



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new/changed dates in red):

September

- Fri 25 – European Day of Languages

October

- Thu 1 – Black History Month launch
- Fri 2 – Harvest Assembly
- Thu 8 – Scholastic Book Fair begins (one week)
- Fri 9 – World Mental Health Day
- **Mon 12 – Year 6 to Crucial Crewe**
- Tue 13 – Parent Consultation Evening
- Thu 15 – Parent Consultation Evening
- Fri 16 – Show Racism the Red Card / Wear Red Day
- **Mon 19 – Whole school flu vaccinations**
- **Tue 20 – Eagles (Y6) Class Assembly, 10am – changed date**
- Thu 22 – FOWS Halloween Disco (provisional)
- Fri 23 – Break up for half term

November

- Mon 2 – School reopens
- Wed 11 – Armistice Assembly & two-minute silence
- Mon 16 – Anti-Bullying Week launch & Wear Odd Socks Day
- Tue 17 – Year 4 Bikeability
- Fri 20 – Children in Need
- Mon 23 – Road Safety Week
- Thu 26 – Owls (Y5) Class Assembly, 10am

December

- W/b Mon 30 Nov – Assessment Week
- Tue 1 – KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre
- Fri 4 – FOWS Christmas Fair, 3.15–5.00pm (provisional)
- Mon 7 – Sparrows Nativity (afternoon & evening)
- Mon 7 & Tue 8 – Year 5 Bikeability
- Thu 10 – Robins (Y1) & Puffins (Y2) Christmas Performance (afternoon & evening)
- Fri 11 – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
- Unconfirmed – EYFS & KS1 Theatre Trip (TBC)
- Wed 16 – Choir at Shavington Christmas Concert, 6–8pm
- Fri 18 – Weston's Got Talent; school closes for Christmas

A message from Mr Cutts

Two weeks into the new school year, Weston already feels settled. The children have returned with real enthusiasm, our new starters are finding their feet brilliantly and classrooms have quickly become calm, purposeful places to learn. It has been lovely to see the familiar routines, relationships and high expectations slot back into place.

We also welcomed Ofsted into school this week. An inspection inevitably makes for an intense couple of days, but the experience was a very positive one and I was enormously proud of the way the whole school community represented Weston. Our children were confident, polite and keen to talk about their learning and school life, while staff showed the care, ambition and consistency that underpin what we do every day.

We will share the report with families as soon as it has been finalised and published. In the meantime, thank you for the many messages of support. Inspection or no inspection, the most important thing is what children experience here every day and this week was a lovely reminder of just how much there is to be proud of.

As we move into autumn, one practical plea: please make sure coats, jumpers, PE kit, water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly named. We are outside as much as we can be, so a waterproof coat every day is also really helpful. Thank you, as always, for your support in getting the year off to such a strong start.

School Operations – a Quick Refresher

Here is a reminder of the key day-to-day arrangements in one place. Most are familiar, but keeping them clear and consistent helps mornings and home time run safely and smoothly.

