



WESTFIELD NEWS

Wednesday 5th March 2025

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March	Year 5 Cycle Training
Monday 17th March to Friday 21st March	Year 5 Cycle Training
Tuesday 18th March and Friday 19th March	Mother's Day gift sale in the school hall at break time, for children. More info below.
Wednesday 26th March	Year 4 - Muddy Puddle Day - Year 4
Thursday 27th March	Easter Service at St John's Church
Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April	Year 6 Cycle Training
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Thursday 8th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 21st May	Class photo day

Awards w/e 28.02.25

Owls



Ada S	Ralph	Patrick G	Emily A
Kurtis R	Joshua H	Anthony L	Charlie M
Annie	Charlie B	Gayathry C-A	
Gabriel	Luca P	Freddie G	

Golden Stars



Harvey W	Max P	Ethan B	Oscar B
Soleia L	Max A	James W	Libby E
Oscar H	Renesmee	Bella S	Ryan R
Monica H	Evie T	Isla N	Dylan M
Myla	James H	Lucy Hirst	Finley M
Orla	Alfie M	Lilly Hudson	
Poppy	Rosie T	Sofia Mitchell	
Mia P	Adam W	Jacob Darby	
		Aidan Dwyer	

Mrs P's Work of the Week

Outstanding work of the week awards for 28.02.25 goes to -

Annabelle H, Kayla, Sophia, Hamish B, Thomas F, Stan O'C, Oliver J

View the work in the display cabinet under the canopy in the playground.

SCHOOL NEWS

DON'T forget tomorrow is **WORLD BOOK DAY** and YWJS has a whole host of events lined up for the children. As well as dressing up as characters from their favourite book or as an adjective, there is also a book swap, a book fair and every child will be given a book bought with the free £1 book token that all children across the country receive.

There is also the opportunity to take part in a sponsored book read across the week, with all money being collected on Monday 10th March going to.

Don't forget to send children with any books they would like to exchange and money if they would like to buy a new book at the book sale.

YEAR 4 children have been experiencing what it's like to be a mountaineer this term!. They have been studying Jordan Romero's biography and have been climbing a PE apparatus course set up in the school hall.

Jordan is an American mountaineer who is famous for climbing Mount Everest at just 13-years-old. The children even wore backpacks to understand what it would have been like for Jordan, when training, to climb the Seven Summits.

The children also learnt how mountaineers walked up mountains on their heels to conserve energy by using larger muscle groups and avoided tiring smaller muscles, such as their calves, to allow them to walk for longer.

THANK you to those who have volunteered to walk with us to and from church for the Easter service. The forms are now closed as we have enough volunteers who have been notified by email.

PLEASE note the Year 5 cycle training will now take place for the **ENTIRE** week from Monday 17th March until Friday 21st March!

SPORT NEWS



A BIG well done to our Year 6 league team who drew with Ss Peter and Paul's 2-2. Their coach Marcus Wardell exclaimed: "This was a massive improvement since losing to them last time. The goalscorer's were Alfie and Cruz, but everyone was Player of the Match!"

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

WELCOME to March's recipe of the month, which is a super pancake recipe from Twinkl! Even though Pancake Day was yesterday, if you are anything like my family, you'll be enjoying them all week! Have a look at the super recipe below, we'd love to know what your favourite toppings are. Take photos of your creations (you may already have taken some yesterday) and send them to office@yeadonwestfieldjuniorschool.co.uk. They will be displayed on the school website and Facebook pages!



Pancake Recipe



Ingredients

100g plain flour
300ml milk
2 eggs
1tbsp caster sugar
Lemon juice

Equipment

Sifter
Large mixing bowl
Kitchen scales
Measuring jug
Measuring spoons
Wooden spoon
Frypan
Spatula
Stove

Method

1. Sift the flour into the mixing bowl.
2. Crack the eggs into the bowl.
3. Pour the milk into the bowl.
4. Stir vigorously until smooth.
5. Pour a spoonful of the mixture into a hot frypan (you may want to use oil).
6. Turn the pancake when the bubbles begin to pop.
7. Serve sprinkled with lemon juice and sugar.



FOR THE CHILDREN IN
SCHOOL TIME

MOTHER'S DAY

GIFTS SALE

TUESDAY 18th MARCH
WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH

IN THE SCHOOL HALL AT BREAK TIME

GIFTS COSTING BETWEEN £1 and £5



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST READING SKILLS

The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy. While traditional books remain invaluable, digital tools can enhance reading skills by making text more accessible, interactive and engaging.

1 CHOOSING THE RIGHT TYPE OF TEXT

Before integrating technology, consider the types of text that a child engages with. If they need help on occasion, digital reading pens can assist by scanning and reciting words or sentences. These tools are especially useful for students with reading difficulties, and can even be used in exams if they're part of their routine learning process. Proper training and practice are required, but they can be a great help when tackling printed text.

2 READING ON SCREEN

Many devices now allow users to customise text for better readability. Adjusting font type, size and background colour can significantly enhance comprehension. For many readers, white text on a black background is the easiest to see, whereas other styles – such as dyslexia-friendly fonts – are designed to help those who are struggling. Teaching children how to personalise text settings on their devices empowers them to read more comfortably and with greater confidence.

3 ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS

Most modern devices include built-in tools designed to support readers. These features can be found in Settings under Accessibility and may include text-to-speech, speech-to-text and screen magnification functions. Enabling these tools can make digital reading more user friendly, especially for children with learning difficulties or visual impairments, who might have an easier time with spoken language than the written word, or who might simply require a closer look at the text.

