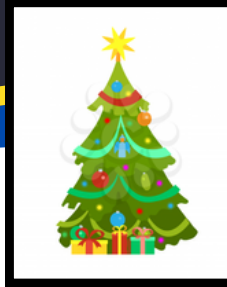


PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



8.12.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you everyone who was able to attend the parents' evening sessions last week. It was lovely to see you all and I hope that you found your appointment useful.

This will be the last newsletter until after Christmas, so I have tried to cover the next two weeks for you regarding curriculum and events taking place. If you are unsure about anything then please check out the diary dates on class dojo or message your class teacher for more information.

The next two weeks are jam-packed with lots of lovely things taking place. Parents are invited to performances and crafts. Again, check out class dojo for the exact details regarding tickets and who can attend.

Thank you for all of your support this term and on behalf of everyone I wish you all a Merry Christmas with your families.

Mrs Birchall - Principal

The week ahead...

- Monday 8th December 2025 - J1/J2 Christmas performance 1.45pm Juniors
- Tuesday 9th December - Nursery/Reception Christmas performance 1.45pm Infants
- Wednesday 10th December - J3/J4 Christmas performance 1.45pm Juniors
- Thursday 11th December - I1/I2 Christmas performance 1.45pm Infants
- Friday 12th December - J5/J6 Christmas performance 1.45pm Juniors
- Monday 15th December - J5/J6 Crafts 9am Juniors
- Monday 15th December Nursery/Reception craft 2.00pm Infants
- Tuesday 16th December - Christmas lunch pupils only
- Tuesday 16th December - J1/J2 Crafts 9am Juniors
- Wednesday 17th December - Y2 -Y6 visit to the church
- Wednesday 17th December - J3/J4 Crafts 9am Juniors
- Wednesday 17th December - I1/ I2 Crafts 2pm Infants
- Wednesday 17th December - J1/J2 Awesome Walls Juniors
- Thursday 18th December - J3/J4 Awesome Walls Juniors
- Thursday 18th December - Infant Disco / Junior Disco
- Friday 19th December - J5/J6 Awesome Walls Juniors
- Friday 19th December - A special visitor 9am Infants



Don't forget that our schools open on Monday 5th January 2026 at the usual times, following the Christmas holidays



What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Reading the story of 'The Christmas Pine'
- Writing and posting letters to Santa
- Tree cutting, balancing baubles and wrapping with Christmas ribbon
- Designing, decorating and writing our Christmas cards
- Looking at the 12 Little Elves book, measuring the lights and beads on the tree, counting baubles and making abab patterns
- Discussing family traditions during Christmas time and sharing how we feel when we receive a gift
- Christmas fairy light printing, making salt dough decorations, Christmas wreath painting, making elf craft bags
- Performing our Christmas performance to a live audience

Reception are:

- Learning the tricky phoneme 'ar' and looking at high frequency words
- Reading the story of 'The Jolly Postman'
- Talking about our own experiences of Christmas and discussing what Christmas means to us
- Cutting Christmas trees, balancing baubles and wrapping Christmas trees
- Writing letters to Santa and Christmas cards
- Looking at shapes with 4 sides, naming shapes and putting shapes within shapes
- Christmas fairy light printing, making decorations from salt-dough, making Christmas wreaths and snowman craft bags
- Performing our Christmas performance to a live audience

Year 1 are:

- Carrying out phonics revis- e-e, a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e
- Writing letters to Santa using out phonemes/graphemes support us to write a list/a sentence describing a gift we would like to receive
- Learning about 2D and 3D shapes and making patterns
- Naming the properties of 2D shapes
- Revision of place value - greater than, less than
- Recognising and celebrating our own strengths and setting a goal for ourselves
- Using compass directions to find places within the school e.g. the hall, the field, the library
- Recalling the main events of the Christmas story
- Performing our Christmas performance to a live audience

Year 2 are:

- Practising writing in response to phonic dictation and spelling words using phonemes.
- Writing sentences with capital letters and full-stops
- Writing questions using a question mark
- Subtracting and adding across 10 and then across 20
- Sequencing and retelling the events of the Christmas story and talking about why this is important to Christians.
- Performing our Christmas performance to a live audience



What are we learning?

At Weston Junior Academy...

J1 and J2 are:

- Reading Chapter 6 of 'The Hodgeheg' in guided reading, answering comprehension questions and recapping the reading gems
- Looking at 'Mog's Christmas Calamity' with a spelling, punctuation and grammar focus by changing present tense verbs into past tense (regular and irregular)
- Identifying and using prepositions
- Spelling compound words using Emile
- Looking at sharing and grouping, multiplying by 3 and dividing by 3
- Learning the names of 5 more animals in Spanish
- Learning about a day in the life of a miner in History
- Reserching and taste testing jam tarts in Design and
- Performing our Christmas performance to a live audience

J3 and J4 are:

- Learning about adverbials of time
- Looking at features of newspaper
- Multiplying by 10, 100, 1000
- Dividing by 10, 100, 1000
- Learning about Maya food in History
- Learning about the festival of Sanfermines in Spanish
- Performing our Christmas performance to a live audience

J5 and J6 are:

- Looking at coordinates in all 4 quadrants
- Creating winter poetry
- Making Christmas decorations using sewing e.g. gingerbread
- Thinking about respectful relationships
- Performing our Christmas performance to a live audience



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Term time holidays

It is not a parental right to take their child on holiday during term time. Holidays in term time will not be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances and you have completed a holiday request form in advance. If you choose to take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday you could receive a penalty notice of £80, per parent, per child.



The Law states (Education Act 1996, Section 7) that all children of compulsory school age must receive an appropriate full-time education. As a parent/carer, you are legally responsible for making sure your child receives an effective education. Failure to ensure your child attends school regularly could lead to intervention from the Missing Education & Child Employment Service which has the power to implement:

Fixed Penalty Notices Prosecution An Education Supervision Order

Can I get help?

Absolutely! We appreciate the unavoidable events that affect our pupils, and their families. We believe that the most effective way to ensure your child remains on track is to work together to maximise support in their/your time of need. Our caring and dedicated staff are committed to making sure your child is happy and getting the best out of their time at Weston Infant and Junior Academies.

Talk to us.

Admissions Information for September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

You can now apply for Reception places at Weston Infant Academy for September 2026. Applications should be made by Thursday 15th January 2026.

You can also apply for Year 3 places at Weston Junior Academy for September 2026 and again applications should be made by Thursday 15th January.

Even if your child is in our current Nursery and our current year 2 class you still need to complete an application form for a Reception place. and/or a year 3 place. We have enough spaces for everyone but we have to follow the Local Authority's admissions process.

Applications for new Nursery places for September 2026 open on Monday 1st December and the closing date for new Nursery applications is Friday 27th February 2026.

You can access all application forms by using this link:

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions

Thank you
Mrs Birchall
Principal

Christmas menu - 16th December 2025

FESTIVE FOOD TIME!

Christmas Lunch

Main

Roast Turkey
with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Chipolata
Sausage

or

Cheese, Sage & Potato Roll

served with

Roast Potatoes
Carrots & Peas
Gravy

Dessert

Christmas Chocolate Chip Cookie



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