

Autumn Newsletter 1

A very warm welcome back after the summer break to all our parents and carers. It has been a fantastic first two weeks in school with lots going on. Year 3 have settled in so well and we are very proud of all of them.

At the start of the school year, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you about our school uniform and PE kit. We want the children to look smart, to feel part of the WBJS team and to come to school with a great attitude, ready to learn. We ask that children wear:

- Plain black school shoes or fully black trainers
 - Black, grey or navy school trousers, smart shorts, skirt or pinafore (no joggers, leggings or sports shorts)
 - A blue or green gingham dress
 - A green polo shirt (either plain or with the school logo)
 - A navy-blue sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece (either plain or with the school logo). No hoodies please.
- The school PE kit consists of:
- Black or navy shorts, joggers or leggings
 - A white or green t-shirt
 - Trainers or plimsolls

For health and safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school, with the following exceptions:

- Items worn for religious observance
- Children with pierced ears may wear plain studs to school, although these will need to be removed, by the children themselves, when taking part in PE
- A watch (not a smart watch)

If ears are newly pierced, earrings can be taped so children don't miss PE.

Healthy snacks

Please could we remind you of school's recommendations regarding healthy snacks. We feel a snack at morning break is essential for keeping up children's energy and suggest options such as: fruit, vegetable sticks, breadsticks, cheese, rice cakes, plain popcorn or crackers. Please do not send children with sweets, biscuits, crisps or chocolate bars. Thank you for your support with this. A reminder that break-time snacks should not contain nuts, chickpeas, peas, beans or sesame.

Attendance and absence

Regular attendance at school is extremely important and we monitor this very closely. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please make sure you contact the school office via email or telephone on the first day of absence. Although we want the children in school as much as possible, we do ask that if your child is not well enough to attend school that you keep them at home. This is to ensure that vulnerable members of our school community are also protected.

New to you uniform

We have registered and set up an online platform through which you can purchase pre-loved school uniform (with the logo). Green polo shirts are priced at £1.50. School jumpers, cardigans and fleeces cost £2.50. These items are available in a variety of sizes.

Using the link below you can order and pay for items of uniform which will be sent home with your child on a Wednesday.

<https://www.wearecress.com/schools/west-bridgford-junior-school>

We are always on the lookout for extra items for the site. If you have any pre-loved uniform, with the school logo, that your child no longer needs and is still in good condition please send it into school.

Thank you for your support.

Arbor

Please can we ask that all parents log in to their Arbor account and make sure the details we hold for your child are up to date. Please make sure there are at least two emergency contacts listed and that all medical details are correct. Please also check that all of the consents are up to date for things such as local visits and photographs. Individual photographs are scheduled for 10th October and if your child does not have the permission on Arbor they will not be able to have their school photograph taken.

Homework expectations

The current homework expectations in each year group are:

Years 3 & 4: Reading at least 4 times a week; times table practise at least 3 times a week (usually through TT Rockstars). Spellings will be sent home weekly. Please help your child to learn these.

Our focus in these year groups is on reading and times tables as we know how vital these skills are in order to access the rest of the curriculum.

Year 5: One piece of English or Maths each week. This is something we are introducing this year following feedback from parents and to help prepare the children for future school years. Spellings will sent home weekly alongside regular reading and times table practise.

Year 6: One piece of English work and one piece of Mathematics work each week. Spellings will sent home weekly alongside regular times table practise for those who need it. There is also an expectation that children read regularly for pleasure.

Homework that is sent home will be linked to the children's learning in school and will therefore reinforce and deepen their understanding.

Tesco Stronger Starts

We have been successful in applying for a Tesco Stronger Starts grant which we will use to build a raised bed area and purchase gardening equipment for main school. Children will use this bed to grow, harvest and cook their own fruit and vegetables. We need your help in securing the largest grant (£1500). If you shop in a Tesco's store in Chilwell, Long Eaton, Toton, Beeston or Clifton Lane then you can vote for our school using the token you will receive after paying for your shopping. Voting will commence in the first week of October and run until January 2026.

HSA

We would really like to run some events for the children this year however, we need your help. If you are willing and able to help put on an event such as a PJ party or year group social evening, please get in touch with Mrs Bancroft via the office email address.

admin@wbjs.com

Key dates for Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 16 th Sept	WW2 day Year 6
Wednesday 24 th Sept	Identity Day
Monday 29 th Sept	Dukes Barn meeting on Teams 6pm
Wednesday 1 st October	Harvest assemblies
Friday 3 rd October	French Day
Tuesday 7 th Oct	Flu Vaccines
Friday 10 th Oct	Individual photographs
Monday 13 th Oct- Fri 17 th Oct	Y6 to PGL
Wednesday 15 th Oct	Year 4 to Perlethorpe
Thursday 9 th Oct	Show racism the red card
WB Monday 20 th Oct	Half term for 2 weeks
Monday 3 rd November	INSET day
Friday 7 th Nov	Non-uniform day- Chocolate donations
Tuesday 11 th and Wed 12 th Nov	Parents evenings
Friday 14 th Nov	Class 10 assembly, Children in Need and non-uniform- bottle donations
Monday 17 th Nov	PGL meeting on Teams 6pm (y5 parents)
Friday 21 st Nov	Class 9 assembly
Wednesday 26 th Nov	Maths parent workshop 6pm
Friday 28 th Nov	Class 4 assembly
Friday 5 th Dec	Class 1 assembly
Saturday 6 th Dec	Christmas Fair
Monday 8 th Dec	Friends of WBJs concert
Tuesday 9 th and Wed 10 th Dec	Year 4 and 5 Production @ WB Baptist Ch
Wednesday 10 th Dec	Year 6 to Holocaust Centre
Friday 12 th Dec	Community Sing
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Year 3 and 6 Carol Concert @St Giles
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day

Curriculum Information

If your children are anything like mine, when you ask them what they have been learning about at school, you often get very little in reply! Please do take the time to look at the Curriculum tab on our school website www.wbjs.com which has lots of information about what each year group are learning. The long-term plan will give you a brief overview in each subject for the whole year while the medium-term plan will tell you in more detail what your children are learning each week.

The knowledge organisers explain the key knowledge we want the children to know and remember in each foundation subject. If you have any questions about the curriculum or want to know more, please ask your child's class teacher in the first instance.

