



WESTON NEWS

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

October

- Mon 12 – Year 6 to Crucial Crewe
- Tue 13 – Parent Consultation Evening
- **Wed 14 – Scholastic Book Fair orders deadline**
- 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
- **Thu 22 – FOWS Halloween Disco (confirmed)**
 - **EYFS/KS1 5–6.15pm; KS2 6.30–7.45pm**
- Fri 23 – School closes for half term

November

- Mon 2 – School reopens
- Wed 11 – Armistice Assembly & two-minute silence
- Mon 16 – Anti-Bullying Week / Wear Odd Socks
- 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, 3.15–5pm (TBC)
- Mon 7 – Sparrows Nativity (pm & evening)
- Mon 7 & Tue 8 – Year 5 Bikeability
- Thu 10 – Robins & Puffins Christmas Performance
- Fri 11 – Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch
- Date TBC – EYFS & KS1 theatre trip
- Wed 16 – Choir at Shavington, 6–8pm
- Fri 18 – Weston's Got Talent; break up

A message from Mr Cutts

It is hard to believe we are already heading towards half term. The children have settled into their routines, classrooms are busy and it has been lovely to see so much enthusiasm for learning and for everything else that makes Weston special.

Our Harvest assembly was a lovely reminder of what a caring school community we have. Thank you to everyone who sent food for Chance Changing Lives. We have also launched Black History Month and, ahead of World Mental Health Day tomorrow, have been thinking about something that matters to every child and family: feeling safe, connected and able to ask for help.

There is plenty packed into the next two weeks, including parent consultations, the Scholastic Book Fair, Crucial Crewe, Wear Red Day and, of course, the FOWS Halloween Disco. Thank you to FOWS and everyone who gives their time to making these extras happen.

It is also pleasing to see the many ways children are growing in confidence outside the classroom. Our outdoor play, clubs, music and celebration assemblies give children opportunities to try something new, take responsibility and feel part of our school community.

As ever, if something is worrying your child or you need us to know anything, please get in touch. Working together early nearly always makes the biggest difference.

World Mental Health Day – Wellbeing at Weston



World Mental Health Day is officially tomorrow, Saturday 10 October and we are marking it in school today. It is a useful reminder that everybody has mental health, just as everybody has physical health and that learning how to talk about feelings and ask for help begins in childhood.

At Weston, wellbeing is not an occasional assembly or a one-off themed day. It is part of the everyday experience we want children to have.

What does that look like in practice?

Our PSHE curriculum teaches children to recognise feelings, build friendships, manage disagreements, talk about uncomfortable emotions and make positive choices. In Reception, children begin by naming feelings; older pupils explore teamwork, identity, peer pressure and ways to manage difficult situations.

Alongside this, children benefit from trusted adults, our ELSA and pastoral support where needed, the Secrets of Success, and time to play, explore and connect with others through OPAL. Clubs, sport, outdoor learning, celebration and a sense of belonging all play their part. When a child needs more individual help, we work with families to understand what will make school feel manageable and safe.

A few things that can help at home

Try asking “What was the best bit of today?” or “Was anything tricky?” rather than expecting a big conversation on demand. Notice changes in sleep, mood or friendships, make time for play and movement and remind children that all feelings are allowed even when some behaviours are not. If you are worried, please talk to your child’s teacher or contact the school office so we can work together.

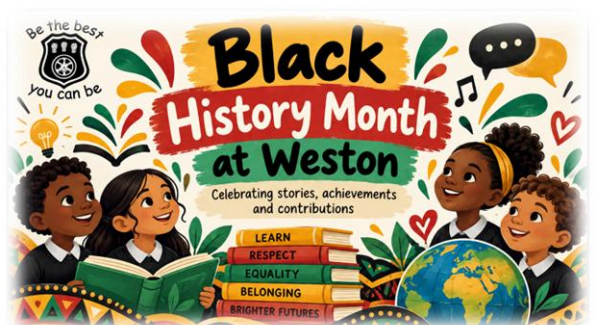
For further ideas, see [Anna Freud’s advice for parents of primary-aged children](#)

Black History Month – More Than One Month of Learning

We launched Black History Month at the beginning of October. It gives us an important opportunity to celebrate the lives, achievements and contributions of Black people, including the part they have played in shaping Britain and to challenge stereotypes and prejudice.

We also want this knowledge to be part of a rich curriculum throughout the year, rather than something children encounter only in October. Our long-term plans include some good examples: in music, Magpies are exploring jazz and Owls are studying blues this autumn, opening up conversations about the music’s African-American roots and its influence. Eagles will explore Caribbean music later in the year. In art, Magpies will encounter the work of British artist Sonia Boyce in the spring.

Across history, English and PSHE, children learn to ask questions, listen to different perspectives, recognise unfairness and treat others with respect. The goal is both accurate knowledge and the confidence to challenge discrimination whenever they encounter it.

