



Friday 27th January 2023

# West End Newsbites

## Stars of the Week

	w/e 20th Jan	w/e 27th Jan
Mrs Cliff	Summer Collins-Hall	Alfie Sawford
Year 6	Layla Brookes	Millie Todd
Year 5	Jade Sykes	Ivy Wojcik
Year 4	Amelia Blundell	Jayden Wilkinson
Year 3	Darcey Priestley	Sophie McCann
Year 2	Lacie-Mai Tyson	Wyatt Sellman
Year 1	Alfie Sawford	Alice Brennan
Reception	Thea Harrison	Hunter Hailes



## Lates and Attendance

Here are the class lates and attendances for the past two weeks.

Remember the gates will close at 8:55am and if you need to be buzzed in your child will be classed as late:

	<u>Lates</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
	20th Jan	27th Jan	20th Jan	27th Jan
Year 6	3	0	95.0%	94.7%
Year 5	0	1	87.3%	89.2%
Year 4	2	3	93.4%	97.2%
Year 3	1	2	96.4%	93.6%
Year 2	1	2	95.7%	95.0%
Year 1	1	0	91.3%	93.8%
Reception	1	3	92.0%	88.0%

Well done to Years 6, 5 and 1 who move their bee for the least lates.

Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 who have had the best attendance.

## Reading Challenge

Well done to all of the children who have read at least four times a week at home with parents resulting in them filling their reading bookmark. They are **Super Readers!** Check them out on our Facebook page.



## **Super Readers Roll of Honour –**

Year	Number of Super Readers 20.01.23	% of Class	Number of Super Readers 27.01.23	% of Class
6	13	26%	16	53%
5	9	56%	14	54%
4	11	41%	9	31%
3	13	64%	20	80%
2	11	30%	15	50%
1	7	40%	10	63%
R	12	52%	10	40%

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Children who fill their Super Readers bookmarks are allowed to choose a brand new book to take home and keep from Mrs Hunt's stash of exciting books. Look at these fantastic pictures of some of our book winners from the last two weeks!



### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

We are really impressed by how hard the children are working on TTRS lately, the effort they are making is really showing in their results. Well done, and please keep it up!



This week, we are 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranking out 30 local schools for fastest correct answers! We have shot up the chart from the bottom section, to 9<sup>th</sup> then to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A special well done to all of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children who have contributed to this result.

### **Strikes**

A letter went out in book bags on Tuesday with information regarding upcoming teachers strikes. The strike days are Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.



We are doing everything we can to try and keep school open, and at the moment we can tell you that school will definitely be open on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We will contact you regarding Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February nearer to the time.

### **Staffing**

We have a few upcoming staffing changes in school with effect from the end of this half term. Mrs Griffiths will be retiring and Mrs Kitson will be sadly leaving us for a new role.



Mrs Griffiths has been at West End for over forty years, and has seen generations of families pass through the school in that time. We will miss her very much, and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

A message from Mrs Kitson -

I just want to say how fantastic our school is and all the people in it and connected to it. I don't write this paragraph lightly, I just wanted to tell you myself that I have been offered a new and exciting career opportunity that has my name written all over it supporting older children and families in the mental health arena. So sadly, I will be leaving West End on the 10<sup>th</sup> February and this leaves a hole in my heart that cannot be replaced. Thank you for all your chats, tears and laughter over the years. I shall miss you all. Mrs Kitson xx

Mrs Kitson will also be very missed by staff, children and parents. We are certain you will join us in wishing her the very best of luck in her new role.



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## **Parent Staff Association (PSA)**

Our next event is the Valentines Disco which will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Tickets will be £2 per child including a hotdog, drink and a treat.

Slushies will be on sale at £1.

EYFS & KS1 5.00pm to 5.45pm

KS2 6.00pm to 7.00pm



The PSA members are currently making decorations, but if anyone else would like to help, please do get in touch either via our Facebook page or via the school office.

We had our first meeting of the new year this week and the turnout was amazing. Lots of ideas were shared and we are positive that 2023 will be a fabulous year of events.

More details coming soon about these.

If you haven't already, please give the PSA Facebook Page a like - search @WestEndPrimaryPSA

## **Important Dates for the Diary**

30.01.23 – Chinese Day – visitors for whole school

03.02.23 – Number Day – whole school

06.02.23 – Valentines Disco

07.02.23 – Korfball & Tag Rugby Competition Bay Leadership Academy

08.02.23 – PSA meeting 2pm

10.02.23 – School closes at 3.15pm for half term

20.02.23 - School reopens, gates open at 8.45am

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