4 INTERACTIVE READING PROGRAMMES

Many digital reading devices, such as Kindle and other e-readers, offer features like word highlighting, adjustable text speed and built-in dictionaries. These tools help learners to break down complex words and phrases while maintaining an appropriate reading pace. Some programmes even allow users to track their progress, making reading a more structured and motivating experience.

5 VIDEO GAMES AND READING SKILLS

Many video games require players to read instructions, character dialogues and mission objectives, making them an unexpected but effective literacy tool. Games that involve storytelling, puzzles or problem-solving often include large amounts of text – encouraging children to read these texts aloud or discuss them can improve their comprehension and vocabulary in a fun, engaging way.

6 SUBTITLES AND CLOSED CAPTIONS

Watching videos with subtitles or closed captions is an effective way to enhance reading skills. As children watch their favourite shows or online videos, they can follow along with the text, gaining a better understanding of how written words sound when spoken aloud. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers, as it exposes them to words in a familiar, engaging context. Repeatedly watching content with subtitles reinforces word recognition and comprehension.

7 USING AUDIOBOOKS

Audiobooks are an excellent way to develop listening and reading skills simultaneously. Children can follow along with the text while listening to a narrator, reinforcing word recognition and fluency. For struggling readers, listening to an audiobook before attempting to read the text independently can boost their confidence and comprehension.

9 TEXT-TO-VOICE TECHNOLOGY

Text-to-voice software reads digital text aloud, making it easier for learners to follow along. Most smartphones, tablets and computers come with this function built in. When enabled, users can highlight a passage or sentence and press Play to hear it read aloud. This tool is particularly helpful for auditory learners and those who struggle with decoding written words.

8 VOICE-TO-TEXT FOR WRITING AND READING

Voice-to-text tools allow users to dictate words, which are then transcribed into text. This feature helps children see the connection between spoken and written language. By using text-to-voice to have their dictated words read back to them, learners can identify mistakes and improve their reading and writing skills simultaneously.

10 SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media provides opportunities for reading, most platforms have age restrictions of 13-16 years old, making parental guidance essential. Many social media videos include captions and comments that can encourage reading. However, it's important to use the platform's parental controls (such as time limits and content filters) to create a safe and educational online environment for children. Encouraging responsible social media use can ensure a balanced and productive approach to digital literacy.

Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lowri is a qualified special needs teacher and experienced SENCO. She recently launched her own site, Neuroteachers, which offers a library of short, 'how-to' and explanation videos for educators. Catrina also writes and delivers online training and events for multi-academy trusts, businesses, schools and training organisations.



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HOLIDAY!!**

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BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUBS



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ACTIVITIES
EVERY WEEK!!
2 CHOICES
EVERY SINGLE
HOUR!!**

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"WOW" EQUIPMENT
(CHECK
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ONLINE)**



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20%!**

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DAYS YOU NEED EACH WEEK!**

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EVERY DAY**

**OPEN TO
BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 5-13 -
SEPERATE AGE
GROUPS!**



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VENUES & KEY INFORMATION

AREA & VENUE	AGES	ENERGY PROGRAMME – 50+ Arty/Crafty/Sporty/Adventure/Fun Activities every week!!
LEEDS		
BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	5-13	✓

CHOOSE TOTAL ENERGY!!!

TOTAL ENERGY IS OUR MUCH LOVED MULTI SPORT, ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTDOOR ADVENTEROUS, TEAM BUILDING, FUN PROGRAMME, FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13!! OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME RUNS EVERY DAY AT BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL!!

TOTAL ENERGY ENCOMPASSES 50+ CHOICES OF ACTIVITIES AND 2 CHOICES EVERY SINGLE HOUR! CREATIVE AND ACTIVE, THIS CAN BE ANYTHING FROM FOOTBALL OR PAINTING, YOGA TO CRICKET, HOCKEY TO DODGEBALL, CRAFTS TO DEN BUILDING, NERF TO TIG GAMES!! YOUR CHILD CHOOSES EACH HOUR.

OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES OUR WOW EQUIPMENT (45FT INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE, BOUNCY CASTLES, NERF, SILENT DISCO AND MUCH MORE), WET WEDNESDAYS, PARTY THURSDAYS AND THEMED ACTIVITIES - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLUBS!!



THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON OUR TOTAL ENERGY PROGRAMME AND YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS WITH OUR CHOICES!! YOUR CHILDREN ARE SPLIT INTO AGE SPECIFIC GROUPS AND LED BY OUR DBS CHECKED EXPERIENCED COACHING STAFF!!

WE PROMISE A HIGH ENERGY, VARIED DAY, FOR ALL INTERESTS AND AGES!!



WE ARE POPULAR SO PLEASE DO BOOK IN EARLY !

PRICES, CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & DROP OFF TIMES

**STANDARD DAY - 8AM-4PM
EXTENDED DAY - 4PM-5:30PM
(CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR PRICES)**

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

**PLANS CHANGED?
ADD OUR INSURANCE OPTION ONTO YOUR BOOKINGS &
RECEIVE A REFUND, CREDIT OR CHANGE DAYS
IF YOUR PLANS CHANGE!!**

**FLEXIBLE DROP OFF BETWEEN 8AM-9AM
COLLECT BETWEEN 4PM-5:30PM**

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