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Newsletter

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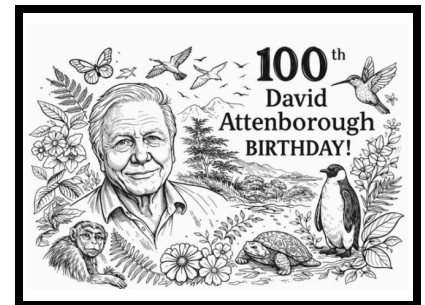
Weekly update!

A message from Mrs Benton, Head of School.



I hope that you have all had a good week.

At Westbrook this week, we have seen all of our children have their class photograph taken. The weather has been so lovely and we have lots of green space at Westbrook so the decision was made to take the photographs outdoors this year. You will receive information regarding how to purchase a copy of the photograph later next week.



This week, the assemblies have focused on the work of the **World Red Cross Day** and **VE day**.

Children in **nursery** enjoyed a fantastic day out at **Bocketts Farm**. It is lovely to see our youngest children gaining the experience of seeing and petting farm animals. *(See below for further information)*

As a school we have also acknowledged and discussed **Sir David Attenborough** turning 100 today. Some children joined a live assembly online to mark the special occasion and learn more about his amazing work in the natural world.



On **Thursday 21st May** we will be having a **special meal day** and would encourage as many children as possible in KS2 to have a school dinner. Please see the menu to the right. If you would like your child to have this menu please log into schoolgateway to book this. If your child usually has a packed lunch they are able to swap to school dinners just for this day.

Celebrating pupil successes! ✨

This week we would like to congratulate the following children for achieving their **Superstar Learner certificates**; a fantastic array of learning from across the school was presented in our **Golden Assembly** on Thursday.



| Class | Pupil name | Class | Pupil name |
|---------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Little Chicks | Aydin | Chaffinch | Harjot |
| Robin | Sahra | Sparrow | Eunice |
| Barn Owl | Chiransh | Wren | Zahra |
| Snowy Owl | Myla | Cuckoo | Hussnain |
| Tawny Owl | Ayaan | Magpie | Whole Class |
| Flamingo | Sofia | Woodpecker | Hasan |
| Swan | Tyler | Eagle | Japman |
| Heron | Gurseerat | Hawk | Avleen |
| Kingfisher | Rafay | Osprey | Serena |
| Jay | Antonia | Falcon | Haseeb |
| | | Harrier | Iman |
| | | Kestrel | Riya Kainth |

Attendance Ted

Well done to **Jay Class, Year 2** and **Magpie Class, Year 4** who both achieved best overall attendance this week. They had **100%** attendance - an amazing achievement! We are sure that Attendance Ted will enjoy his week in your classrooms!



House Points at Westbrook

It has been close this week between two houses but **Walliams House (Red)** have achieved the most points this week - congratulations! Let's see if one of the other houses can take the lead next week.

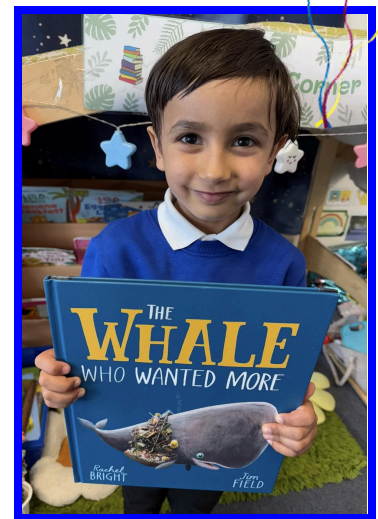


Birthday Books

We would like to wish **Raheem** in **Snowy Owl Class** and **Gurbani** in **Tawny Owl Class** a very happy 5th birthday, and **Harry** in **Jay Class** a very

happy 7th birthday. It is lovely to be celebrating so many birthdays this week! Thank you for each donating a lovely book to your class library and in one case the neighbouring class library too! We hope the children enjoy reading them.

If parents would like to donate a book to mark their child's birthday, please see the school office for a **'Birthday Book'** label. We really do appreciate the donations.

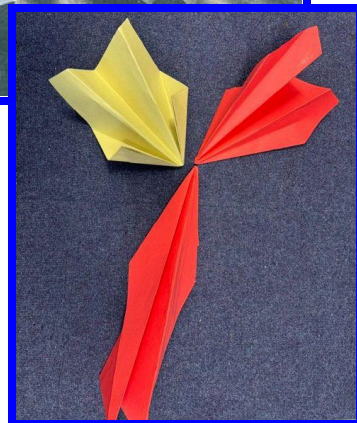


Learning at Westbrook - Year 5

This term, our **Year 5** pupils have embarked on an exciting discovery into the world of **forces**. They have explored how **air resistance** and **water resistance** can affect movement and they've marveled at the wonders of **gravity** and **friction**.

Using **hands-on experiments**, the children have demonstrated impressive creativity and teamwork. They have worked hard to **formulate** and carry out **controlled investigations**: making **predictions**, testing the effects of different forces and expanding their knowledge along the way.

