# WESTON NEWS

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

**November 2026**

- Mon 23 - Road Safety Week begins
- Thu 26 - Owls (Y5) Class Assembly, 10am
- Fri 27 - FOWS Christmas donation day: non-uniform; voluntary chocolate or wine donation
- W/b Mon 30 - Assessment Week

**December 2026**

- Tue 1 - KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre
- Fri 4 - FOWS Christmas Fair; attendance arrangements to follow
- Mon 7 - Sparrows Nativity, afternoon and evening
- Mon 7 & Tue 8 - Year 5 Bikeability
- Thu 10 - Robins & Puffins Christmas Performance
- Fri 11 - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
- Fri 11 - FOWS Christmas raffle draw
- Tue 15 - EYFS & KS1 trip to the Grange Theatre
- Wed 16 - Choir at Shavington Christmas Concert, 6-8pm
- Fri 18 - Weston's Got Talent; school closes for Christmas

**January 2027**

- Tue 5 - School reopens
- Fri 15 - Reception 2027 application deadline
- Thu 21 - Blackbirds (Y3) Class Assembly, 10am

## A message from Mr Cutts

November seems to be flying by, and we are already approaching the busiest few weeks of the autumn term. There is plenty to look forward to, with class performances, theatre visits, the Christmas Fair and lots of other opportunities for children to come together and celebrate.

Before we turn our attention fully to Christmas, thank you for supporting the events of the past few weeks, including Odd Socks Day and Children in Need. These occasions are enjoyable, but they also help us reinforce some important messages about kindness, belonging and looking out for others.

This week brings Road Safety Week and our Owls class assembly, followed by the FOWS Christmas donation day on Friday. Please take a moment to check the reminders and dates below, particularly as December arrangements begin arriving through School Spider and ClassDojo.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

## Kindness, difference and belonging

Last week we marked Anti-Bullying Week, beginning with Odd Socks Day on Monday. Thank you to everyone who joined in.

The socks provide a simple way to celebrate difference, but the message goes much further. We want every child to know that they belong at Weston, that unkindness should never be ignored and that there is always an adult they can speak to if something is worrying them.

Please continue these conversations at home. If your child shares a concern, let us know so that we can understand what has happened and work with you to help.

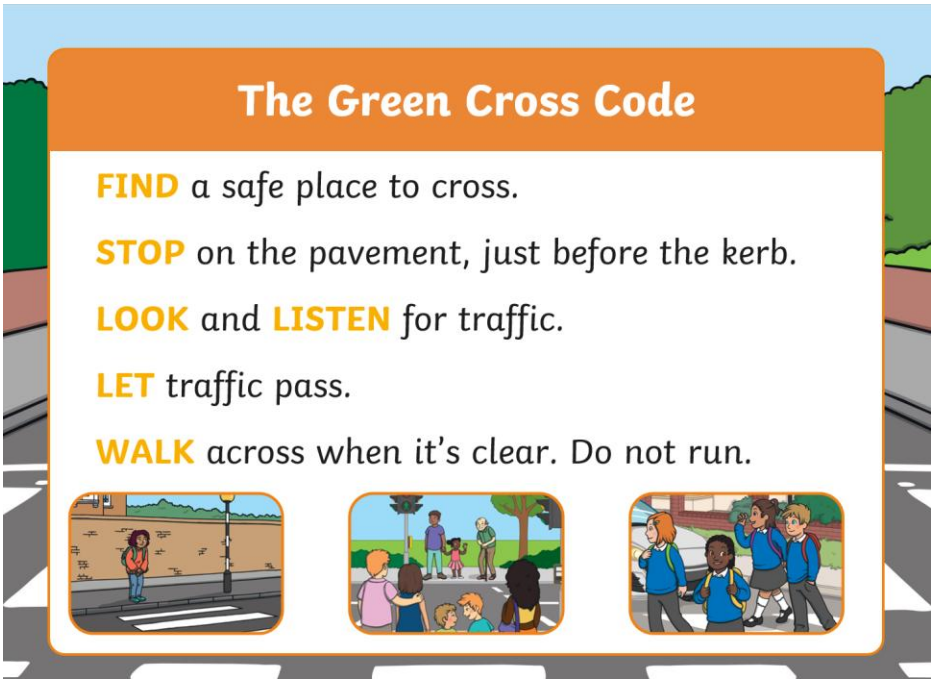
## Children in Need: thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need day on Friday, whether by dressing up, making a donation or simply joining in.

We deliberately kept the arrangements simple, with no expectation to buy anything new and no requirement to dress up or donate. The important thing was that everyone could take part while helping us think about children and families who need additional support.

Thank you for helping us keep the day inclusive, cheerful and focused on a worthwhile cause.






## Road Safety Week

We are marking Road Safety Week this week, including a whole-school assembly today.

This is a useful opportunity to revisit everyday habits such as finding a safe place to cross, stopping and looking carefully and staying alert near roads.

Please also help us keep the roads around school safe at drop-off and collection times. Parking considerately, keeping access points clear and allowing a little extra time all make a difference to children and families walking to and from school.

