



# WESTFIELD NEWS

Wednesday 26th February 2025

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## Dates for your Diary

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Bangers and Bingo Night, school fundraiser. From 6pm until 9pm in school hall. See more details below.
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day - see info below
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Cycle Training
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Cycle Training
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	MYear 4 - Muddy Puddle Day - Year 4
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Service at St John's Church. Parents welcome. Walking volunteers requested. More info to follow.
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 6 Cycle Training
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Break up for Easter holidays
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Children return to school
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Class photo day

# Awards w/e 14.02.25

## Owls



Noah W	James P	Aidan D	Lauren W
Harry C	Jack T	Jemima H	Oscar D
Maisie	Cole W	Oliver W	
Myla	James H	Teddy H	

## Golden Stars



Rachel H	Stanley	Lainey-Blossom S	Oscar B
Jack N	Sienna O	Billy S	Libby E
Lily V	Tristan	Eva-Rose H-K	Ryan R
Elsie R	Renesmee	Adam S	Dylan M
Leo H	Mason	Connor H	Finley M
Mia C	Felix B	Phoebe S	
Dylan	Ella H	Bobby S	
Bobby	Meredith J	James W	
Cooper	Sienna P	William B	
Joel	Maiya-Rose W	Poppy A	

## Mrs P's Work of the Week

Outstanding work of the week awards for 14.02.25 goes to -

Soleia L, Isaac, Jack T, Felix B, Gayathry C-A, Isabella O, Lauren W

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

# SCHOOL NEWS

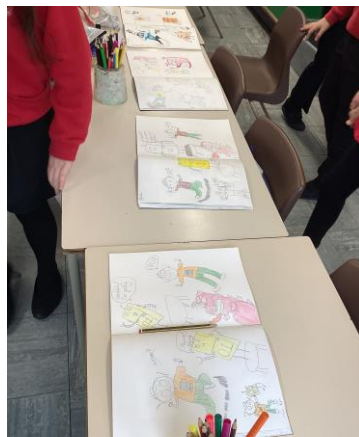
**BEFORE** half term children in school joined two cartoonists online Neill Cameron and James Turner from The Phoenix Comic Book, for a virtual draw-along, where they got to learn hints and tips about how to create characters and tell stories with illustrations.

This has been delivered in partnership with The Leeds Storytelling Festival. The children also had the opportunity to ask the cartoonists questions in a Zoom Q&A session.

Miss Whitaker explained: "The children took part in a doodle off this morning (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February). Some classes are yet to do this though and will be taking part after half term.

"The children in Year 3 really enjoyed it."

Here are some photos from Year 5/6 who took part in the event on the Friday -



St Gemma's Fundraising Office has launched it's annual **Easter Knit campaign!** Last year with the help of it's **supporters over £4,500 was raised**, which helped many patients and their families through a difficult time in their lives.

The fundraising office is looking for lovely people to sell there **chocolate filled knits**. They will provide you with a little sign, a collection tin and a basket of lovely **chocolate filled Easter Knits**.

**Selling knits not for you?** They are always on the lookout for more **knitters** and **chocolate donations**. I have attached some of our Easter patterns and here is a link to our [Amazon Wish List](#).

**THURSDAY 6th March** is World Book Day and we will be celebrating this fantastic day in school with a number of different and exciting activities:

- You can dress up as your favourite book character (or as an adjective - happy, sleepy, artistic etc...)
- A sponsored read at home will take place between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- The Usborne Book Fair will be in school in the afternoon (and after school) and everyone will be able to visit it.
- A Book Swap! Children can bring in a book they have read and swap it with another child's book.
- Children will be bringing home a free book with them next Thursday!

More information about the Book Fair and sponsored read will be sent home this week.

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

**ON TUESDAY** 11th February it was **Safer Internet Day** across the country. This was a chance for all schools to focus on online safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Here at YWJS Mrs Clarkson delivered an assembly about how to stay safe online. Later, all children across the school took part in a BBC Teach Live Lesson where they learnt about scams and phishing. This was all linked to this year's theme which was: **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'** Please ask your child about what they learnt during the day and help them to understand the importance of being safe online.

Also please see the poster below which gives more information about keeping safe online -

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

## 1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a private pin code on certain devices, you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.



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## PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted users on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu (look for a cog icon) and select the 'Users' option. Here you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android smartphone it's similar, but first select 'Parental Controls' in the play store.

## 3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can simply visit the preferences/settings menu and within 'General' there is an option for 'Restrictions'. Here you can turn off any applications or features on your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.



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## THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the Internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the Internet.

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## MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'safe search' setting. You should activate this. Otherwise, it's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the Internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change so it defaults each time you open the browser. This will seriously reduce the chances of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.



# 9 Top Tips To Get Smart About children's devices

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## REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you allow your child to use social media, you should discuss the dangers with them. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.



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## DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.



## 8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.



## 9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health suggests it's more important to consider the 'context and content' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' functions, which you can find in the settings of certain devices.



## Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than a decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, she's had vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.



DON'T FORGET IT'S THE SCHOOL BANGERS & BINGO NIGHT THIS SATURDAY! PAY FOR ENTRY AND BINGO TICKETS ON PARENTPAY. ALL THE INFORMATION IS BELOW -

**YEADON WESTFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**



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**PRIZES**



**BANGERS &  
BINGO  
NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 1st MARCH**  
**6PM - 9PM EYES DOWN AT 6.30PM**  
**£2 ENTRY (includes HOT DOG)**  
**6 BINGO TICKETS FOR £6**

**UNDER  
2's FREE**

**PAY FOR EVERYTHING ON PARENTPAY**

**Additional bingo tickets and bar available on the night. Payment by card only. Thank you for supporting our aim to become a cash free school.**

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**IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE NIGHT PLEASE  
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