



# West Twyford Newsletter

## Friday 9th January 2026

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[West Twyford Calendar](#)

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to 2026! It has been lovely having the children here again this week. Although it is a dark and cold time of year, there are many wonderful things happening in school and we are looking forward to a very positive term.

January is often a time to make New Year Resolutions and we have some great ideas for helping your child. These are all excellent ways to help your child make the most of their time in school and be involved in their learning

**Come to school on time.** Our school gates open at 8.45 and close at 8.55. Learning starts straightaway and being even a few minutes late means that children miss out on learning opportunities. Phonics starts first thing in the morning and it is lovely to see the children getting straight into their groups. Late children miss out on this vital learning .

**Check our term dates when planning holidays.** You may be thinking of booking a holiday this year. Please make sure that you check our term dates on the website. Holidays are never authorised, as absences in term time are not positive for children's education. In addition fines are issued for children's absence from school. [West Twyford Term Dates](#)

**Read the curriculum overview for this half term to see what your child is learning.** These have come home to you today and they will tell you the topics your child will study. This will help you to ask them questions and talk to them about their learning. [Curriculum Overviews](#)

**Check our uniform policy** and make sure that your child has a good coat, hat and gloves for the cold winter months. [Uniform List](#)

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns. Please remember that we now have an arrangement not to drop off items during the school day. We understand that sometimes you may need to drop off an item. In that case please call the office to arrange a convenient time. If we need you to bring something in we will contact you.

This is to help the office to have time to complete their important administrative tasks

Thank you for your continued support



## West Twyford Primary School

### Parent Key Dates – Spring term

Event	Date / Time
Phonics meeting for Reception class parents	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 1 Ash class Parents' Evening	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 3:30pm – 6pm and Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 3:30pm – 6pm
Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
Phonics Workshop for Parents	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 9am
Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2:40pm – 3:10pm and 5pm – 5:30pm
Year 6 The Natural History Museum trip	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 2 The Science Museum trip	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 4 The British Museum trip	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 5 High School Transition Meeting for Parents	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 9am – 9:30am and 5pm – 5:30pm
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 4pm – 5:30pm
Year 5 The Science Museum trip	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
KS2 Disco (Year 3 – Year 6)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 4pm – 5:30pm
World Book Day	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Red Nose Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 3:30pm – 6pm and Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 6pm

## Special Menu 15th January



## Applying for Reception Class 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for primary school this year.

**Even if your child is currently in our Nursery, you still need to apply for a place in Reception Class for next September.**

The deadline for applications is the 15th January 2026 and you will learn if you have a place on the 16th April 2026.

You apply at <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk> . If you need help completing this or have any questions, please contact the school office for advice.

## Chair of Governors

Elton Xhetani is no longer our Chair of Governors, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work and for the support he has given the school throughout his time as Chair. We can confirm that Nimisha Carver and Steve Coleman, two of our existing governors, have jointly taken on the role of Chair.

## Role Models of the Week

Well done to the following children for their outstanding learning and behaviour in school this term!

**Behaviour Award:** Safiyya & Zain (Year 1), Iman & Ayan (Year 2), Rima & Elissar (Year 3), Karam & Rustin (Year 4), Malachi & Fuad (Year 5), Tia & Sana R (Year 6)

**Learning Award:** Jolly & Zahraa (Year 1), Mohammad S & Lana J (Year 2), Barzan & Haneen (Year 3), Abdulrahman & Mohamad A (Year 4), Fatima A & Dherya (Year 5), Caleb & Tim (Year 6)

## Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted to say that **these classes achieved 95%+ attendance this week!**

**Congratulations!**

**Well done to: Year 3 Maple, Reception Oak, Year 1 Ash, Year 6 Cedar, Year 6 Poplar, Year 5 Silver Birch**

Punctuality, coming to school on time, is very important. **Learning in school starts at 8.55, and we need all children to be in school ready to learn.**

We teach phonics first thing in the morning, if children are late then they miss an very important learning opportunity. **School gates open at 8.45: please ensure that your child is on time to make the most of the school day.**

## Lunchtime Stars

Every week we award a trophy to the best behaved class at lunchtime

This week's winners are: **Year 4 Elder**