WEST GREEN

Half Termly Newsletter

Dear West Green Family,

Friday 24th October 2025

What a fantastic first half term of the year we've had here at West Green. The children and staff have all been busy with classroom lessons, assemblies, visitors and trips – learning lots and creating many happy memories!
We have welcomed our brilliant new Red Reception Class and their families – who have settled into the start of their school careers really well. All of our other classes have been out on trips to enhance their learning, with added workshops or experiences thanks to the Friends of West Green and their fundraising efforts. So a big THANK YOU to them!

Year 1 have been to Bruce Castle Museum to explore toys from history, as well as enjoying a toy making workshop. Year 2 were 'plant detectives' in Hampstead Heath. Year 3 deepened their learning about the Ancient Egyptians during their visit to The British Museum. Year 4 visited the stunning St. Paul's Cathedral. Year 5 went to a 'Restart a Heart' workshop at Great Ormond Street Hospital to learn vital life-saving skills and Year 6 enhanced their RE knowledge through a visit to a Sikh Gurdwara.

On top of all of that, we've enjoyed a whole host of extra-curricular school activities to make our learning and our school life really fun! Aphra was the Head Teacher for the day and declared no uniform and craft activities for the children and silly make-up or masks for the adults. Years 4&5 developed their cycling skills with a week of bikeability sessions. Year 5 took part in a creative conversations photography project, planning and creating portrait photos to express their individual identities. A few children from across the school were lucky to be selected for some special lego workshops. Our Year 5 boys' football team hosted St John Vianney's Year 5 team in an epic 7-7 battle (coming back from 5-2 down!) and our Year 6 mixed football team participated in an inter-school football tournament at Park View School, narrowly losing our matches with the eventual winners and runners up, but also drawing one and winning two.
Finally, last week we had an amazing week celebrating Black History with a whole host of activities and visitors – please see the separate Black History Month newsletter.

Our parents and carers have had their activities too with our usual 'meet the teacher' and progress meetings, maths and phonics workshops, secondary application support, the Head Teacher's drop-ins, Friends of West Green meetings and our first coffee morning of the year, putting the final touches to our renewed Vision and Values – watch this space!

We are already looking forward to next term which brings our Democracy Week, the first FOWG disco of the year and our (now hopefully annual) Year 5 residential visit to Truleigh Hill in Sussex.

Please see below in the **'Class Half Term Highlights'** section for more information and photos of the fantastic times we've had this half term. Please also remember to check out the **'What's On @ West Green'** dates at the bottom and via email to you every Thursday, for all the times and dates of upcoming events in school.

Term Dates

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

	Starts	Ends	Finish Time
INSET 2 Days	**Mon 1 & Tue 2 September 2025**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Autumn 1	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025	3:30pm
Holiday	Monday 27 October 2025	Friday 31 October 2025	
Autumn 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	1:15pm
Holiday	Monday 22 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026	

Spring Term 2026

	Starts	Ends	Finish Time
INSET	**Monday 5 January 2026**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Spring 1	Tuesday 6 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	3:30pm
INSET	**Friday 23 January**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Holiday	Monday 16 February 2026	Friday 20 February 2026	
Spring 2	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026	1:15pm
Holiday	Monday 30 March 2026	Friday 10 April 2026	

Summer Term 2026

	Starts	Ends	Finish Time
Summer 1	Monday 13 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	3:30pm
Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	
Summer 2	Monday 1 June 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	1:15pm
INSET	**Mon 20 July 2026**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Holiday	Monday 20 July 2026	Monday 31 August 2026	

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December 2025
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December 2025
New Year's Day	Thursday 1 January 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2026
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 11 May – Thursday 14 May 2026

Please be reminded that ALL holidays should be booked during school holiday periods and non-emergency & non-hospital medical appointments should be booked out of school hours.

Most absence during school time cannot be authorised. Please speak with Mary BEFORE booking anything during term time. Thanks for your support.

