

# Westwood News

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## NSPCC Number Day

**Next Friday 2nd February, School will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day - a mega maths fundraising day.**

It will be a fun-filled day of maths with pupils taking part in games within their school teams. Activities will include physical challenges so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear such as trainers.

Our pupils can also take part by coming to school 'Dressed up as a Digit' in any Maths related clothing - this can be as simple as a t-shirt with dots on! Examples below:



**If your child wishes to take part, please donate via the ParentMail shop.**

All monies raised will go towards supporting [NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline.](#)

Thank you for your support.

## Free School Meals

If you have had a change in circumstances recently your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and food vouchers during school holidays.

**You can find out if you're quickly and easily by completing a form [online](#) or by ringing [South Area Education Office](#) on 01772 531809.**

## Photographer needed!

Mrs Bradey is looking for a photographer to take some new images for our school website.

If anyone you know is a photographer or keen amateur photographer please contact the School office.

School can provide a DBS check as needed.



## Dates for the Diary

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

- Year 4 Swimming

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

- Year 3 Forest School

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

- NSPCC Number Day

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

- School closes for half term at 3.30pm

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

- School reopens at 8.45am

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

3.30pm-4.30pm

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

- Gym Buddies EYFS + Y6 helpers (4/5)  
+  
• Y3/4 Recorders (4/5)

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

- KS1 Fundamentals club (4/5)

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

- Pasta Club (4/5)



## Food and drink in school



Some parents have requested some additional guidance about playground snacks. At morning break, your child can have toast or you can provide your child with a snack to eat. As a healthy school we aim to discourage the consumption of snacks high in fat and sugar at break time.

The following is not an exhaustive list, but is provided to help you come up with ideas for appropriate snacks.

### Good choices:

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit
- Vegetable sticks
- Rice or corn cakes
- Cheese snacks
- Pitta bread
- Crackers
- Plain brioche
- Malt loaf
- Yogurt tubes

### To discourage:

- Crisps
- Chocolate bars
- Biscuits
- Sweet pastries
- Cake
- Doughnuts
- Sweets

If in doubt, you can look at the nutritional information on the back of all packaging to determine whether a product is high in sugar, salt or fat.

**Additionally, this week we have communicated our updated Allergies Policy with families.**

At Westwood, we support the approach advocated by Anaphylaxis UK towards nut bans/nut free schools. Our school encourages a whole school allergy awareness approach where staff are aware of what allergies are, the importance of avoiding the pupils' allergens, the signs and symptoms, how to deal with allergic reactions and to ensure policies and procedures are in place to minimise risk.

## Family Focus



As a school we're supporting the [Once a Week, Take a Peek](#) campaign aimed at helping parents spot, treat, and prevent the spread of head lice.

Head lice are a normal part of childhood and by checking for them regularly and using an appropriate treatment, they can be dealt with quickly and easily.

You can [download the step-by-step guide](#) that tells you everything you need to know about checking for and treating head lice. Alternatively, you can [visit the website](#) to find out more on the Once a Week Take a Peek campaign.



Starting next week, you will receive weekly ParentMail messages to remind to 'take a peek!' in your child's hair.

We hope you will support us with this campaign.



## Homework rewards update

Since returning to school in January, we have noticed a slip in standards when completing homework.

In Reception class, our children are expected to read 3 times a week which should be recorded in your child's reading record. For Year 1 through to Year 6 homework is comprised of a spelling sheet, a maths activity and completing a minimum of 3 reading sessions. Again, reading must be recorded by a parent using your child's reading record.

**Starting next week, to boost motivation we will be linking homework to our awards scheme.**

We are giving each team the chance to win a weekly **10 TOKEN BONUS**. In each year group, those teams whose members complete all their homework tasks will be awarded this bonus. This means there are up to 70 tokens available to win per team, per week.

This bonus has the potential to make a significant difference to the team's position, especially since we are currently neck and neck in the scoring.



As you know the team with the most tokens at the end of each term will receive a reward and make a £100 donation to their chosen charity.

We are excited to share that Year 6 team captains have collaborated with Mrs Durant to select the charities they would like to support. These are as follows:

**Pendle Hill: Woodlands Animal Sanctuary**

**Rivington Pike: Rosemere Cancer Foundation**

**Beacon Hill: St Catherine's Hospice**

**Winter Hill: North West Blood Bikes**