



West Drayton Academy Newsletter

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Edition 4

Principal's update

As part of West Drayton's curriculum offer the '100 Club' - provides your children with 100 opportunities to engage in a range of 'wow' experiences, develop essential life skills and further grow their knowledge. Each activity or experience that the children complete will earn them one stamp on their 100 Club passport. We want all children to fill their passports before they leave us in Year six.

'Help at Home' week begins on Monday 6th October and incorporates numbers 11 and 33 on the 100 club list - helping out at home and supporting a charity. We would like you, parents and carers, to sponsor the children to complete household chores. This could be making their bed, washing up, tidying their rooms or washing your car. All money raised will be donated to the Park Federation's partner charity, Action Aid. ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. Further information and a sponsor form will be shared with you on Monday.

Wishing you all a terrific weekend.

Richard Yates
Principal



Dates for your diary

30th September

Book Fair

2nd October

Favourites Day

3rd October

Flu Vaccination

SEND Coffee Morning

6th - 10th October

Help at Home

8th October

School Photography

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this academic year is:

- 1st place: 3A with 98%
- 2nd place: 2BR with 97.78%
- 3rd place: 1M with 96.55%

It will be a non-uniform day for 3A on Friday 3rd October! Well done!



TRIPLE
THURSDAY
TREAT

GOLDEN TICKET

This Thursday your child's school lunch can be extra special as we are giving 'GOLDEN TICKETS' that could win them TRIPLE DOJO POINTS!!! All you need to do is:

- Be present, attendance is important!
- Choose school lunch

There will be a draw to choose a winner from each class

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DOJO
TRIPLE THURSDAY

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2025

How to Take Part

1. To get your golden ticket, eat school lunch on Thursday, 2nd October 2025
2. During Friday assembly, we'll draw one lucky winner from each class!
3. The winner will get to **triple** their entire Dojo point balance!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!



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What is Favourites Day Special Menu and Why is it important



Special Menu
Favourites Day

**Thursday
2nd October**

Sticky BBQ Chicken
Halal Sticky BBQ Chicken
Vegan Hot Dog with Ketchup
Baked Wedges
Sweetcorn & Baked Beans

Dessert
Waffle
Mixed Berry Sauce

BM3Halal/Non

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all schools including WDA.

This year, **all** children can benefit from free school meals, not just KS1.

Any school with 90% uptake of school dinners can receive extra funding. This is calculated on one day called a 'census day' - the next census day is Thursday 2nd October.

We need as many children as we can to have a school dinner on this date. We request all parents to participate and encourage children to choose school meals on **Thursday, 2nd October**.

Remember:

The meal is free, it will save you money

**The meal is hot and nutritious
It will save you time**

and...

**School receives additional funding
to spend on the children.**

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Y6 PGL TRIP 2025/26

This week, Year 6 embarked on their much anticipated PGL trip! We arrived on Monday afternoon, and were immediately thrown into activities to test our teamwork and bravery. We began with the challenge course, completing various obstacles individually and in teams. Our second activity was the climbing wall, where many children faced any fear of heights and reached the top. The first night was full of much excitement as we looked forward to the following day's activities.

Day 2 held more exciting opportunities: zipline, problem solving, abseiling and buggy building. The zipline was a real favourite of the week, and many children felt very proud of themselves for facing the very high abseiling wall. Buggy building and problem solving involved a great deal of teamwork and communication, which Year 6 demonstrated brilliantly. Creating and riding in our own buggy made of barrels and logs was particularly fun!

On Day 3, the children participated in archery and the trapeze. They had to help hold the ropes during the trapeze and all of the children were enthusiastically encouraging each other to be brave with the height! After a final meal, we departed PGL back to school.

The three days at PGL were excellent, and we were lucky with dry, sunny weather the whole time! The children (and adults!) all thoroughly enjoyed their trip. Well done to the children for representing West Drayton Academy so brilliantly this week.



