



West Park Academy

Date: February 2026

Spring Term 1

West Park Lumiere Event will be on **Thursday 19th February 2026, from 5:00pm - 6:00pm**. Please collect your child as normal at 3:30pm and return at 5:00pm. All children will be participating in creating art installations for our Lumiere event, applying their learning in STEM and art. The installations will focus around the theme 'Our World' and will showcase children's learning across the curriculum from World War 2 and Space, to Shakespeare and volcanoes! Celebrating light, we look forward to welcoming the community to West Park Academy to share this dazzling light festival.

We ask the children to bring a glass jar into school by Friday 6th February 2026, they will decorate the jar in school, these will be used to 'light the path' with a flameless tea light (provided by school).

There will be lots of amazing things to see: Flame Thrower, Stilt Walker, with glow sticks, hot dogs, hot chocolate with marshmallows, juice, and cakes to purchase.

Entrance fee will be **£2:00** per adult, children are free.



Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day - Coffee, Cake & Consoles - On Tuesday 10th February 2026 it is Safer Internet Day 2026. As a school we would like to help parents keep children safe online so are hosting a parent E-Safety session.

This will be a practical session, supporting parents to use parental controls on devices. Bring your devices along, grab some cake and a coffee then we can help you get them set up. From console age restrictions to screen time settings - we hope to help with it all!

There will be lots of people on hand to help you including Mrs Conroy (Home School Family Support), Mr Fraser (Computing Lead).

If you are interested in attending, please scan the QR code below - to let us know which device you want support with, just so we can prepare before hand, or simply if you want to come along to get general advice and support.

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm Place: School Hall



Book Fair will be in school starting Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 3:30pm until Monday 9th March 2026 at 4:00pm.

World Book Day will be **Thursday 5th March 2026**.

This year, World Book Day comes with a fun new twist! As part of our whole-school focus on building rich vocabulary, we're inviting children to "**dress as a word**."

Think **adjectives** – they're perfect for bringing words to life! Children might choose to be *sporty, cosy, magical, brave, sleepy, colourful, or fierce*... the possibilities are endless.

Please don't feel any pressure to buy anything new. Everyday items work brilliantly: a football kit can be *sporty*, pyjamas can be *sleepy*, and a favourite outfit might be *bright* or *happy*. You can keep it super simple or get as creative as you like – it's completely up to you!

We can't wait to see our words come to life around school!

School Competition – Do you BookFace?

But wait... what *is* a BookFace? A **BookFace** is when you cleverly pose behind a book so that the picture on the cover lines up with your own body – bringing the book to life in one amazing photo! Think you can rise to the challenge? We'd love to see your creativity shine. Simply take your BookFace photo and send it to your class teacher via **Dojo**.

The most creative BookFace will be in with a chance to win a **fantastic prize!**

If you don't have many books at home, why not pop to the local library over half term? It's completely **free**, full of inspiration, and perfect for this challenge.

Get posing – we can't wait to see the results!



Forthcoming Events:		
Thurs 5th Feb	AM	Hub 2 Education Visit - Hopetown
Fri 6th Feb	AM	Yr 2 Education Visit - Locomotion Shildon
Tues 10th Feb	3:30 PM	Online Safety Talk
Tues 17th Feb	3:00 PM or 5:00PM	Yr6 SATs Meeting in school hall
Wed 18th Feb	AM	Dance & Drumming Workshops Nursery & Reception in school
Thur 19th Feb	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Lumiere Festival in school grounds
Fri 20th Feb	3:30 PM	School closes - Half Term
Mon 2nd Mar	8:45 AM	School re-opens
Tue 3rd Mar - Mon 9th Mar	3:30 PM 8:30 PM	Book Fair starts in school hall until Mon 9th March
Thur 5th Mar	ALL DAY	World Book Day - 'Dress as a Word'
Tue 10th Mar & 11th Mar	3:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Parents Consultation - Information to follow
Tues 10th Mar	All Day	Class Photographs
Wed 11th Mar	AM	Yr 5 C9 Education Visit STEM M'bro
Thur 12th Mar	AM	Yr 5 C10 Education Visit STEM M'bro
Thur 2nd Apr	3:30 PM	School closes for Easter
Mon 20th Apr	8:45 AM	School re-opens

Year 6 SATs Meeting: There will be a Yr 6 SATs meeting in the school hall on **Tuesday 17th February 2026** at **3:00pm** or **5:00pm**. This is an opportunity to understand the SATs process. Year 6 SATs weeks begins **11th May 2026 - 14th May 2026**.

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.

Parents Consultation will be on **Tuesday 10th March 2026** and **Wednesday 11th March 2026**. Information will follow shortly.

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.



School Meals: The school meals are delicious and cost **£2:50** per day.

Have a look at the menu on our school website. Your child will choose each day in class. All our hot meals are nutritious and tasty. Children occasionally choose sandwiches but we do not encourage this. If you would like your child to have school meals, 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.

