

An Award Winning School

A Maths Mastery School



Newsletter

October 9, 2026

Weekly update! A message from Mrs Benton, Head of School.

It has been another fun filled week at Westbrook.



World Space Week - This week some of our assemblies and science lessons have looked at World Space Week.

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/world-space-week>

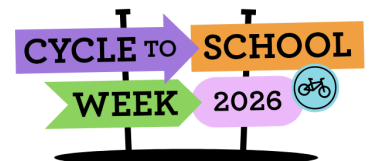


Year 2 TTRS workshop - Thank you to the families of Y2 children who attended the workshop on Monday morning. We hope that this has helped to explain the programme and how it helps supplement our maths offer especially regarding recall of multiplication facts.

World Sight Day 2026 - Thursday was **World Sight Day** and Westbrook celebrated the day by holding an assembly with some very special guests - **guide dogs**! We have also held **Dotty Day** today and it was lovely to see so many children and staff wearing dots to represent Braille which is a tactile writing system. *(See further information later in the letter.)*

Parents' Evening appointments reminder - Parents / carers will have received notification about Parents' Evenings which are being held on **20/10/2026** and **22/10/2026**. We would like to see all parents booking an appointment for either of these dates. The evenings provide an opportunity for teachers to share key information about how the children have settled and how they are progressing with their learning.

Cycle to School Week (5th-9th October) - This week it has been **Cycle to School** week and we are pleased to say that we have seen an increase in the number of children cycling and scooting to school. Thank you to all of the families who have supported this. *(See further information later in this letter.)*



Have a lovely, restful weekend!

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	Kanak	Chaffinch	Evie
Robin	Diogo	Sparrow	Aayat
Barn Owl	JJ	Cuckoo	Apoorva
Snowy Owl	Gunreet	Woodpecker	Aarav
Penguin	Sumaiya	Hawk	Yana
Flamingo	Norah	Osprey	Hasti
Swan	Kaireen	Falcon	Ekembir
Heron	Pareena	Harrier	Samar
Kingfisher	Nadiya	Kestrel	Anay
Jay	Chaitanya		

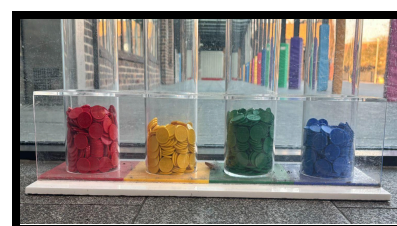
Attendance Ted

Well done to **Swan Class, Year 1** who achieved best overall attendance this week. They achieved **100%** attendance - an amazing achievement! We are sure that Attendance Ted will enjoy spending his week in your classroom!



House Points at Westbrook

It has been very close between the houses this week but **Walliams House (Red)** has achieved the most points this week!

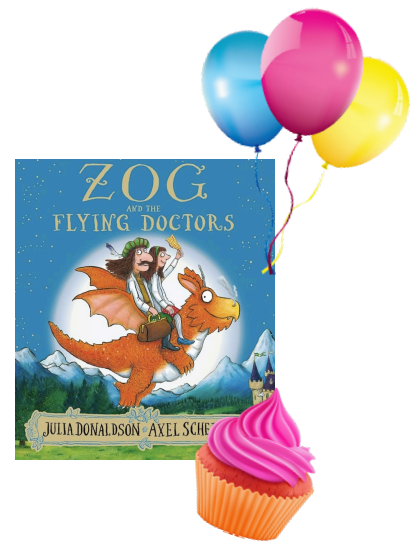


Birthday Books 🎂

We would like to wish **Karan** in **Kingfisher Class** a very happy **7th birthday**. Thank you for donating a lovely book to your class library. We hope that your friends enjoyed listening to the story.



