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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Meetings - September 2026

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended our Welcome Meetings at the start of September. It was lovely to see so many of you, and we hope you found the meetings useful and informative.

A lot of key information was shared about the year ahead; therefore, we have included links to the presentations below in case you would like to revisit any of the information.

If you were unable to attend, the presentations will also give you an overview of the key information that was shared.

West Kirby Primary School - KS1 Meetings

West Kirby Primary School - LKS2 Meetings

West Kirby Primary School - UKS2 Meetings

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

Our Parent and Carer Code of Conduct has recently been reviewed and updated. Please can I ask all Parents and Carers to take a few minutes to read the updated document, which sets out our expectations for positive, respectful and appropriate communication and conduct within our school community.

Please follow the link below to read the updated Parent and Carer Code of Conduct.
West Kirby Primary School - Policies

Learning this week…EYFS

Our F2 children have made a fantastic start to school and have settled in really well. They are becoming familiar with our school rules, routines and expectations and are growing in confidence each day. It has been lovely to see them developing new friendships, exploring their classroom and enjoying their learning.

This week, the children in EYFS (F1and F2) have been learning all about healthy eating. EYFS have been finding out which foods and drinks are healthy for them and have been rolling and shaping the play dough to create their own healthy foods.

In the Maths Area the children have been continuing and making some simple and more complex patterns using different types of fruits and vegetables. The children

have also been busy doing observational drawings of fruit and vegetables using different drawing tools such as chalk, colouring pencils and crayons.

Learning this week…Key Stage One

This week, Key Stage One have been learning about materials in Science and what makes each of the materials suitable for different things. Year 1 and Year 2 have also been finding out about the differences between physical and human Geography in the United Kingdom. In English, the children have read the story *The Queen's Hat,* retold the story and used this to write a retelling on *The Queen's Hat.*

Learning this week…Lower Key Stage Two

This week, Year 3 and Year 4 have been developing their writing skills by creating non-chronological reports about a Stone Age Hunter. They have researched what life was like during the Stone Age, using facts and technical vocabulary from their History lessons to produce informative and engaging pieces of writing.

Year 3 and Year 4 have also been exploring nutrition labels and comparing labels from different cereals in our Science lesson.

Learning this week…Upper Key Stage Two

Years 5 and Year 6 have been focusing on the text *Beowulf* and have particularly enjoyed writing a job advert for a strong warrior. Over the week, I have had the pleasure of reading quite a few of the pieces of writing produced by UKS2. I have been really impressed with the vocabulary, content and their continuous determination to keep high standards with their handwriting. Year 5 and Year 6 have also been enjoying developing their skills and teamwork in basketball during PE.

Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome popular author Jack Meggitt-Phillips to WKPS this week. Jack spoke to the children about life as an author, how he develops his ideas and characters, and shared some of his much-loved books with us. It was fantastic to see so many children excited to meet a real-life author and choose one of his books to take home. Visits like this are a wonderful way to bring books and authors to life, inspire children's imaginations and help to develop a genuine love of reading.

Statutory Guidance – Allergy Safety and Benedict's Law

From 1st September 2026, new statutory requirements relating to allergy safety in schools, known as Benedict's Law, came into force.

In line with our Healthy Eating and Healthy Lunchbox Policy, **children must not bring sweets or other treats into school to share with their class or friends when it is their birthday, or for any other occasion.** This will also enable us to meet our responsibilities under the new allergy safety requirements.

In addition, it is very important that children **do not share/swap food with one another,** this is rare, but it can happen at times**.** We appreciate that this can sometimes be an act of kindness or friendship, but the safety of all our children must be our priority. I have spoken to the children during assembly about this, please can we ask that you reinforce this message with your child at home.

School Holidays

- **Attendance Matters –** please ensure that your child is in school as much as possible, please do not book holidays and/or long weekends during term time.
- Please ensure that you check the West Kirby Primary School Holidays, which are on our website.
- 2026 – 2027 and 2027-2028 are available on the website, please take note of Dates and Inset Days.
- In line with DfE and Wirral LA guidance and policies, holidays will not be authorised in Term Time; Educational Penalty Notices may be issued.

Communication – Phase Emails

Our phase email addresses are a convenient way to share information with class teachers or to ask questions about your child or their curriculum. However, please do not use these email addresses to report absences or share important information about changes to drop-off or collection arrangements, as emails may not be seen in time. For any important or time-sensitive information, please contact the School Office directly.

EYFS	eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk	Phase emails will be received by Mrs Catt
KS1 Year 1 & Year 2	ks1@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk	Phase emails will be received by Mrs McCann
LKS2 Year 3 & Year 4	lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk	Phase emails will be received by Miss Raraty
UKS2 Year 5 & Year 6	uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk	Phase emails will be received by Miss Gerrard

Please be aware that our staff are not expected to read or respond to emails outside of their normal working hours.

We aim to respond to emails, where a response is needed, within 48 hours of the next working day, although this may take a little longer during particularly busy periods

Key Dates…

- **2026 is the National Year of Reading**
- Monday 28th September: Parents' Evening Appointments go live on Arbor
- Tuesday 29th September: Year 3 MHST Workshop – Emotions and Me
- Wednesday 30th September – Friday 1st October :Year 6 Residential
- Wednesday 30th September: Year 3 Come Dine with Me (11:30am)
- Thursday 1st October: Year 5 Visit to Houses of Parliament and The London Eye
- Tuesday 6th October: Year 4 Come Dine With Me (11:30am)
- Wednesday 7th October: Individual School Photos
- Friday 9th October: Bee Yourself and Bee Happy. Non-Uniform Day (£1 donations for The Hive in Birkenhead)
- Tuesday 13th October: Year 3 Harvest Festival– Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend – 9am in the School Hall
- Wednesday 14th October: KS1 Seasonal Walk
- Thursday 15th October; Year 5 Come Dine With Me (11:30am)

Our school website calendar has been updated and contains dates that we are aware of. We will do our best to adhere to these, but there are times when last minute changes must take place. West Kirby Primary School - Calendar

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Regards,

Mrs E Bailey
(Headteacher)