## Owls class assembly: this Thursday

Parents and carers of children in Owls are warmly invited to their class assembly at 10am on Thursday 26 November. Entry from 9:50am.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing some of the children's learning.

## FOWS Christmas donation day: Friday 27 November

Our wonderful Friends of Weston are busy preparing for the Christmas Fair and would appreciate your support.

On Friday 27 November, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, with a voluntary donation of either:



• a chocolate item; or




• a bottle of wine.

These donations will help stock the Christmas Fair tombolas. Any wine donations should be handed directly to a member of staff by an adult.

Donating is entirely optional and all children are welcome to wear non-uniform whether or not their family contributes. Thank you for supporting FOWS and everything they do for our school.

## FOWS Christmas Fair: Friday 4 December

The FOWS Christmas Fair is confirmed for Friday 4 December.

It will begin during the afternoon and continue after school. Further details, including the arrangements for families attending, will be shared separately.

Events like this take a great deal of preparation. Thank you to everyone organising stalls, gathering donations and giving their time to help make the fair happen. We are looking forward to bringing our school community together for a festive afternoon.

## FOWS Christmas raffle

The Friends of Weston Christmas Raffle is now open, with prizes including a £200 Amazon voucher, hampers, vouchers, skincare and craft bundles.

Tickets cost £1 for five chances to win, with options to purchase £5, £10 or £20 worth of entries.

The draw takes place on Friday 11 December. Tickets can be purchased online and will also be available at the Christmas Fair.



Buy Christmas raffle tickets

Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes or supported the raffle.

## Christmas at Weston

December brings plenty of opportunities for children to perform, enjoy new experiences and celebrate together.

Our KS2 children visit the New Vic Theatre on Tuesday 1 December, followed by the EYFS and KS1 visit to the Grange Theatre on Tuesday 15 December. Please read the separate trip information carefully for the arrangements relevant to your child.

We are also looking forward to:

• Sparrows Nativity: Monday 7 December, afternoon and evening;

• Robins and Puffins Christmas Performance: Thursday 10 December;

• Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch: Friday 11 December;

• Choir at the Shavington Christmas Concert: Wednesday 16 December;

• Weston's Got Talent: Friday 18 December (school only).

Performance times, ticket information and any other practical arrangements will be shared separately. Please keep an eye on school messages so that nothing gets missed during this busy period.

## Year 5 Bikeability

A reminder to Owls families that Year 5 Bikeability takes place on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 December.

Please check the separate information about equipment and arrangements and make sure children have suitable clothing for the weather.

## OPAL: ready for winter play

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please continue to send children with a suitable waterproof coat and make sure clothing and footwear are clearly named.

We aim to make good use of our outdoor spaces in most weathers. Having the right clothing helps children enjoy their playtimes comfortably and make the most of what is available.

Our OPAL donation appeal remains open, particularly for good-quality wellies and suitable play resources. Please check with the school office before bringing in larger items and only donate equipment that is clean, safe and in usable condition.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Reception places for September 2027

We are continuing to welcome prospective families for Reception tours.

If you know someone considering a school place for September 2027, please encourage them to come and see Weston in action. Tours can be arranged through the school website or by contacting the office.

Reception applications close on 15 January 2027. Younger siblings of children already at Weston still need their own application through their home local authority.




## Free, confidential support for families

We know that the weeks leading up to Christmas can bring additional financial pressures.

Hope 4U offers free, confidential advice and support with matters including household income, energy bills, benefit checks and access to food and fuel support.

Families can contact the organisation on 0330 320 2140 for further information.

You are also welcome to speak privately to school if you are finding things difficult. We may not have every answer, but we can listen and help you find the right support.

## Community notice: Christmas at Betley Court

Betley Court has asked us to share news of its Enchanted Christmas Trail, a local event for families to enjoy during the festive season.

Please see the event information below for dates, prices and booking details. This is an independently organised community event, rather than a school visit.







## Could you be a parent governor?

Would you like to help shape Weston's future? We have a parent governor vacancy and will shortly share information about the role and how to put yourself forward.

Governors work together to support and challenge school leaders, asking questions about children's education, wellbeing and the school's priorities. It is a voluntary role involving meetings, training and occasional visits, not the day-to-day management of school.

If you are interested, I would be happy to have an informal chat.



## Welcome to the world, Poppy!

Huge congratulations to Mrs Griffiths-Evans and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Poppy! We send them our warmest wishes as they enjoy this special time together and look forward to welcoming Poppy to the Weston family.

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to all the children recognised in our recent Celebration Assemblies.

It is always lovely to hear about children showing kindness, persevering when learning is challenging, asking thoughtful questions and making a positive contribution to their class.

Look out for photographs of our Stars of the Week on class ClassDojo stories.

Thank you for everything you do to support school life, whether that is helping with an event, supporting learning at home or keeping in touch with your child's teacher. It all matters.

We look forward to sharing a busy and enjoyable final few weeks of term with you.

Tom Cutts

Headteacher