

Welcome to Year 4



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When do we need to bring things in?



Monday - Homework and Reading Record (Maths and English books). TTRS practise check.

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday - Swimming kit

Friday - PE kit

Uniform and equipment



Please note that the school hoodie is an item of outdoor clothing/PE and is not to be worn in place of a sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan in class.

We encourage that no jewellery of any kind should not be worn at Westfield Juniors, with the exception of stud earrings. Please speak to Mrs Piotrowicz if you have a specific request or query about the wearing of jewellery in school.

All children must have a pair of indoor shoes.

Also children should also have a water bottle in school with their name on.

All children are provided with pencil cases.

What PE kit should I wear?
What happens if I forget my kit?



PE kit is a plain, white t-shirt and either black shorts/leggings/black jogging bottoms.

A red school hoodie can also be worn for outdoor PE during the cold weather.
Trainers must be worn for PE.

All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons including watches. If children cannot remove their earrings independently then it is advised that they come to school on their PE day without earrings in.

Long hair needs to be tied up.

Forgetting PE kit

Children should have the correct PE kit for every PE lesson.
If children regularly forget to bring their kit, a phone call will be made to see if we can support in any way.

When do I get homework?



Homework includes reading, a 10-minute maths book and a 10-minute spelling and vocabulary book (this is replacing the 10-minute English book from last year).

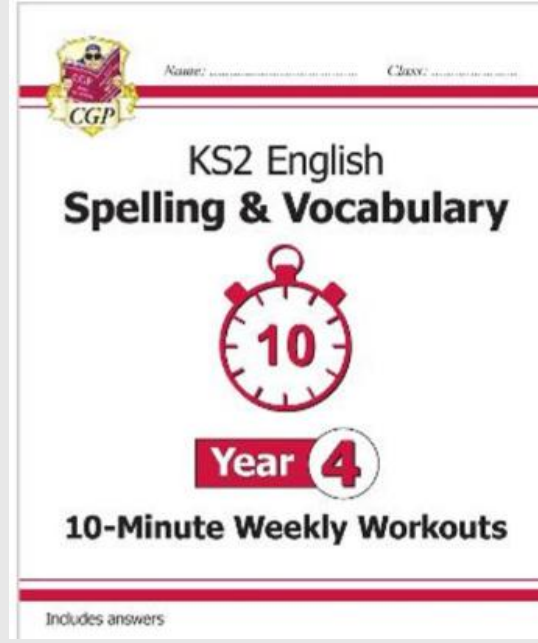
Years 4-6, these books will start to come home in the next couple of weeks. They will include a timetable for what pages will need completing and the date they are due back in. Year 3, these homework books will start to come home after October half term.

Spelling

Children will practise spellings in school. From this year, we will not be carrying out weekly spelling tests.

English and Maths homework

Completed homework should be checked by parents and will then be self marked by the children on a Monday.



Homework is expected to be brought into school every Monday morning. If a child repeatedly forgets to bring their homework in on a Monday, we will ask them to go to Homework Club with Mrs Stokey on a Tuesday so she can help support them with their homework.

Timetables



Times tables are practised 4 times a week in school and tested regularly by the teachers and through the use of Times Tables Rock Stars (an online times tables programme) however, it is beneficial for your child to practise at home. All children are working on an individualised programme so please ask them currently which table they are practising.

We encourage your child to take part in Times Tables Rock Stars Garage activities at home for 30 minutes a week. If your child completes this, they will be rewarded with a certificate in our award assembly. Please email/ring the office to request your child's login details should you need them.

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.



*Monday 1st
June to
Friday 12
June 2026.*



What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check was designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.



Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.

Their MTC results will be printed on their end of year report.

➤ MTC PREP SCHEDULE ✕

SEPTEMBER

GARAGE
(mins per week)
21

21 minutes a week is the magic number for achieving top MTC scores.

OCTOBER

GARAGE
(mins per week)
21

AUTUMN OUMTC*



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

GARAGE
(mins per week)
21

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
3

GARAGE
(mins per week)
18

SPRING OUMTC*



MARCH

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
5

GARAGE
(mins per week)
16

APRIL

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
3

STUDIO
(games per week)
3

GARAGE
(mins per week)
15

MAY

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
6

STUDIO
(games per week)
15

SUMMER OUMTC*



JUNE

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
21

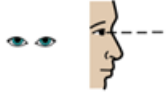


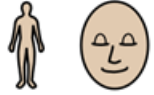
*The OUMTC is our own mini MTC and it is in semi test conditions. It will give you a good idea of how your students will perform on the real thing. Take part in three OUMTCs throughout the year to give you a baseline, benchmark and time to respond to the results



Behaviour at YWJS



Show Me 5
Learning Behaviours

1. Eyes looking. 
2. Ears listening. 
3. Hands empty. 
4. Voices off. 
5. Body calm. 

Our School Rules

Be Ready.
Be Respectful.
Be Safe.



