiday club
- Boreatton Park 2027 (Year 5)
- Parent Carer Forum coffee morning invitation
- Down Syndrome Day
- FOWs Easter event
- After school sports clubs – Summer 1
- Stockport Air Raid Shelters trip (Kingfishers)
- Nantwich Museum (Puffins)

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with us.

Thomas Cutts