If parents / carers 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 1 PE 🤸

It has been an energy-packed week of PE for our Year 1 children in **Heron, Swan and Flamingo** classes! Indoors, we enjoyed an exciting **Yoga and Fitness session**, beginning with calming breathing exercises and gentle stretches. We talked about the importance of looking after both our **healthy minds** and **healthy bodies**, before getting our hearts pumping with a range of energetic activities.



Outside, our focus has been on **developing our ball skills**. The children have been **learning to dribble with control**, **improve their coordination** and **develop ball-handling skills** while having lots of fun.

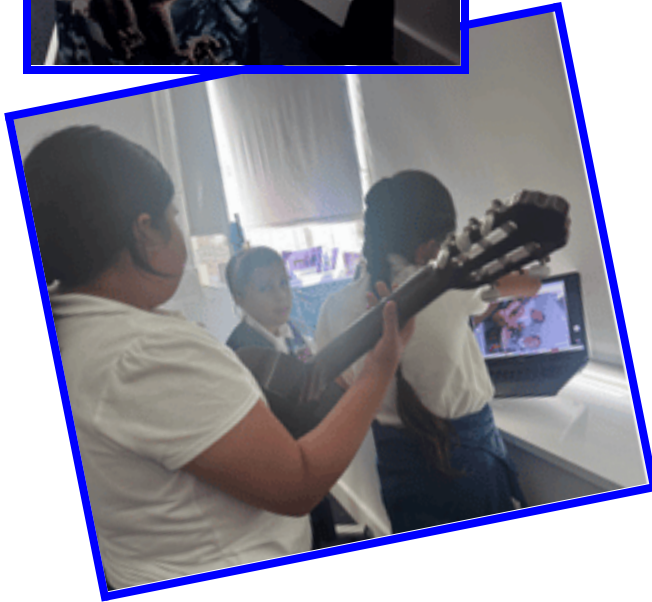
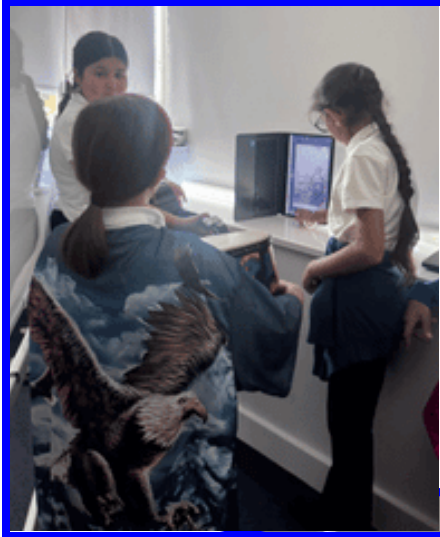
We were so impressed with the children's attitude throughout our PE sessions. They showed **fantastic teamwork, respect, resilience and determination**, supporting one another and giving every activity their best effort. What a fantastic start to our PE learning, Year 1!



Learning at Westbrook - Year 6

Art & Design

In **Year 6** this week, we explored the creative world of **digital photography** and **designed our own 'mock-up' album covers**, inspired by the vibrant and expressive photography of **Derrick O. Boateng**. We looked at how **colour, composition, lighting** and **creativity** can be used to communicate ideas and create a **strong visual impact**. The children experimented with different photographic techniques and carefully considered how their images could **reflect the mood and theme** of an album.



Everyone enjoyed developing their creative ideas and producing unique and eye-catching album cover designs.

Special Menu

Thursday 5th November to celebrate Diwali



Clubs at Westbrook - Cooking

This week **UKS2 Cooking Club** had lots of fun learning how to make delicious **fruit cocktails** using a range of fresh, colourful fruits. Everyone enjoyed getting involved in **preparing** the ingredients, **cutting-up** the fruit, and creating their own tasty combinations. We had an amazing time tasting our creations and discovering the different flavours and textures of the fresh fruit. It was a fun, hands-on session, and everyone did a fantastic job!

