



West Twyford Newsletter

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Democracy Week

Children have been participating in active democracy this week. Years 3-6 have been voting in the new School Council and we will be announcing the winners in next week's newsletter. Congratulations and well done to everyone who put themselves forward and stood up to explain to the class why they should for them.

We will shortly be electing the House Captains. All members of year 6 are allowed to stand and we will have 2 captains for each of our 4 houses.

Meet the Teacher

We hope to see you all at our Meet the Teacher meetings starting next week. These are a great opportunity to meet the class teacher and year group team and to get important information about how the class works.

Tuesday 22nd: 9.00 Year 5/ 14.40 Reception

Wednesday 23rd: 9.00 Year 4/ 14.40 Year 1

Thursday 24th: 9.00 Year 3 / 14.40 Year 2

Friday 25th: 9.00 Year 6

We will also be launching our new Parent/ Carer Handbook. This is for all parents and gives information about how our school works. Copies will be available at the meetings and it is available on our school website. Click the link below to read it.

[Parent/ Carer Handbook](#)

Punctuality

We are still focused on all of our children coming to school on time. We do this because it is so important for children's learning. This week we have been reminding parents arriving late about the importance of this.

Our new system is now in place and if you arrive late to school you will need to sign your children in at the school office and your children will need to wait until you have done so before coming into school. This may take a few minutes.

If you are finding the mornings difficult and it's hard to get the children to school. please see the workshop information below

Please remember that school gates open at 8.45 which gives 10 minutes for your child to come into school and be ready to start learning at 8.55.

Peaceful School Run: online workshop

Please see below for details of a free one-hour online workshop for parents, this is not run by school but we think it looks very helpful.

For some families, getting out of the door in the morning can be one of the most stressful parts of the day. Busy mornings, difficulties getting ready, and the pressure of leaving on time can leave both children and parents feeling overwhelmed before the school day has even begun.

This workshop offers practical ideas to help parents create a calmer emotional environment in the mornings, while supporting children to become more involved and organised in getting ready for school. During the session, we explore: How to create a calm and supportive emotional environment in the mornings, Ways to encourage children to take a more active role in getting ready, Practical strategies to help families leave home on time.

The workshop is interactive and gives parents an opportunity to reflect on their own mornings, share experiences, and explore practical strategies that can make the school run feel more manageable and peaceful. The next workshop will take place from

1–2 pm on Tuesday, 29 September.

School runs don't have to be a daily struggle

A Peaceful School Run

Getting children to school on time can feel like the most stressful part of the day. There is so much to do in such a short period of time, when children might not be ready for it. In this free workshop, you'll discover simple ways to make your school runs feel like teamwork, not a battle:

- **Create small moments of connection while still getting things done**, so that you start the day feeling closer.
- **Support your children with the big emotions that mornings can stir up**, so that emotions feel less overwhelming and you can start the day with more calm.
- **Encourage your children to take a more active role in getting ready**, which not only builds their independence but also gives you more breathing space in the morning.

You'll leave the workshop with practical steps to make your school runs more peaceful and more connected.

Online workshop via Zoom
Tuesday, September 29, 1:00 - 2:00pm
[Scan the QR code to register](#)



This workshop will be delivered by Una Archer, MSc. She uses a tried and tested attachment-informed framework to help parents feel more confident and navigate the challenges of parenting in a more connected and peaceful way. To find out more, visit www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk

International Day

International day is on Friday 25th September (next Friday!) and we will be celebrating the wonderful diversity of our community.

On the day children can come to school wearing clothes that represent their heritage. We are very pleased to celebrate all countries so wherever your family has roots please feel free to represent this. You might like to wear traditional clothes or to wear the colours of the flag.

If you would like your child to bring in some traditional food, they can bring in enough to share with 2 others. Please ensure this is not crisps, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks and remember we are an allergy aware school and dishes should not contain nuts.

Children will spend time on the day learning about different countries and we hope to have a parade in the afternoon at 2.30 and parents/ carers will be invited to attend and celebrate with us. We will keep an eye on the weather and have more information closer to the time.

We hope you will be able to share this day with us.

Role Models of the Week

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

Behaviour Award: Ikhlas & Amani (Year 1), Albert & Reem (Year 2), Lena & Julia (Year 3) Lyanna & Akram (Year 4), Mohamad A. & Suha (Year 5), Lemar & Gurnoor (Year 6)

Learning Award: Abdulaziz & Casian (Year 1), Anya & Mohamed (Year 2), Lana & Maysam (Year 3), Hannah & Sara (Year 4), Sadaf & William (Year 5), Julia & Ali (Year 6)

Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted to say that **attendance has been excellent this week and these classes achieved 95%+ attendance! Congratulations!**

Well done to: Year 5 Aspen, Year 3 Maple, Year 1 Willow, Year 4 Pine, Year 1 Ash, Year 4 Elder, Year 6 Poplar, Year 6 Cedar, Year 2 Sycamore, Reception Horse Chestnut, Year 3 Elm, 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.

Punctuality cup winners: Year 4 Pine