



# West Park Academy

**Date: Sept 2025**

**Autumn Term 1**

Welcome back to school to all children and staff especially all new starters. The morning bell rings at 8:45am, all children need to be in class for registration at this time. Collection time is at 3:30pm - this is for all children.

**Arbor:** We have switched text messaging and emails from Teachers2Parents (Eduspot) to **Arbor**. All messages to parents will be sent direct to your Arbor app: the Arbor logo will show on your notifications informing you there is a message waiting. This will include Head bumps, letters etc  
Please make sure you are frequently logging onto Arbor and checking for any communications.  
Teachers will continue to communicate via Class Dojo.  
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01325 380792.

**Wear Red Day 2025:** Be part of our day of action. Wear Red Day - **Friday 17th October 2025**. Change Hearts. Change Minds. Change Lives. 2025 is the 11th Anniversary of Wear Red Day. As a supported, you are showing your true, brave colours. As part of the team, you make us stronger. Every heart and every mind that we change changes at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others. Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us. Wear **RED**.

Reception Phonics, Reading and Maths Information Session will take place on **Wednesday 24th September 2025** at **5:00pm—6:00pm** in the school hall. A letter has been sent to Reception parents, please complete the slip and return to school by **Friday 19th September 2025**.

**Open Event:** We are holding an Open Event for prospective parents for Reception Sept 2026 starters. This will be on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025** at **5:00pm**, just come along no need to book.

**Parents Consultation** will take place **w/c 3rd and 10th November 2025**, there will be more information to follow shortly.

<b>Forthcoming Events:</b>		
Wed 17th Sept	All Day	Yr5 Education Visit -Jarrow Hall
Wed 24th Sept	AM	Yr4 Education Visit – Town Centre
Wed 24th Sept	5:00 PM	Reception Phonics Reading & Maths Information Session
Tues 30th Sept	AM	Yr2 Education Visit - Acorn Dairy
Thurs 2nd Oct	All Day	Yr6 Education Visit - Hamsterley Forest
Tues 7th Oct	PM	Yr1 Autumn Walk - West Park
Fri 17th Oct	All Day	Wear Red Day - Change Hearts, Change Minds, Change Lives
Wed 22nd Oct	5:00 PM	Open evening for potential Reception 2025 starters
Fri 24th Oct	All Day	Training Day - School closed
Mon 27th Oct	All Week	School Closed for Half Term
Mon 3rd Nov	8:45 AM	School re-opens
W/C 10th & 17th Nov	3:30 PM onwards	Parents Consultation - Information to follow
Wed 12th Nov	All Day	Rec - Yr6 children Nasal Flu Vaccination
Mon 17th Nov	All day	Individual Photos

**Contact Details:** If you have moved address, had a change of telephone number or need to update emergency contact details you can now update your information on Arbor.

For up to date information you can look on the school website: [www.westparkacademy.org.uk](http://www.westparkacademy.org.uk) and click on 'Key Info' for news & events throughout the school year. For individual class curriculums, click on 'Curriculum'. Our website is regularly updated, why not have a look. We are also on Facebook, Twitter and information is also updated on Class Dojo. 

**Nasal Flu Vaccinations.** As part of the NHS National Immunisation schedule, we are offering the nasal flu vaccine in school. This will take place in WPA on **Wednesday 12th November 2025**. There will be information sent out via email to parents once we receive it from the NHS.

**Individual School Photographs** will be taken on **Monday 17th November 2025**. If your child has siblings who **do not** attend West Park Academy, they may come into school from 8.30am onwards, a ticket will be given on arrival for a place in the queue. **All** children who attend West Park Academy will have their photographs taken throughout the school day.



As part of **The Harvest Festival** we will be having a collection in school of food such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, cereals, tinned meat, rice and UHT milk. This will be collected by King's Food Store, which is a food bank. King's Food Store are coming to collect **w/c 13th October 2025**. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.



**Meal Pattern:** If you would like to make a change to your child's current meal pattern: i.e changing from Packed Lunch to School Meal or vice versa then please inform the school office.

**Nut Allergy:** Just to make you aware that we do have children with nut allergies in school. Please be mindful when sending food into school, this includes products such as Chocolate nut spread and food stuffs that do not seemingly contain nuts. Children do not have to eat these products to have a severe reaction.

**PE Kit Requirements:** PE is a compulsory subject in school and too many children are coming to lessons without appropriate kit.



Please provide your child with a sensible PE kit. This kit should preferably be in the school colours, (however, this is not mandatory) or plain colours – **NO** football kits allowed.

The kit should consist of the following items:

- Plain yellow/purple or white t-shirt
- Black/green shorts
- Trainers (outdoor)
- Jogging bottoms/track suit for outdoor use and for the cold weather

PE days may change to fit in with the needs of the school, therefore it is important that your child has appropriate PE kit in school with them **every day** to ensure that PE can be taught consistently and in line with the National Curriculum.

**Healthy Eating:** At West Park Academy we encourage healthy eating and want lunchtime to provide a nourishing break within school, therefore can we remind parents that **sweets** and **chocolate bars** are not allowed in children's packed lunch or as a break time snack.



**Breakfast Club:** Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8:00am, the doors will close at 8:30am. The daily cost is £3.00. Your child can enjoy toast, cereals, fruit and a drink. Please remember to book your place on **Arbor**.



**Bikes and Scooters:** Could children and parents please dismount from bicycles and scooters at the entrance gates to school. For health and safety reasons bicycles and scooters are not permitted on the playground. Could you also ensure that you stay on the paved areas and not use the grass. **No** electric bikes or scooters are allowed on the premises.



**Lost Property:** We are trying to reduce the amount of lost clothing in school. Please help us by **clearly labelling all** clothing. Children are responsible for their coats, jumpers, cardigans etc. At the end of play/lunchtime all items are returned to the child, this can **only** happen if the clothes are clearly labelled.

Names written on the label will help school reunite lost clothing with their owners. Labels can be purchased from Elizabeth Embroidery.

**Future Events:** Before the end of the Autumn 2 term there will be various Christmas activities. Leading up to Christmas we will be asking for Hamper donations. Raffle tickets will then go on sale for Christmas Hampers.

Keep checking the school website:  
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