Children in **KS1** also had an exciting time in **Cooking Club** making chocolate nests. The children worked well together to develop their **mixing skills**.



World Sight Day at Westbrook...

On Thursday, we celebrated **World Sight Day** with a special assembly led by Tim, Heather and Larry, who were joined by their wonderful **guide dogs**. The children learned about the importance of our eyesight and **how guide dogs support people** who are blind or living with a visual impairment. On Friday, children and staff wore something spotty/dotty to **represent the dots used for**

Braille. We would like to say a huge thank you to all

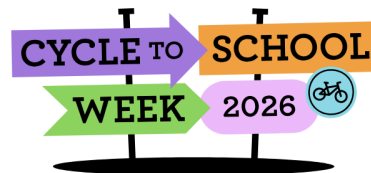
families for your generous contributions. The money raised will be donated to **Guide Dogs and Living Paintings**, a charity that supports people who are blind or living with a visual impairment. It was a wonderful opportunity for

our children to learn, ask questions and **develop a greater understanding of visual impairment** and the incredible support guide dogs provide.

The **children in nursery and reception** have been learning about **visual impairment**. They have been carrying out lots of dotty activities. The children have been sorting coloured pom poms, decorating spotty biscuits and making dotty paintings. They have also been **trying on different glasses** and looking at **books about going to the opticians**.



Cycle to School Week



This week, the children have been taking part in **Cycle to School Week**. Cycle to School Week is a UK event that encourages children and young people to **cycle to school instead of travelling by car or other transport**. It usually takes place as part of wider campaigns that promote cycling and active travel. The main aim is to encourage more pupils to choose **cycling as a healthy, active and environmentally-friendly** way of getting to school.

It also aims to:

- Get children more **physically active**.
- Reduce the number of cars around schools.
- Help **reduce air pollution** and traffic.

The children had a special assembly on Monday explaining why we have **Cycle to School Week** and it has been great to see so many children bringing their bikes and scooters to school.

Westbrook is also taking part in a national competition to **design a bike**. We hope to feature some of the entries in next week's newsletter, after the competition has closed.



Westbrook recommended reads...

Early Years (Reception)

Book: I Love Chinese New Year by Eva Wong Nava

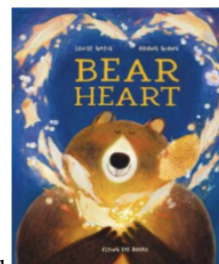
This is a lovely picture book to read at Chinese New Year but also all year round too as a book that celebrates family moments, bonds with grandparents and the joy of special traditions. The illustrations and text are both warm and celebratory in tone. It also features a non-fiction section on the final pages with more information about Chinese New Year and the dragon dance.



Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

Book: Bear Heart by Hoang Giang

Bear Heart is a fantastic story about a Bear and how he makes space for love in his heart. Earnest the bear has lots of things in his heart until one day he meets a lion and learns to make space in his heart for them. He learns to love the lion, making space for him in his heart, which has a positive impact on Earnest. The book also shows how Earnest deals with the loss of this love and how it provides space in his heart for more love.

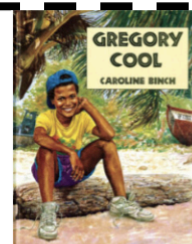


Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)

Book: Gregory Cool by Caroline Binch

This longer picture book has become a classic that has earned its place in many primary school classroom book corners.

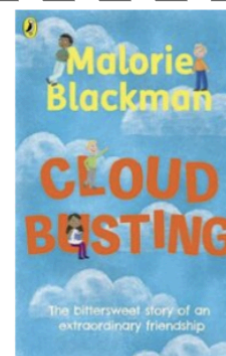
It tells the story of young Gregory as he sets about on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents. At first he can find nothing familiar or desirable, but as he begins to adjust to life in the Caribbean, he soon finds that it is possible to feel right at home in a new culture.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)

Book: Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman

Davey is new at school and attracts the attention of the school bully, Sam, who makes fun of the holes in his jumper and his unusual ideas. But then Davey heroically saves Sam's life and the pair become friends. Davey shares a secret with Sam, but when Sam betrays that secret it puts him in a life-threatening situation which changes everything.