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Welcome
Team GB Sprinter
VICTORIA OHURUOGU
to our school

“Be good to your body and mind today - so it can thank you for it tomorrow”



Scan to sponsor
Search our school




Your child will have brought home **sponsorship forms** so you can sponsor them for their fitness circuit with Team GB sprinter Victoria Ohuruogu! You can either scan the QR code to pay online or you can send the money and sponsorship form back into school with the children to give to their class teacher.

Update Regarding Medication at School: Calpol & Paracetamol

We are writing to inform you of a change in our policy regarding the administration of Paracetamol during school hours. To streamline care and ensure immediate availability, the school will now maintain its own supply of Paracetamol.

Consent Procedure: If you anticipate your child may need paracetamol during the school day, please visit the school office as usual in the morning. You will be required to sign a consent form detailing the specific dosage and time the medication is to be administered.

In an **emergency**, the school will always contact you via phone to obtain verbal consent before administering any medication.

We understand that you may have previously provided Paracetamol or Calpol for your child to be kept at school. We kindly ask that you come to the school office to collect any pain relief medication you have on file within the next two weeks. Please note that for safety reasons, any medication not collected by the end of the two-week period will be safely and discreetly disposed of.

PE Days

It is important for children to bring their PE kit on their PE days. Children are supported with PE items where required, however, they can miss 1 breaktime for not bringing their PE kits to school. We request parents to support children with PE kits.

On the days when they have PE in the morning they can come to school wearing their PE kit and can change into their uniform after their PE lessons. On the days when they have PE in the afternoon, children must come in their full uniform and bring their PE kits to school to change. Thank you for your cooperation.

Here are the details of which week is week A or B, however class teachers will ensure they also remind children which week it is and whether it's an AM or PM PE week for their class.

w/b 29th September (Week B)
 w/b 6th October (Week A)
 w/b 13th October (Week B)
 w/b 20th October (Week A)



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PE Days:	Classes:						
	AM <i>Come to school in PE kit, bring uniform to change.</i>			PM <i>Come to school in uniform, bring PE kit to change.</i>			
Monday	3 Atinuke	3 Potter	5 Zephaniah	Reception	6 Carroll	4 Wilson	
Tuesday	Year 1 (ALL): WkA = AM WkB = PM	Year 2 (ALL): WkA = PM Wk B = AM	5 Riordan	6 Morpurgo		4 Rauf	
Wednesday	Year 5 (ALL): WkA = AM WkB = PM	Year 4 (ALL): WkA = PM Wk B = AM		3 Dahl			
Thursday	Year 3 (ALL): WkA = AM WkB = PM	Year 6 (ALL): WkA = AM WkB = PM	1 Milne	1 Suess	1 Donaldson	5 Sachar	
Friday	Nursery	2 Browne	2 Bond	Nursery	6 Blackman	4 Lowery	2 Soundar



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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
 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.

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

PRIVACY POLICY
 Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
 For data protection queries, please contact: 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

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.



COFFEE MORNING SEN SUPPORT



Being a parent/carer of a child with Special Educational Needs and/or a disability can be challenging at times, but you are not alone and support is available.

We will be holding Coffee Mornings every Friday from the 3rd October in the Paddington Library from 8:50am to 10:00am where parents and carers of children can join us for a drink, relax and share ideas, tips and offer advice in a friendly environment.

**EVERY
FRIDAY**

8:50am - 10:00am
Paddington Library

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Malik
(Family Liaison Officer) on 07718 492006

Donation Request: We are looking for donations of resources to help enrich our children's learning, things we need:

- Cause-and-effect toys (toys that light up, make sounds, or react to touch)
- Touch-and-feel books (sensory story resources)



Magnetic Shapes



Connector Toys



Gear Ring Spinner



Shape Sorters



Pop Up Toys



Adapted Switch Toys



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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 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 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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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

- Mithun R
- Muaz S
- Shloka N

Year 2

- Miley W
- Jason M
- Shaanvi B

Year 3

- Feras M
- Miraj M
- Faris M

Year 4

- Aryan S
- Mahzala S
- Ridhanya P

Year 5

- Kundana C
- Olivia C
- Izma A

Year 6

- Aleena I
- Lina S



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