

## Principal's update

### Diversity and values at West Drayton

At home and school, children are taught that while not everyone is exactly the same, our differences are not necessarily as important as our similarities. We strike a balance between celebrating our differences and the belief that people have more in common than that which divides. At West Drayton, we see the importance of celebrating diversity.

In addition, we promote the 'The Four Pillars' - these are our values. They articulate the moral and academic expectations for everyone in the school community, ensuring that every child who attends is aware of what the school aims to achieve for them. Furthermore, our school values are instrumental in setting conduct standards, reinforcing the school's behaviour policy.

In today's assembly, we talked about Pillar number 2 - Being kind. If you get some time at the weekend, please discuss this with your children - the importance of being kind to all.

Have a nice weekend!

Richard Yates  
Principal



## Dates for your diary

### 17th September

Y1 Information Meeting

### 18th September

PGL Pre-departure Meeting with Parents at 3:30pm

### 22nd - 24th September

Y6 PGL

### 30th September

Book Fair

### 3rd October

Flu Vaccination

### 8th October

School Photography

## Attendance

The class with the best attendance this academic year is:

1st place: 4W with 99.6%

2nd place: 4OR with 98.2%

3rd place: 5R with 97.8%

**It will be a non-uniform day for 4W on Friday 19th September! Well done!**



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## HEALTHY EATING GUIDE

As we begin a new school term, we'd like to remind families about our [Healthy Eating Policy](#). A balanced diet and good hydration help children stay focused, energized, and ready to learn throughout the day.

Please ensure that your child's lunch box includes healthy snacks and nutritious meals such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and protein-rich foods. Please see our healthy food policy for reference. We request parents not to send any chocolates and other sweet treats to school.

In addition, all children should bring a refillable water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated and refreshed.

We also request not to bring any cupcakes and other sweet treats for your child's birthday.

Together, we can support our children in building healthy habits that fuel both body and mind for a successful school year!



### EAT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fruits and veggies give kids vitamins, minerals, and energy.

### CHOOSE WHOLE GRAINS

Whole grains like brown rice, oats, and whole wheat bread give long lasting energy.

### DRINK WATER, NOT SUGARY DRINKS

Water keeps the body hydrated and fresh.

### EAT BALANCED MEALS

A good meal has protein, vegetables, fruits, and grains.



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## Y2 Trunk Theatre Company

This week, year 2 were treated to a visit from the Trunk Theatre company. The visit will help the children to engage in their writing, history and music lessons, where they are learning all about the historic event. The production was a smash hit! The children were taken through the events of 1666 and were introduced to important historical figures.

They also took part in the production themselves, performing activities such as putting out the fire to drawing the city of London. What an exciting start to their learning!



## Votes for School

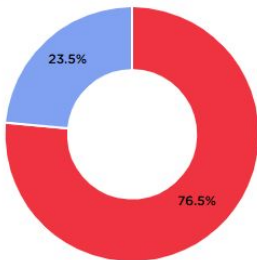
This week, during Votes for School, we discussed:

Should businesses only think about making money? (KS2)

Should business-owners only think about money? (KS1)

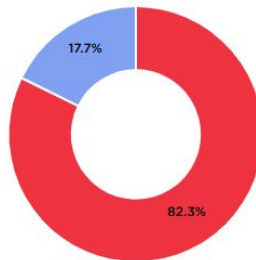


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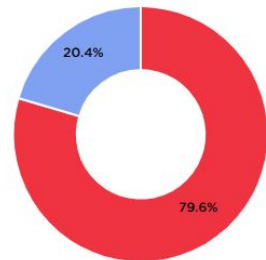
● No  
● Yes

Regional (Greater London)



● No  
● Yes

National



● No  
● Yes

## Coming up:

Do you feel proud of living in the UK?

## FLU Immunisation Friday 3rd October

Please read important information regarding upcoming flu immunisation programme, all parents must complete the form to give consent or decline:

[Vaccination Form](#)



### FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

**Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!**  
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

#### NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

#### THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon>

**Secondary School students only:** Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

#### CONTACT THE TEAM

[hillingdon@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:hillingdon@v-uk.co.uk)  
 0208 150 1220

Need more information? Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.

Or visit our website:

We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu>  
[www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk](https://www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk)

#### PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: [www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy)  
For data protection queries, please contact: [dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

### Q WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

### Q HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

### Q IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

### Q SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is wheezy on the day
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

### Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

### Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine).

While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

### Q NATURAL IMMUNITY

While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than vaccine-induced immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later. Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.

Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

### Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website: [www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics)

### Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.



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## DIGITAL SAFETY: A PARENT'S GUIDE

How parents can identify warning signs in children

Behavioural changes	Emotional indicators
Becoming unusually quiet or overly aggressive	Frequent mood swings or being overly secretive
Asking for more money, privacy, or alone time	Withdrawing from friends and family
Avoiding family meals or outdoor activities	Showing a drop in academic performance
Getting irritable when gadgets are taken away	Losing interest in hobbies or social events

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## CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

THE FOUR PILLARS ARE WEST DRAYTON'S VALUES THAT THREAD THROUGH THE CURRICULUM. EVERY DAY, WE ASPIRE TO DEMONSTRATE AND APPLY THESE VALUES IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PILLARS WILL HELP TO PREPARE OUR CHILDREN FOR TODAY, THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR EDUCATION AND BEYOND.

EACH WEEK, FROM EACH CLASS, ONE CHILD WILL BE SELECTED AS THE WEEKLY CHAMPION. THE CHAMPION IS SOMEBODY WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY EXHIBITED THEIR CLASS VALUE OF THE WEEK.

### Year 1

- Charlie P
- Leo S
- Abdullah L

### Year 2

- Eliza L
- Navraj S
- Rethym C

### Year 3

- Asala I
- Samara S
- Elanor N

### Year 4

- Rajika K
- Ariana M
- Alexander C

### Year 5

- Jamal S
- Sianna R
- Glenn Y

### Year 6

- Chino S
- Sophia T



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## COME TO THE Book FAIR

FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR\*

READING GIVES YOU SUPERPOWERS!

30th September -  
6th October 2025


**Payment at our Book Fair**

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in **£5, £10, £15, £20 and £25**. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

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