Attendance and Punctuality

I want to reach out to all of our families to ask for support with your children's attendance at school. A number of families are choosing to travel abroad during term time both for holidays and/or medical appointments as well as arranging UK GP/dentist/optician appointments in the school day. Please come and speak with us BEFORE you book any trips or appointments to discuss how we can ensure that your child's education is not negatively impacted.



If you are not sure if you child is well enough to attend school, please check out this link for NHS advice https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/ or contact Arusa in the office who can support.

Research shows that those children who regularly go to school, and arrive on time everyday, are far more likely to achieve the highest grades in their KS2 SATs, GCSEs and beyond. It is really important that our children are in school for every day possible.

A Few Notices and Reminders



Scooters and bikes – We very much welcome children travelling to school on a bike or a scooter – but request that you give your child a scooter/bike lock and show them how to use it. Please remember though that scooters and bikes are left at your own risk, whilst we do our best to keep them safe, a lock would provide more security.

Gates - We open both the Woodlands Park Road gate (Y1-6) and the Terront Road gate (Reception) at **8:45am** and close them at **8:55am** for drop off. Please make sure you arrive by 8:55am and your child walks straight into school, so that they are on time and have the best possible start to their day.



Please note, **for all of our children's safety**, we will close BOTH the main and Reception Class gates at 8:55am. If you arrive after the gate is closed, you will be asked to take your child to the school office so we can ensure they are registered (as they will have missed the register in class). It is really important that your children are in the register, particularly in the event of an emergency. Gates open at **3:25pm** for collection at the end of the day.

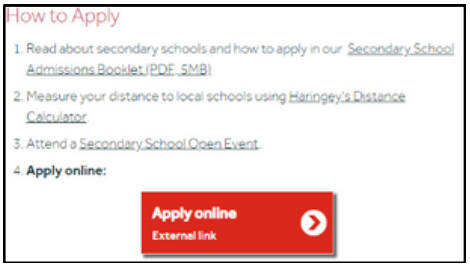
A Strange Request… - Please do not open a closed school gate for anyone, even a family you know, once school staff have gone inside and closed the main doors. Although this may feel unkind, you are actually helping keep everyone safe (as above). School staff will answer the buzzers and direct everyone via the office so we can ensure only authorised people are on site and all children are registered. We really appreciate your support with this.



Breakfast Club – Please be reminded that children can arrive at breakfast club between 8:00 & 8:30am. Children will not be allowed to join the club after 8:30am. This is to ensure that all children have had time to have breakfast and are ready to join their classes from 8:45am. Anyone arriving after 8:30am will be directed to the main gate for school opening at 8:45am.

Secondary School Admissions - Parents of children in Year 6 must fill out an application form to secure a place for Secondary school for September 2026. You must submit your form by the closing date of the **31st October 2025** – which is in HALF TERM! These forms are only available on-line. Below is a link to the handbook provided by Haringey which includes information of how to apply and the details of open days/evening for each secondary school in the borough.

https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school



Junior Park Run – Please ask your children about the assembly we had this week with the wonderful Emma and Alison (Sadie's Mum), who came to tell us (and sign for us) all about Junior Park Run. This is an amazing way of getting out of the house, getting some exercise and fresh air and meeting up with friends **every Sunday morning** to take part in a 2k run, stroll, walk - however you would like to move around.
It is open to ALL children from 4 to 14 years old, takes place locally in **Lordship Rec** and is completely FREE!

It starts with a Barcode

Every junior needs to register

You can register at
parkrun.org.uk/register

It's completely Free !!