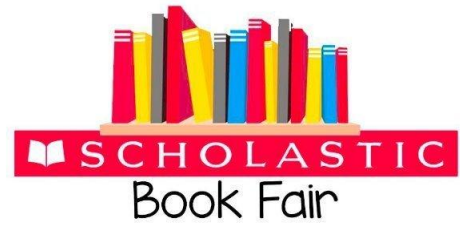


Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is now open and children have had the chance to browse the selection with their classes. They may bring home a wish list, but there is absolutely no obligation to buy. If you would like to order, please follow the information sent home, or complete the editable wish list and email it to admin@weston.cheshire.sch.uk.

Every purchase earns Scholastic Rewards which help us buy books for classrooms and our school library. Thank you for supporting reading for pleasure at Weston.

Book Fair order deadline: Wednesday 14 October



Harvest – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection for Chance Changing Lives and its Community Pantry. The food will go to local families who need a helping hand, and it was lovely to see the charity share its own thank-you to our Weston community.

Harvest is a simple but meaningful way for children to see kindness, gratitude and community spirit put into practice. Thank you for your generosity – the photograph shows just some of the large amount of food collected.



OPAL – The Next Stage of Our Play Journey

Lunchtimes have become a real strength of Weston. Children are building, inventing, negotiating, moving, imagining and learning to manage the small challenges that come with playing together. We are looking at how we can develop this further, particularly as the weather becomes wetter.

We are keen to develop a Weston Welly Library so that more children can enjoy the grounds throughout the year. We would also love to refresh some of our play resources. FOWS are helping us explore funding and donations, but families may have useful items at home that are no longer needed.



OPAL donations – can you help? We would particularly welcome:

- Wellies – children’s size 7 through to adult size 6
- Two-wheeled scooters and wiggle scooters
- Dolls and prams (several of ours are worn out)
- Umbrella-style buggies for toddlers, not dolls
- Action figures (particularly alternatives to Barbies)
- Toy cars and small plastic crates
- Sand toys, especially wooden-handled spades

Please only donate items that are clean, safe and in good usable condition. If you have a larger item, please check with the school office before bringing it in so we can confirm where it should go.



The Hive – October Activities

The Hive is getting into the autumn

spirit with a packed programme of activities. It is a lovely way for children to enjoy time with friends, make things and have fun before and after school.

What's on this month?

- This week – autumn crafts
- Week beginning 12 October – Halloween baking and crafts
- Week beginning 19 October – making slime
- Thursday 22 October – Halloween party

If you do not currently use The Hive, please do consider what is on offer. Our provision is available from 7:30am until 6pm and bookings for The Hive are made through School Spider. Please contact the office if you need any help.

Spelling That Transfers Into Writing

The Weston Spelling Pathway is about far more than learning a list of words for Friday. Teachers have been using autumn baseline checks to spot patterns in children’s errors and decide what needs teaching or revisiting. The really important part is helping children use what they know when they write independently – when they are also busy thinking about vocabulary, ideas, handwriting and punctuation.

FOWS Christmas Artwork

We have submitted an application for funding to establish a school-led nursery for three- and four-year-olds, potentially from September 2027. The proposal is for 26 places and would allow us to welcome families earlier and offer a more joined-up Early Years experience. There is still an approval process to complete, so this is a proposal rather than a confirmed opening. We will share updates as soon as we can.

Year 7 applications close on 31 October 2026. Reception applications close on 15 January 2027. Younger siblings still need their own application through the home local authority.

These are a valuable chance to hear how your child has settled and discuss their learning, friendships and next steps. Please arrive on time so that appointments run smoothly.

Wear Red Day – Friday 16 October

Children are invited to wear red in support of Show Racism the Red Card. We will reinforce age-appropriate messages about respect, equality and challenging racism.

Flu Vaccinations – Monday 19 October

The school nursing team will be in school. Please check that you have completed any consent arrangements sent to you.

Eagles Assembly – Tuesday 20 October, 10am

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 families. Please note this is the revised date from the original calendar.

FOWS Halloween Disco – Thursday 22 October



FOWS have confirmed our spook-tacular Halloween Disco. Children can come in fancy dress and there will be plenty of fun to round off the half term.

- **EYFS / KS1: 5.00–6.15pm**
- **KS2: 6.30–7.45pm**
- **Tickets: £5.50**
- **Lucky dip and sweets available**

Please use the QR code on the poster for tickets. No mobile phones are allowed on site during the disco.

Stars of the Week

Well done to all the children who have been recognised in our Celebration Assemblies over the past fortnight. We have heard some lovely examples of children putting the Secrets of Success into practice – working hard, showing kindness, pushing themselves and not giving up.

A final reminder: if your child's school-bus arrangements change after the school day has begun, please telephone the school office rather than sending a Class Dojo message to the teacher.

Thank you, as always, for your support. I hope everyone enjoys the final two weeks of this half term and I look forward to seeing many of you at parent consultations and the events coming up.

Tom Cutts