

Newsletter



20.7.2023

Dates for your diary

Friday 1 September

Teacher Training Day

Monday 4 September

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5 September

Y1-6 return to school

Wednesday 6 September

Nursery return to school

Reception start school

Holiday Dates

For school holiday dates
please check our website
<https://www.west-street.org/>

GOODBYES!

We wish Year 6 much success for the future, both at their new high schools and beyond! We look forward to hearing about their adventures and hope they will stay in touch. Many thanks to Year 6 parents for all your support during your child's time at West Street.

Leaving

Primary school is over now with high school coming fast,
I have to tell you this last year has simply been a blast.

Shortly you'll be moving on to somewhere fresh and new,
This school will be so different when we do not have you.

We've watched you grow and turn into the person that you are,
To read and write and count with ease, you simply are a star!

We want you to remember, a message from us all,
Live your life and chase your dreams, whether big or small.

You are unique and wonderful and sadly, will be missed.
So grab life and forever hold it tightly in your fist.

Goodbye from us and thank you as it has been so much fun,
Remember you are special and you're simply number one!



Goodbye Mrs. Holliday! Thank you for all your hard work teaching West Street children for the last 13 years; for leading the Early Years Foundation Stage; for introducing our new phonics scheme and supporting our Nursery and Reception staff to do such a great job. We will miss you and wish you much success with your new job!

Goodbye Miss. Broadbent! Thank you for setting up and running our amazing library as well as getting us really excited about books; for supporting children with their learning in class for 8 years; for helping out both in the office and with Miss. Watson. We will miss you and wish you much success with some exciting new work!

Goodbye Mrs. Jenkinson! Thank you for your commitment to the children of West Street for 24 years; for supporting hundreds of children with their learning in class; for your great sense of humour; your hard work as both a governor and key member of the P.T.A.; your fantastic Wordle ability! You have more than earned your retirement – enjoy spending more time with your grandchildren and having holidays during term time.

Goodbye Mr. Akrigg! Thank you for your work as Site Supervisor looking after our school for the last 5 years. We hope you enjoy your new job and the exciting opportunities it will present!

Goodbye Mrs. Duerden – we hope your baby arrives safely and that you have a happy and healthy maternity leave looking after him!

Congratulations Miss. Reed! We hope you have a wonderful wedding day in August and will do our best to remember to call you Mrs. Cumpstey in September!

Getting ready for September

Miss. Watson will send parents a letter on Tuesday 29th August, one week before school re-opens to children. This will include reminders about the new school day, school uniform, lunchtime options and snacks.

Are you interested volunteering in school?

We are keen to welcome more volunteers in school to support children's learning. Volunteers must have a DBS – this is easy to organise with Miss. Watson. Interested? Then talk with Miss. Watson or Mrs. Duerden!

School Dinners

This is the menu for school lunches after the summer holidays. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday

Sausage & Mash or
Panini

Wednesday

Chicken or
Jacket Potato

Thursday

Curry & Rice or
Tomato Pasta

Friday

Pizza or
Fish

The cost of school dinners are:

£2.40 per day OR £12.00 per week

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff. Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.





Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent.
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you.
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit.

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am.

Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.

Free school meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals when you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
 - Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
 - Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Income Support

Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

When your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected 31 March 2025) even if your circumstances change.

When your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in.

Parents of current Year 2 children are reminded that when their child is in Year 3 they are no longer eligible for universal free school meals. In Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6 children) children only receive free school meals and free school meal vouchers when they are eligible for free school meals.

Nursery parents may also be able to claim free school meals. West Street's Nursery is a maintained nursery school. To be eligible your child must attend for a full day and you must get one of the qualifying benefits.

You can apply for free school meals on Lancashire County Council's website. Just type **free school meals lcc to search for this page.**

Have a happy and safe summer holiday from all the West Street Staff!



CONGRATULATIONS!!

A massive well done and congratulations to our learners of the year!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned a new book!

THANK YOU to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.



Learner of the Year

Year R	Carter
Year 1	Sam
Year 2	Wynter
Year 3	Moiz
Year 4	Theo N
Year 5	Riley
Year 6	Callum

Most Improved Learner of the Year

Year R	Harry
Year 1	Cersei
Year 2	Drake
Year 3	Daud
Year 4	Kyran
Year 5	Holly
Year 6	Persha