Every Sunday
at
Lordship Rec Ground
starting at 8:45am



The Rainbow course

Find us on Instagram and Facebook
Lordship rec ground junior parkrun

Stars of the Week

All of our children have been superstars in many ways across this half term. The children below have sparkled just that tiny bit more to earn the much-coveted Star of the Week award for their class

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to…

Stars of the Week								
	3 - 5 Sep	8 - 12 Sep	15 - 19 Sep	22 – 26 Sep	29 Sep-3 Oct	6 - 10 Oct	13 - 17 Oct	20 - 24 Oct
Orange Class	Reggie	Mya	Freddie M.	Mabel	Matthew	Eve	Logan	Valor
Yellow Class	Rafferty C.	Yosko	Estevan	Daniel	Elna	Bilall	Lauren	Ali
Green Class	Ethan	Arthur	Daniel	Ivo	Immy	Daphne	Johan	Cameron
Blue Class	Yunior	Nadil	Ela	Edie	Afsana	Reveka	Arin	Athen
Indigo Class	Nylah	Durmush	Saqer	Deniz	Alesio	Teodor	Billy	Sara
Violet Class	Avina	Edi	Aniola	Coral	Winnerdi	Evelyn	Brianna	Emre
Sports	-	Emma	Evelyn	Talla	Otti	Zhari	Aria	Arthur
Mandarin	-	-	-	-	Oren	Casper	Zahra	Y6 Class
Guitar	-	-	-	-	Yunior	Iris	Laylah	Mathewos
Music	-	-	-	-	-	Edie	Dhillon	-

Class Half Term Highlights

Reception

Reception have settled brilliantly into school life at WG. We started the term with sharing about ourselves and our families and talked about different emotions we may experience. We read some amazing stories like 'Ravi's Roar' and 'Finn's Fibs' that helped us to understand how to manage our feelings. We learned about our five senses and explored them using magnifying glasses, scented dough and tasting and smelling nice - and not so nice - things! Then we learned all about Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut, for Black History Week and Samuel the Firefighter came in to visit us, and we even got to try on his uniform! We also worked together to make a space station in the outdoor area and had loads of fun role-playing with our new friends.







Year 1

What a brilliant start to the new school year we have had! The children have adapted well to Year 1, successfully learning new routines and timetables. In Maths, we have been exploring addition and subtraction within 10, and learning about shapes; 2D and 3D, and patterns. In Science, the children have enjoyed learning all about plants, in particular they enjoyed using magnifying glasses to investigate different species of plants and trees. In our writing lessons we have been using 'ing'; doing verbs, time connectives and focusing on remembering the key requirements of a sentence – capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! In our History lessons we have been learning about 'Changes over time' – in ourselves, toys, our school, transport and shops. We went on a very exciting trip to Bruce Castle Museum where we got to explore new, old, and very old toys, and also have a go at making our own 'old style' toy. As well as all of this, we have also been learning hockey skills in PE, how to support ourselves and others in PHSE, about belonging in RE, and we have started Mandarin lessons. Well done Year 1!









Year 2

This term, Year 2 have been learning all about plants. In one of their lessons, they investigated what seeds need to begin growing and recorded their findings in a table. The children were fascinated to discover that seeds do not need light to germinate! In History Year 2 got hands-on and creative by making rocking buses inspired by our topic about Rosa Parks. They followed step by step instructions and had lots of fun painting and sticking their art piece together. We have been so interested to learn about Rosa and Emily Pankhurst - two very inspirational women.







Year 3

What a busy start to Year 3 we have had in Green Class! The children have begun the year by learning about the fascinating history of Ancient Egypt, which included discussions about how bodies were mummified and which gods the Ancient Egyptians believed in. We even had a go at writing our names in hieroglyphics. One of the highlights of the half term has to be our trip to the British Museum, where the children marvelled at galleries full of ancient artefacts (including canopic jars and sarcophagi!). We were also very lucky to end our geography unit on rivers with a special presentation from Immy's dad, Matt. He and his friend Morgan shared their fantastic river and nature photography with us, giving the children a chance to see river ecosystems in action and show off their fabulous vocabulary.