Attendance at Westbrook - Every Day Counts

Good attendance is essential for children to **make progress, achieve their potential** and **develop positive relationships** with their peers and teachers. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities for learning, and even occasional absences can result in children missing important explanations, activities and opportunities to build on previous learning.

Celebrating Our Improvements ★

We are also really pleased to see an **improvement in our overall school attendance**. It is encouraging to see so many classes working hard and battling for the title of Best Attendance of the Week! The attendance percentages between classes have been incredibly close, making the competition exciting right up until the end of each week.

We would like to **congratulate all the pupils who are making a fantastic effort to attend school regularly and arrive on time**. It is wonderful to see this positive commitment and we hope the friendly competition continues to motivate everyone to aim high.

Let's keep up the excellent work! Every day counts, every class matters, and every pupil's attendance makes a difference. Together, we can continue to improve our whole-school attendance and ensure that all children make the most of every learning opportunity.

Our attendance update

So far this term, we have taken the following actions as part of our commitment to improving attendance:

- 143 attendance letters have been sent to pupils whose attendance has fallen below 96%.
- 14 attendance target letters have been issued to pupils whose attendance has continued to fall below 92%.
- 7 families have been referred in relation to unauthorised term-time leave. Penalty notices have been issued where applicable, alongside warning letters.

These actions reflect **our determination to work with families** to improve attendance and ensure that all pupils have the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Every day really does count. By working together, we can help our children build positive habits, make strong progress and achieve their full potential.

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 9:15am and last approximately 1 hour.

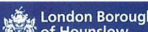
- **Wednesday 21st October 2026**
- **Wednesday 25th November 2026**
- **Wednesday 9th December 2026**
- **Thursday 7th January 2027**

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

A note from the Head of School: Open days are a fantastic way to get to know Westbrook Primary School. They will provide you with an opportunity to hear about why we are so good and show you the school in action. You will get to meet our fantastic children and view our hands-on and engaging curriculum. Westbrook welcomes new families and aims to answer any of your questions.

School Travel Plan news...

We would like to draw your attention to an opportunity for **adults to receive cycle training** so that they can then enjoy cycling as a family. Please see the information regarding free training and hiring bikes.



FREE

ADULT CYCLE TRAINING

For all adults who live, work or study in Hounslow.

Tuesday
Convent Way Community Centre (UB2 5UG)
9.15 – 10.15am – Beginners
10.30 – 11.30am – Improvers

Thursday
Osterley Park (TW7 4RB)
11.45am – 12.45pm – Beginners
1.00pm – 2.00pm – Improvers

Saturday
Lampton Park (TW3 3AD)
9.15 – 10.15am – Beginners
10.30 – 11.30am – Improvers

Hanworth Park (TW13 5EG)
1.00pm – 2.00pm – Beginners
2.15pm – 3.15pm – Improvers

For more details...
Visit www.cyclinginstructor.com/hounslow
Call 0845 652 0421
Email info@cyclinginstructor.com