From creating water-missiles to testing paper plane designs, they were eager explorers of the concepts of **weight, mass and resistance**. Our young scientists' curiosity and enthusiasm has truly brought the subject to life! We are proud of their hard work and look forward to more discoveries.



Learning at Westbrook - Year 1

In **Year 1**, the children had great fun making **smoothies** as part of their **DT lesson**. They have been learning about

different fruits and vegetables, including how they grow and where they come from. During our practical lesson, the children explored how to **prepare ingredients safely**, learning the importance of **handling a knife carefully** and responsibly. They also

discussed the benefits of making **healthy food choices** and enjoyed tasting the delicious smoothies they created themselves.



Learning at Westbrook - Year 3

In **Year 3 science**, we have been learning about **how water travels through plants**. We did an experiment using a celery stick and put it into water with red food colouring. After a while, we saw the red colour move up the celery. This helped us understand how **water is transported** through the stem to different parts of a plant.



Learning at Westbrook - Reception

Snowy Owl released the **butterflies** they had been caring for and watching grow over the past few weeks. The children were very excited to see them take their first flight into the sky after **observing their transformation** so closely. Some children were lucky enough to have butterflies gently land on their hands, which was **a very special moment**. It was a wonderful experience for everyone and a great way to bring their learning about the **life cycle to life**.



Learning at Westbrook - Nursery

The **Nursery** children visited **Bockett's Farm** in the Surrey Hills this week, as part of their topic of learning about '**Animals**'. They were able to pet and feed a range of animals, watch the pigs racing and even had time for a very bumpy tractor ride. We would like to **thank all the volunteers** who helped us with our visit by giving up their time.





Westbrook Recommended Reads

Early Years (Reception)

Book: The Boy and the Octopus by Carmen Saldaña & Caryl Lewis

A lovely story to read at storytime, with delightful pictures that enhance the story and engage younger children. This is a really lovely, simple, warm book about what it feels

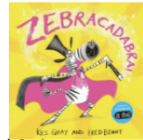
like to be different or feel bullied. Through the story, Stanley is encouraged to talk to his dad, to express how he feels through art and not to want to be invisible.



Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

Book: Zebracadabra! By Fred Blunt & Kes Gray

Zebracadabra is the master of magic. He is so clever, he can transform his animal friends with just one word – “ZEBRACADABRA!” Pink flamingos turn into black-and-white stripy flamingos, Green alligators turn into black-and-white stripy alligators and colourful parrots turn into – you guessed it – black-and-white stripy parrots! But he is the best magician in the world, so turning them back to themselves will be no trouble at all. Or he would be, if only he knew how!



Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)

Book: Charlie Changes Into a Chicken by Sam Copeland

Charlie magically changes into animals when he is worried or stressed (not

necessarily chickens, though). Charlie’s worries pile up, with a brother in hospital, parents bickering and a school bully to deal with. Riproaring and hilarious antics follow suit as Charlie navigates temporarily changing into a spider, a rhino, a pigeon, snake and more.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)

Book: I Am Lenny Brown by Dan Freedman & Kajsa Hallstroem

Lenny Brown is a beautiful, emotionally uplifting and powerful story. It

focuses on Lenny who, due to his mum changing jobs, has to move house and school. In the story, Lenny not only navigates the rollercoaster of change that comes with a new school and new friendships but tackles this as a child who only will speak to his mum and his dog, Rocky.




Open Days at Westbrook

Throughout the year we will have the following open mornings for parents looking to join Westbrook Primary School. Tours start at 9:30am and last approximately 1 hour.

- **Wednesday 20th May**
- **Wednesday 24th June**

There will be a presentation from the Head of School followed by an opportunity to see the school in action on a tour with our head boy and head girl. To book a place on one of our open mornings, please contact the School Office on **0208 5709942** or email office@westbrookprimary.co.uk

Diary of dates

| Date | Day | Event | Time |
|---|------------------|---|----------------|
| 11th-14th May | Mon-Thurs | End of Key Stage 2 SATs | various |
| 15th May | Friday | Wren Class assembly | 9:00am |
| 18th May | Monday | Dental Hygiene - Parent Workshop (School Hall) | 8:40am |
| 18th May | Monday | Years 3 & 4 Sports Day | 1:50pm |
| 19th May | Tuesday | Years 5 & 6 Sports Day | 1:50pm |
| 20th May | Wednesday | Reception Sports Day | 9:15am |
| 20th May | Wednesday | Year 4 Exit Point (School Hall) | 2:30pm |
| 21st May | Thursday | Years 1 & 2 Sports Day | 1:50pm |
| 22nd May | Friday | Swan Class assembly | 9:00am |
| Half Term holiday (Back to school on Monday 1st June 2026) | | | |
| 5th June | Friday | Cuckoo Class assembly | 9:00am |
| 19th June | Friday | Summer Fair  | 2:00-4:00pm |
| 22nd-24th June | Mon-Wed | Year 6 Residential (PGL) | various |

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