

Principal's update

Having a sense of community unites us. Being involved in a community can make us feel part of something greater than ourselves. It can give us opportunities to connect with people and makes us feel safe and secure.

As we approach the second half of the school year, let's continue our involvement, continue to be united and continue to be kind. We are a community, we are a team.

Have a great weekend.

Richard Yates

Dates for your diary

13th - 17th February

Half term

20th February

School reopens

1st March

St. David's Day

2nd March

World Book Day

3rd March

Visit by Mark Lowery

6th & 7th March

Y2 Visit to Cinema

9th March

Y3 Visit to Science Museum

7th - 14th March

Scholastic Book Fair

Internet Safety

This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day with celebrations and learning based around the theme '*Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online*'.

Get involved with the conversations and help your children become better and safer digital citizens.

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

Check out the below links for advice for parents

How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:

[Support your children's phone use](#)

[Advice about key social media platforms and apps](#)

Want to talk about it?

Making space for conversations about life online






Coffee & Conversation

Come along to our coffee morning. An opportunity to meet other parents and staff, have a chat and share ideas about how the school can support you.



Every Thursday
9:00 am – 10:00am



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

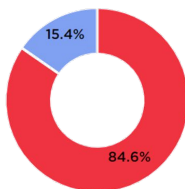
Equates to:	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS	90%	CONCERNS
30 SCHOOL DAYS	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. Children with the poorest attendance, more often than not, progress less well than other children. As well as this, going to school helps to develop: friendships, social skills, team values, life skills, cultural awareness.

Votes for Schools

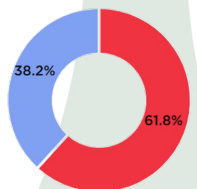
Last week, during Votes for Schools, we debated:
Do we get enough rest?

Your School

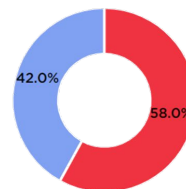


West Drayton Academy vs National results

Regional (Greater London)



National



Our next upcoming debate is:

KS1: Does the internet make us want to copy others?

KS2: Should influencers be responsible for our online safety?

For Safer Internet Day 2023, voters explore the role the online world has in influencing our behaviour and reflect on whose responsibility it is to make sure we stay safe online.

