

Headteacher's update

For the last six years, the Park Federation has been working with a charity called ActionAid, helping to support women and girls from around the world. Last year, across the ten Park Federation schools, we raised nearly £30,000.

ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. For women and girls, poverty means having fewer opportunities than men and boys. In the world's poorest places this means women and girls often face discrimination, exploitation and violence. From the moment they're born, many girls are seen and treated as less than boys. All over the world women and girls have fewer choices than men and boys. At West Drayton, girls and boys are treated equally.

Each year, the West Drayton community donates money to ActionAid. This year's first opportunity to donate was 'Help at Home' Week. There's a brief summary in this newsletter. Let's continue to raise some money and teach our children some important life skills and values at the same time.

Have a great weekend!

Richard Yates
Principal



Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered from our recent Scholastic Book Fair! Thanks to your generosity, our school community purchased over £1,000 worth of books.

Any books purchased at the bookfair earns Scholastic Rewards, which allows us to claim free books and learning resources directly for our classrooms and school library. For a total over £850, Scholastic gives back 50% of the sales value in rewards, meaning we will be able to get £500 worth of free books for our pupils!

Dates for your diary

5th October

Y3 Chiltern Open Museum
Spelling Bee Round 1

5th - 16th October

5S Swimming Lessons

6th October

Black History Month
Exhibition

7th October

School Photography -
Portraits

Y6 visit to Kew Gardens

9th October

Y6 PGL Pre-departure
meeting

13th, 15th & 19th October

Behaviour Class Charts
Workshops

19th - 21st October

Y6 PGL

Attendance

The class with the
best attendance this
week is:

1st place: 5Z with 97.59%
2nd place: 4OR with 97.4%
3rd place: 5R with 97.3%

**It will be a non-uniform day
for 5Z on Friday 9th
October.**

Well done!

Y5 Swimming Lessons

We are excited to announce that our Year 5 pupils will be heading to the pool for an intensive two-week swimming lessons! Each class will attend during their designated weekly slot, giving every child consistent, focused time in the water to build confidence and develop essential swimming skills.

Swimming is much more than a fun school activity - it is a vital, lifelong safety skill. Intensive daily blocks allow children to make rapid progress. In addition to physical health and coordination, these sessions develop personal resilience, team support, and critical awareness of water safety.

Reminder for Parents/Carers

Please note the following:

- All children must wear swimming hats.
- Boys must wear lycra swimming trunks that are no longer than mid-thigh length and tight to the skin.
- Girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit.
- Children must not wear jewellery to swimming lessons.
- Any child with a verruca must wear a swimming sock or not take part in lessons.
- Children need to bring a towel to dry themselves.

Without the appropriate equipment / clothing, children will not be permitted to swim.

Please note the dates when your child will attend the lessons:

Sachar: w/b 5th October & 12th October

Rick Riordan: w/b 19th October & 2nd November

Zephaniah: w/b 23rd November & 30th November



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ClassCharts

Class Charts Launch

We are delighted to invite you to an information session on our updated Relationships & Behaviour Policy 2026–27 and the launch of our new parent communication app, TES Class Charts.

At West Drayton Academy, we believe in explicitly teaching behavioural expectations while maintaining high standards, fairness, and dignity for every child. As part of these positive changes, we are moving away from our older, previous tracking tools (like ClassDojo and traffic lights) to TES Class Charts, which allows you to see your child's daily successes, Tier 1–3 positive points, and achievements in real time.

To ensure every family has an opportunity to attend, we are hosting several short 30-minute workshop sessions. Please join us for whichever slot suits your schedule best:

- Session 1 (Morning): Tuesday 13th October at 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
- Session 2 (Morning): Thursday 15th October at 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
- Session 3 (After school): Monday 19th October at 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

What we will cover:

- Our core philosophy: "Teach, don't tell" and our 3 School Rules.
- Expectations for checking the Class Charts app and working in partnership with your child's class teacher.
- How Class Charts works and how to download the free Parent App.

If you are unable to attend in person, a 'how to' video and login code will be sent home with your child following the sessions.

Please confirm your preferred session by Friday 9th October using this link: [Google Form Invitation](#)

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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.



Daniel
Jenson
Ivana



Charlie
Qoneetat
Aminah



Mofe
Jaival

Uttara

Ruby

Chemutai



Zuri

Srinika

Zarlasht



Nanmaaran

Tooba

Raveen



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Get ready for Photography Day on

Wednesday 07/10/2026
at West Drayton Academy

Look out for the order form
coming home with your child



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Votes for School

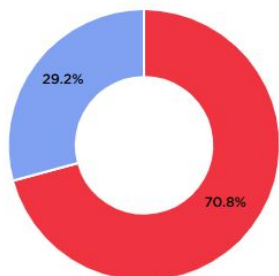
This week, during Votes for School, we discussed:

Should e-scooters be allowed on roads? (KS2)

Do you need more road safety lessons? (KS1)

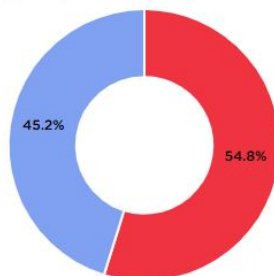


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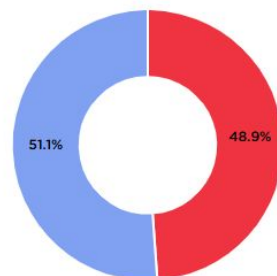
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● Yes

Regional (Greater London)



● No
● Yes

National



Coming up:

Do stories bring us together?

