



# West Park Academy

**Date: February 2025**

**Spring Term 1**

Sit down have a warm drink and enjoy our latest school newsletter.

## **Get Creative!**

World Book Day is just around the corner, and we are inviting all children to take part in our **Creative Character Competition** – with a chance to win a new book or £5 voucher to spend at our book fair!

If your child would like to join in, they can get creative in **any way they like** to celebrate their favourite book or character.

This could be:

- A model of their favourite scene or character
- A drawing or painting inspired by a book
- A short piece of writing about a book they love

The opportunities are endless! Please make sure all entries are returned to school by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## **World Book Day: Relax and Read – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

This year, World Book Day has a 'Relax and Read' theme, so children are invited to come to school in **comfy clothes** and bring their **favourite book** to enjoy throughout the day. They can also bring a **prop**



linked to their favourite book or character to share with their friends – here are some fun ideas: A plate of 'bird pie' from *The Twits*, a golden ticket or a chocolate bar inspired by *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, a cape like *Supertato*, a wand from *Harry Potter*. Happy reading!

**World Book Fair:** Our annual bookfair will be returning in the hall, where you can browse the book cases and purchase some lovely books for you to enjoy with your children at home. The bookfair will be in school from **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 8:30 - 9:00am and 3:30 - 4:30pm.**

These books can be purchased in the hall on the day (cash and online payments, with card present) but if the book is not available, we can order at the end of the fair and it will be delivered to school. Vouchers (£1) will be given out to the children on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 these can be used when you purchase a book. When a book is purchased you are supporting school, we get money back so we can buy books to help the children's learning.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Forthcoming Events:

Thurs 20th Feb	All Day	Hub 2 Educational Visit - Life Centre Newcastle
Fri 21st Feb	3:30 PM	School Closes for Half Term
Mon 3rd Mar	8:45 AM	School re-opens
Wed 5th Mar	All Day	Animal Encounters - Yr1 & Yr6
Wed 5th - Mon 10th Mar	AM & PM	Bookfair - see overleaf for opening times
Thurs 6th March	All Day	World Book Day - come to school in comfy clothes
Tues 11th Mar	All Day	Tempest Class Photographs
Wed 12th Mar	3PM & 5PM	Yr6 SATs Meeting for Parents
Tues 8th Apr	3PM - 4PM	Yr6 hosting Easter Fair - Virgin Make £5 Grow program
Fri 11th Apr	3:30 PM	School closes for Easter Hols
Mon 28th Apr	8:45 AM	School re-Opens
Thurs 1st May	9:00 AM	Bags 2 School

### **Year 6 Easter Fair: Tuesday 8th April 2025**

We are excited to announce that Year 6 will be hosting an Easter Fair on **Tuesday 8th April 2025** from **3:00pm - 4:00pm**.

As part of the **Virgin Make £5 Grow** program, the year 6 children will be learning valuable skills about running a business, understanding profit and loss, and how money and financial decision making can affect people's wellbeing. To put their learning into action, they will be planning, creating, and selling a variety of Easter - themed products and activities at the fair. There will be plenty of fun stalls, games, and treats for everyone to enjoy!

We would love for parents, carers, and families to come along and support our young entrepreneurs while celebrating all their hard work.

Come along, join the fun, and help Year 6 make their money grow!

## **School Uniform:**

**We want everyone to feel a part of the Academy and wearing uniform is a big part of our identity. Our uniform is:**

- Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt
- Yellow or purple polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan
- Flat black shoes or black boots
- In summer, grey shorts may be worn, or a gingham dress in school colours



## **Each child also needs**

A school reading folder or **small bag**

**Staff will request that all jewellery is removed.**

## **PE Kit Requirements:**

This kit should be in the school colours or plain black **not branded**.

The kit must consist of the following items:

- yellow/purple or plain white t-shirt
- black/green shorts
- plimsolls for indoor PE
- trainers for outdoor PE
- black jogging or tracksuit bottoms for outdoor use and for the cold weather

**School Uniform Pop-Up:** We have a selection of clean, good condition, pre-worn uniform available, including P.E kits and shoes for parents/carers. There is no charge but any donations are welcome but not compulsory.

Please call at the shed between 3:00pm – 4:00pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Tuesday 29th April 2025
- Tuesday 10th June 2025
- Tuesday 1st July 2025

If you are unable to visit on these dates, please see Mrs Conroy or email on [l.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:l.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk)

**Year 6 SATs Meeting:** There will be a Yr 6 SATs meeting in the school hall on **Wednesday 12th March 2025** at **3:00pm** or **5:00pm**. This is an opportunity to understand the SATs process.

Year 6 SATs weeks begins **12th May 2025 - 15th May 2025**.

## Homework:

Homework helps children to retain and practise what they have learnt in school. It also gives parents an insight into what their child is working on and an opportunity to support their learning. Please support us to help your child by ensuring that homework is completed and returned on the due day. Please see our Home School Agreement on the website for what you can expect from us and what we expect from you.

## Attendance: Be in school and on time - it matters.

Children struggle to keep up when they miss school or come in late. Excellent attendance maximises the learning opportunities and parents/carers have a vital role in promoting positive attitudes to good attendance. Evidence shows that pupils who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and in friendships with their peers. The graph shows the impact that missing just a few days of school can have over the course of an academic year.



## Friends of West Park Academy:

Would you like to support the children who attend West Park Academy? If the answer is yes then why not become a Friend of West Park Academy and help raise funds for school and make new friends.

We meet each Monday morning between 9:00am and 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat. We will also be holding a minuted meeting on the first Monday morning of each half term to plan future fundraisers, share ideas and decide how the money raised will be spent.

Come and join our friendly group and contribute to raising funds for our children. Pre-schoolers are welcome to join too!

**Coming soon:** We will be moving to a new system in school for pupil records, payments and communications called Arbor. Please watch out for further details on how to download the parent app to keep you up to date and how we will use Arbor.