



# Westfield School

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## Dates for your diary

Y5 & Y6 residential trip—Monday 4th October to Friday 8th October

Last day of Term 1—Friday 22nd October

First day of Term 2—Monday 1st November



## New Pupils

We are very pleased to welcome the following new pupils this term:

Nabaz Y4

Elliot Y6



## INSET days

To confirm our INSET days for the coming school year are as below:

Tuesday 4th January

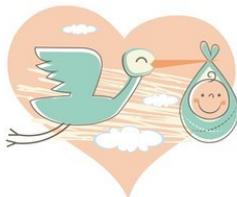
Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June



## Best wishes to Mrs Battison

The time has come for Mrs Battison to begin her maternity leave awaiting the arrival of her little one.



We wish Mrs Battison and her husband all the best as their family expands and look forward to her return to school life.

Mrs Battison's last day in school will be Friday 10th September.

## Westfield Headline

Welcome back everybody and an especially big welcome to our new Reception Class parents who are joining us for the first time. As always, it is great to see the children's smiling faces and get back to normality.

Unusually for this time of year though, we are saying some goodbyes. Firstly, Mrs Battison is starting her maternity leave today and we all wish her luck and joy with her new family member. We are looking forward to her return but, in the meantime, Mr Powe and myself will be taking on the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead, so please let us know if you have any concerns.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr Turner who is leaving us to pursue other opportunities. I am very thankful for the work Mr Turner has put in at the school. His drive and love of sport has really put PE at Westfield on the map. I am sure you will join me in wishing him luck in his new ventures.

At the beginning of the academic year, it is also important to share with you our school improvement foci. Our main focus this year continues to be improving writing.

To support with this we are introducing a phonics scheme called Read, Write Inc. This integrates the teaching of early phonics with reading, writing and spelling. Feedback from other local schools who have used the scheme has been really positive about the impact the resources have on both early reading and writing. We are excited to see how this works for your children. Watch this space!

Alongside writing, we are also putting the spotlight back on Maths and ensuring all children are completing work with the right level of challenge. We will be looking at sharing good practice across the school and supporting children to attack problems using appropriate resources.

We must also refocus on attendance this year. Following the pandemic, attendance has understandably dropped. To minimise further disruption to the children's learning though, we must get children back and into the classroom. We will be celebrating good attendance throughout the year and giving away some great prizes. Anyone who has attendance over 97% will be in the running to receive them. Good luck!

## Class name changes

You may be aware that we have introduced new class names to each year group.

As we have split our Year 6 class, it was decided that classes would have a tree theme and we would therefore like to introduce you to our new classes:

Reception—Acorn Class



Year 1—Willow Class



Year 2—Beech



Year 3—Juniper



Year 4—Sycamore



Year 5—Maple



Year 6 (Miss Adams)—Oak



Year 6 (Mr Powe)—Birch



## Clubs

Tuesday—Karate Club  
3:30 to 4:30



Friday—Gym Club  
3:15 to 4:15



**Please remember to cancel any After School Club sessions if your child attends any clubs.**

## Goodbye Mr Turner!

At the end of this month we will say farewell to Mr Turner as he moves on to pastures new.

A huge thank you to him for all his hard work over the last 3 years in enthusing children in sport at Westfield.

I'm sure you will all join us in wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavours.



## New Teachers

As we start the new school year, we would like to give a formal welcome to our 3 new teachers joining our team this year,

Mrs Bland in Acorn/Reception class

Miss Hamilton in Willow/Year 1 class

Mr Powe in Birch/Year 6 class

They have made an enthusiastic start to the year and it does take a while to become familiar with the school and children, so please do all you can to make them feel welcomed.



## Speech and Language Link Screening

In school we use a programme called Speech and Language Link which allows us to continually monitor our children's progress in speech and language in school.

Throughout the year we will be carrying out whole class screening.

In Term 1, Year 3 and Year 5 will be screened and in Term 2 it will be Reception and Year 1.

If you have any questions regarding Speech and Language Link in school or would like to see a Parent Guide, please email Miss Flanagan, Pastoral Assistant on [aflanagan@westfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:aflanagan@westfield.e-sussex.sch.uk)

## School Admissions 2022/2023

### Apply online—don't miss the deadline!

It's easy to find out about schools by going to the East Sussex County Council website [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools).

#### Children starting school for the first time

(born between 01/09/2017—31/08/2018)

**APPLY BY 15TH JANUARY 2022**

Summer born children: If you are thinking about deferring your child's entry to school you will need to request this at the same time as applying as if they are starting at the same time as their peers. For more information, visit [eastsussex.gov.uk/summerborn](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/summerborn)

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**APPLY BY 31ST OCTOBER 2021**

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