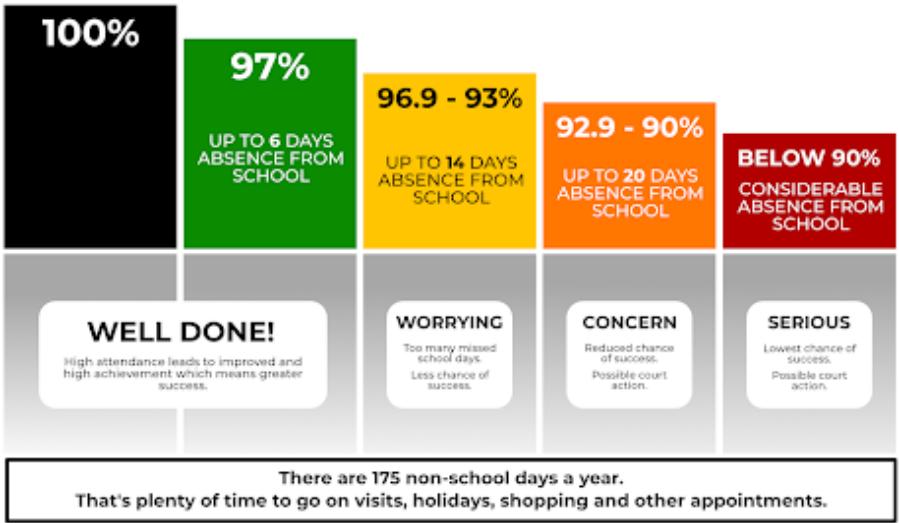
School day Doors open at 8:30am and lessons begin at 8:45am. The school day finishes at 3:15pm. The Hive is available from 7:30am for early drop-off. Children not in the classroom by 8:45am are marked as late.	Collection & home time Children are collected from their external classroom doors at 3:15pm. Please tell the school office about any change to home-time arrangements as early as possible rather than relying on a message through your child or an on-the-day Class Dojo message to the teacher.
Safeguarding at collection Children should be collected by a known adult unless an alternative has been agreed. Year 6 pupils may walk directly home only where school has written parental permission.	Parking & drop-off We remain grateful to The White Lion for use of its car park. The school turning circle is for morning drop-off only. Please avoid zig-zags, dropped kerbs and driveways.
Communication Class Dojo is the main route for routine teacher-parent communication. Please allow up to two working days for a response. For anything urgent, telephone the office. Absence should always be reported directly to the office or via School Spider.	Payments Weston is cashless. ParentPay is used for lunches, trips and activities; School Spider is used for The Hive and school forms/communications where appropriate.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our school attendance target remains 97%. Being in school regularly makes a real difference to learning, friendships and wellbeing. Doors open at 8:30am and lessons start at 8:45am, so arriving in good time helps children begin the day calmly and avoids missed learning.

Please arrange routine medical and dental appointments outside the school day where possible. If an appointment has to take place during the day, bringing children into school before and/or after it helps minimise lost learning. We will always work sensitively with families where there are medical, SEND or other barriers affecting attendance.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Allergy Awareness

Weston is an allergy-aware school. We have children with a range of allergies, some of which can cause a serious reaction. Rather than describing school as “nut-free”, we work to reduce the risk of exposure to known allergens while making sure staff know how to recognise and respond to an allergic reaction.

Please help us by not sending food into school for children to share unless this has been agreed with staff and remind children never to swap or share food, drinks or utensils. We also ask families not to send obvious nut or peanut products, such as nuts or peanut butter, into school. Please let the school office know immediately about any allergy, or any change to your child’s medical needs.



A Few Important Reminders

- Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds, whether on a lead or carried.
- Mobile phones: New statutory Department for Education guidance, which schools are required to follow from September 2026, says that schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default and that pupils should not have access to their phones throughout the school day, including lessons, breaktimes and lunchtimes. At Weston, children should therefore not bring a mobile phone to school unless this has been agreed in advance for a specific reason. Where permission is given, the phone must be handed to staff switched off at the start of the day and will be returned at hometime.
- Medication must be handed to the school office with the appropriate form completed. Please make sure inhalers and adrenaline auto-injectors are in date.



English at Weston – Building Strong, Ambitious Writers

One of our key curriculum priorities this year is helping children write with increasing accuracy, confidence and control. You may hear children in Years 2–6 talking about Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar (PVPG) during English lessons this term.

PVPG is focused on helping children understand how sentences are built and how punctuation works with that structure. It isn’t simply extra grammar practice and it isn’t the same work repeated from year to year. As children get older, the sentences they attempt become more ambitious, so the teaching becomes more sophisticated too, helping them control clauses, sentence boundaries, punctuation choices and effect while keeping their writing accurate.

The most important part is application. We want children to use this understanding when they write independently, not just complete an isolated grammar task correctly. The focused teaching at the start of the year will therefore keep feeding into writing across the curriculum as the year goes on.

Spelling That Sticks

Children are completing their autumn spelling baseline checks during these first few weeks. This gives teachers a clear starting point and helps us identify patterns that need further teaching or practice.

For home learning, our expectation is three Spelling Shed games each week for the relevant year groups. Short, regular practice is much more useful than one long session and the games are selected to reinforce the spelling work children are doing in school.