Inspired by Children's Laureate Patrice Lawrence's message on how reading brings us together, Children will have the opportunity to discuss this theme during Votes for School.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DEEPIFAKES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A "deepfake" generates photos, videos and audio via AI models trained on the subject to mimic their look and sound, making it appear they said words or committed acts that never occurred. While initially unsophisticated and easy to identify, deepfakes are increasingly more convincing as the technology behind them continues to improve at a solid pace.

FAKE NEWS

With the technology getting easier to use and public figures having lots of photos and clips to train AI from, deepfakes are often used to spread fake news, propaganda and scams. For example, in 2023, an audio deepfake of Labour leader Sir Kier Starmer designed to make him sound like he was berating an aid was pushed by propagandists on X.

SCAMS

With the right training material, deepfakes can be made from anyone's voice and appearance, and that means scammers can take advantage. In 2019, criminals faked the voice of an energy company's CEO to steal £220,000 from the company, and private citizens have also been targeted. In 2023, an Arizona mother was the subject of a fake kidnapping phone call, using deepfaked audio of her daughter pleading for her life.

EXTORTION

You might not be the one being tricked by a deepfake — you could also be the star of it. Blackmail videos are as old as film itself, but with deepfake technology you could become a target without even doing anything. A deepfake video showing a person in an compromising position could make the victim pay up, even if the scenes depicted are entirely fictitious.

EXPLICIT MATERIAL

A 2019 report claimed that 98% of deepfake videos were pornographic in nature. In other words, users were realistically superimposing the faces of other people onto the bodies of pornographic actors. This is creepy in its own right but can also lead to the kind of extortion highlighted above if the video looks convincing enough. Indeed, the FBI warned about this phenomenon in 2023.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP THOSE PROFILES PRIVATE

To make a convincing deepfake, you need a supply of images, audio, or video of the subject. This means that most non-celebrity victims are targeted via social media, where there's a ready-made repository of media to train a deepfake from. Most social media companies have privacy settings to prevent unauthorised access. Enable these to keep strangers away.

USE RESEARCH AND COMMON SENSE

More sophisticated deepfakes won't have obvious signs but can still be spotted with critical thinking and investigation. If you see a friend or family member in what you think is a deepfake, you could contact them directly and clear it up with them. For public figures, look them up to discover if what you saw was legitimate. Also employ critical thinking — think about why this clip could have been made.

KNOW THE SIGNS

While deepfake technology has come on in leaps and bounds in recent years, there are still telltale signs to look and listen out for. The process of creating deepfakes can leave blurry edges and flickering textures, especially around hair and teeth. If the mouth doesn't seem to be moving in relation to the words spoken, that's another telltale sign. For audio, listen out for mispronounced words and a slightly unusual, robotic rhythm of speech.

INFORM AND EMPOWER CHILDREN

As well as emphasising the need for privacy and not trusting everything they see online, it's important to ensure children realise why deepfakes are problematic in the first place. With deepfake technology getting more accessible and easier to use, children can start using the technology to make deepfakes of schoolmates, teachers, or other adults. Make sure they're aware of the harm this technology can cause and the ethics of manipulating someone's image in this way.



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Eatwell Guide

Use the Eatwell Guide to help you get a balance of healthier and more sustainable food. It shows how much of what you eat overall should come from each food group.

Check the label on packaged foods

Each serving (150g) contains

Energy	Fat	Saturated	Sugars	Salt
1046kJ 250kcal	3.0g	1.3g	34g	0.9g
	LOW	LOW	HIGH	MED

of an adult's reference intake
Typical values (as sold) per 100g: 697kJ/167kcal

Choose foods lower in fat, salt and sugars

Eat at least 5 portions of a variety of fruit and vegetables every day



Eat less often and in small amounts

Choose wholegrain or higher fibre versions with less added fat, salt and sugar



Water, lower fat milk, sugar-free drinks including tea and coffee all count.

Limit fruit juice and/or smoothies to a total of 150ml a day.

Beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat and other proteins
Eat more beans and pulses, 2 portions of sustainably sourced fish per week, one of which is oily. Eat less red and processed meat



Dairy and alternatives
Choose lower fat and lower sugar options



Choose unsaturated oils and use in small amounts

Per day 2000kcal 2500kcal = ALL FOOD + ALL DRINKS

Source: Public Health England in association with the Welsh Government, Food Standards Scotland and the Food Standards Agency in Northern Ireland

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This week, we're highlighting the **Eatwell Guide**, a straightforward and effective visual tool designed to help make healthier and more sustainable food choices. This infographic illustrates the five main food groups and the proportions they should ideally make up of our daily diet. From the vital 5-a-day portions of fruit and vegetables to prioritizing wholegrain or higher-fiber starchy carbohydrates, the guide offers a clear roadmap. We hope this guide serves as a valuable resource for planning family meals at home, ensuring everyone gets the right balance of nutrients to support a healthy and active lifestyle.

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Our **Culture Club** is celebrating **Navratri**, and we want you to be part of the magic!

We are looking for parents to join a group dance performance; this will be held on
23rd October at 3:30pm

If you'd like to join the performance or learn more, please contact Mrs Malik on 07718492006
Let's celebrate together!




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