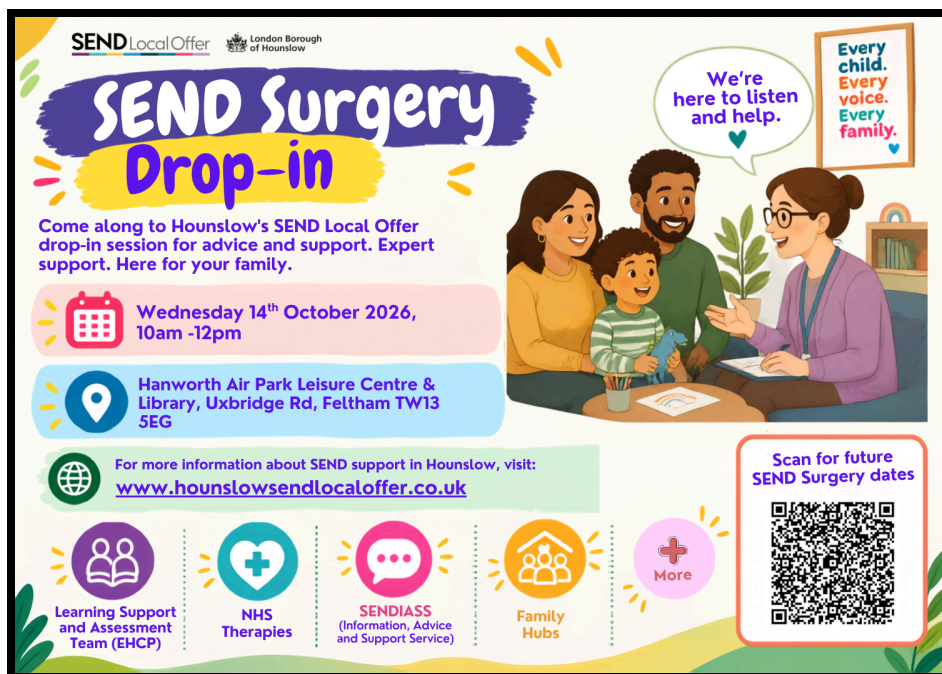
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Bikes and helmets provided at no cost



SEND news...



SEND Local Offer London Borough of Hounslow

SEND Surgery Drop-in

Come along to Hounslow's SEND Local Offer drop-in session for advice and support. Expert support. Here for your family.

Wednesday 14th October 2026, 10am -12pm

Hanworth Air Park Leisure Centre & Library, Uxbridge Rd, Feltham TW13 5EG

For more information about SEND support in Hounslow, visit: www.hounslowsendlocaloffer.co.uk

Scan for future SEND Surgery dates

Learning Support and Assessment Team (EHCP)

NHS Therapies

SENDIASS (Information, Advice and Support Service)

Family Hubs

More

Every child. Every voice. Every family.

We're here to listen and help.

Short Breaks for the Half Term Holiday (SEND)



Welcome

Welcome to the October Half Term newsletter! You will find inside a programme of activities taking place over the holiday which will be fun and enjoyable for your young person and the whole family.

I have a new colleague so welcome to Dev Davda. As well as myself, Dev will be available for any queries relating to Short Breaks.

Hope you all have a great holiday.

Jo Dawson and Devarsh Davda – Short Breaks

Tel: 020 8583 3636 | Email: shortbreaks@hounslow.gov.uk

Diary of dates

Date	Day	Event	Time
14th October	Wednesday	Safer Travel Workshop for Y6 pupils	2:00pm
16th October	Friday	Falcon Class assembly	9:00am
19th October	Monday	Y2 Exit Point (school hall)	9:10am
20th October	Tuesday	Open Evening for Parents / Carers	4pm - 7pm
21st October	Wednesday	Open Morning for prospective parents	9:15am
22nd October	Thursday	Open Evening for Parents / Carers	4pm - 7pm
23rd October	Friday	Kestrel Class assembly	9:00am
23rd October	Friday	Last day of the half term (finish at 3:25pm)	
October Half Term Holiday (Children back to school on Monday 2nd November)			
31st October	Saturday	Deadline for secondary school applications	-
4th November	Wednesday	Nursery Curriculum Meeting for parents	9:15am & 2:45pm
6th November	Friday	Woodpecker Class Assembly	9:00am
11th November	Wednesday	Y3 Exit Point (school hall)	2:30pm
16th-20th Nov	Various	Anti-Bullying Week	-
18th November	Wednesday	Height and Weight Check for Year 6 pupils	-

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