Coming Up in School

There is plenty happening over the next few weeks as we move further into the autumn term. Here are a few of the highlights to look out for.

European Day of Languages – Friday 25 September

We will be celebrating the languages and cultures of Europe, giving children opportunities to discover new words, learn about different countries and recognise the many languages spoken within our wider community.

Harvest Appeal

Beans and sausage	Tomato sauce
Juice/cordial	Brown sauce
Cereal	Porridge Oats
Meals in a tin	Cereal
Gravy granuals	Hot Dogs
Sugar	Jam
Coffee	Marmalade
Sweetcorn	Corned Beef



Black History Month – from Thursday 1 October

We will launch Black History Month at the start of October. Across the month, children will have opportunities through lessons and assemblies to learn about significant people, stories and achievements and to celebrate the contribution of Black people to British history and society.

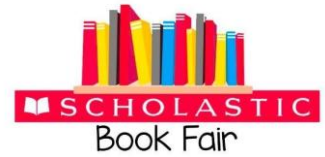
Harvest – Friday 2 October

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest together in our assembly on Friday 2 October. Once again, we will be collecting food for *Chance Changing Lives* and their Community Pantry, with donations going directly to local families who need a helping hand.

If you are able to contribute, please send donations into school with your child on Friday 2 October. The charity has let us know which items are particularly useful at the moment – please see the accompanying picture. Every tin, packet or jar is very gratefully received.

Scholastic Book Fair – from Thursday 8 October

Our Scholastic Book Fair returns for a week from Thursday 8 October. There will be a wide selection of books for different ages and interests, and every purchase helps school earn rewards which we can use to add even more books to our shelves. We will share details about opening times and how to purchase books nearer the time.



World Mental Health Day – Friday 9 October

We will be marking World Mental Health Day as part of our ongoing work around wellbeing. Children will be reminded of the importance of looking after their mental health, recognising their feelings and knowing who they can talk to when they need help.

Year 6 Crucial Crewe – Monday 12 October

Our Eagles will be taking part in Crucial Crewe, an important annual event which helps Year 6 pupils learn how to keep themselves safe through a range of practical scenarios delivered by local services and organisations.

Parent Consultation Evenings – Tuesday 13 & Thursday 15 October

Our autumn parent consultation evenings provide an early opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how they have settled, the progress they are making and any areas we can work on together. Booking information will be sent out separately.

Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 16 October

Children are invited to **wear red** as we support Show Racism the Red Card. During the day we will reinforce age-appropriate messages about respect, equality and challenging racism and discrimination. This is a non-uniform day.

Whole-school flu vaccinations – Monday 19 October

The school nursing team will be in school to deliver this year's flu vaccinations. Information about consent will be shared with families separately.

Eagles Class Assembly – Tuesday 20 October, 10am

Parents and carers of our Year 6 Eagles are invited to their class assembly at 10am. **Please note that this is a change from the date originally published in the parent calendar.**



FOWS Halloween Disco – Thursday 22 October

FOWS are provisionally planning their Halloween Disco for Thursday 22 October. More information will follow once arrangements are confirmed.

We then **break up for half term on Friday 23 October**, with school reopening on **Monday 2 November**.

Reception and Year 7 Applications for September 2027

Applications are open for children due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2027. Every child needs an application through their home local authority, including younger siblings. **Year 7 closes 31 October 2026; Reception closes 15 January 2027.**

If you know a family considering Weston for Reception, please encourage them to contact the office to arrange a visit. Alternatively, a pop-up on the school website will take families to an online booking form with a range of available tour dates.

Stars of the Week

Our first Stars of the Week have already shown the Secrets of Success in action. Well done to all of our first award winners of the year, who we celebrated in our Friday Celebration Assemblies – a real highlight of my week.



Apply Online
For a school place
It's quick and easy
If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027.
If you do not have web access
Call 0300 123 2012



You can apply from 1st September 2026 at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Applications should be submitted by

31 st October 2026 Secondary
15 th January 2027 Primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

Cheshire East Council

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. If you have any questions, or if we can support your family in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Tom Cutts