The Westfield Rainbow



All children start on green at the start of every day.

If they are not following the school rules or learning behaviours, they are given a reminder about their behaviour.

If they continue to not follow one of the school rules or learning behaviours, they are given a second reminder.

If they still continue to not follow one of the school rules or learning behaviours, they will receive a restorative slip which they will complete just before the end of the day. You may receive a phone call.

If children show brilliant behaviour, that they are following the school rules and showing our learning behaviours, they can move to purple and will come home with a sticker saying, 'I've been in purple, ask me about my day!'

If a child has shown exceptional behaviour, they could move onto a golden star. 5 golden stars are chosen, one at the end of each day. These children are celebrated in the Friday assembly and the school newsletter.

Purple

I will go in purple if I have soared high and reached for excellence and showed our learning behaviours.

I start on green at the beginning of each day and stay here if I follow our school rules and learning behaviours.

Reminder

If I chose not to follow our school rules and learning behaviours, I will be given a reminder.

If I continue to not follow our school rules and learning behaviours, I will receive a second reminder.

Restorative Slip

If I continue to not follow the school rules and learning behaviours, I will receive a restorative slip. This may mean my parents need to be told. I will complete my slip during restorative time.

Children's Work



Each week we will celebrate work that the children have produced and a child from each class will receive a special head teacher sticker. These pieces of work will be displayed on the display board underneath the shelter on the playground. Please have a look!

What topics will I study?



History - Ancient Egyptians
Autumn 1 and 2

Spring 2
Geography -
Volcanoes



Summer 1
Geography -
Mountains



Summer 2
Geography

Spring 1
History - Stone Age to Iron Age



Climate change and geographical skills and fieldwork

What trips will I go on?



Year 4 will go to Skelton Grange as part of our Stone Age topic.

We also have 6 'Muddy Puddle' days in school each year, where the children take part in outdoor learning in the school grounds.

Communication



Our website is the main way to find out information at school so please check it regularly.

All the weekly newsletters are on the website. The newsletter has all the key information for the week and key dates. All the exciting subject work we do can be found on our Curriculum Pages on the website. Here you will see videos and pictures of your children. Links to any new website updates are included on the weekly newsletter. Newsletters are found on the homepage and are emailed out each week to all parents.

Homework timetables can also be found on every year group's page.

It is vital that the contact information we have for you is up to date especially mobile numbers and email addresses as we send all our information either via text or email.

Any key dates I need to know for this term?

All key dates until Christmas are on the newsletter. The Harvest Festival and Carol Service at St Johns Church may be on different dates due to availability at the church. We will let you know.

Thursday 25 th September	Author Jenny York visiting school MEET the TEACHER event (see flyer below)
Thursday 16 th October	NHS Height and Weight check - Year 6 HARVEST FESTIVAL celebration at St John's Church
Monday 20 th October - Friday 24 th October	Cycle Training - Year 6
Thursday 23 rd October	Halloween disco - Years 3&4 4.30pm to 5.30pm Years 5&6 5.45pm to 6.45pm
Friday 24 th October	Break up for Half Term

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Monday 3 rd November	Back to School
Monday 3 rd November - Wednesday 5 th November	Cycle Training - Year 4
Monday 10 th November	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 11 th November	Ancient Egyptians history workshop in school - Year 4
Thursday 13 th November	Ancient Egyptians history workshop in school - Year 3
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need non-uniform day
Tuesday 18 th November	Ancient Greeks history workshop in school - Year 5 Countryside Day Trip - Year 6 Parents Evening

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Thursday 20 th November	Ancient Greeks history workshop in school - Year 6 Parents Evening
Friday 21 st November	TRAINING DAY - School closed to children
Friday 28 th November	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR 5pm to 7pm - more details to follow
Tuesday 9 th December	Christmas Performance - Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Performance - Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 15 th December	Christmas church service at St John's Church more info to follow
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays

Important allergy information



Please note, it is extremely important that no nut, mustard and sesame seed products are brought into school.

Children should also only have healthy snacks at break time e.g. fruit.

Any questions?