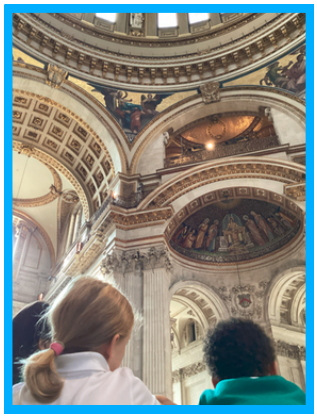




Year 4

Half term highlights for Blue Class are plentiful. We have enjoyed a wide range of learning experiences across the curriculum including acting as characters from 'I Was a Rat' to try and get closer to their thoughts and feelings; hands-on science investigations including making (and eating) ice cream to support our science learning about states of matter. This term we also started our guitar lessons with West Green's visiting experts Jacob and Fahran. So far, we've learned to finger-walk on the open E, B and G string, and even more excitingly, last week we played our first song using a fretted note – not just open strings! Huge progress! Of course, no highlights would be complete without details of a class visit. This half term, we had a fantastic tour of St Paul's Cathedral to tie-in with our World Views and R.E. learning on Christianity. Not only did we have an excellent guide to tell us about different parts of the building and religious symbols, but we also got the chance to try on some bishops' robes and to climb the stone steps to the famous Whispering Gallery (which didn't work) and Stone Gallery with its incredible views of the London skyline.







Year 5

This half term, Year 5 had the amazing opportunity to visit Great Ormond Street Hospital for a CPR workshop. The children learned vital life-saving skills and practised how to respond in an emergency. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and care throughout the session. We also took part in an exciting creative workshop exploring identity and cultural identity. The children discussed what makes each of us unique before expressing these ideas through art. They created beautiful collages representing different aspects of who they are. Then, the children wore clothes or brought objects that displayed their identity and finished with a fun photoshoot to celebrate their individuality and creativity. During Black History Week, Year 5 were lucky to meet Solomon Gamra, a contemporary artist who shared his inspiring life journey and showcased his incredible artwork. The children learned about his creative process and took part in an art workshop inspired by Solomon's work, expressing their own ideas through vibrant colour and design. We also welcomed Ken Stennet, who was born and raised in Jamaica and now works as a bus driver in London. Ken spoke passionately about his life, his love for art, and his journey from Jamaica to London. The children listened attentively, asking thoughtful questions and reflecting on his experiences.









Year 6

In year six, we have really hit the ground running in the 1st half of the autumn term, enjoying a wide range of new topics. In writing, we have studied the Maya, learning about how the ancient civilization flourished for centuries. In particular, we focused on their love of cacao (a gift from the gods!), although their chocolate was very different to the modern-day form. To get a little insight into the flavour they would have experienced, we ate some 100% cocoa chocolate! It's safe to say many children prefer a bit of Cadburys. We then wrote persuasive adverts for our own chocolate company - making a product the traditional Maya way, with many health and environmental benefits. In science, we have undertaken various practical experiments in relation to electricity. A highlight has to be the salt water conductor test, where we created a simple circuit, alongside a cup of salted water to demonstrate how water can conduct electricity. Trip wise, we also had the privilege of visiting the Sikh Temple (Gurdwara) in Arnos Grove, where we were treated to a great workshop on the foundations of the Sikh religion. Finally, on the sporting front, as well as making great progress in our weekly swimming lessons, our year group performed brilliantly at an inter-school tournament at Park View Secondary School. They played fantastically as a team, narrowly losing 1- 0 to the eventual winners. Well done year six!











Friends of West Green update

Friends of West Green (FOWG) is a charity focused on fundraising to support the school.

Upcoming events!

👴 **Space themed Disco!**

Friday 7th November 5pm- 6.15pm

Our first disco of the year! The children voted for space so we are looking forward to a party that is out of this world!

All children must be accompanied by an adult but only children need tickets. Tickets are available before and after school in the main playground and online here CHILD Disco entry (adults don't need tickets)

If you are able to volunteer on the night we would love to have you! Please fill in the google form here Space disco volunteers 2025

Our AGM

Friday 14th November 9am in the community room

As a registered charity the Friends of West Green hold an annual general meeting to report back on our previous year's finances and achievements. This is also the meeting in which people are welcome to stand as new trustees.

You can read more about what being a trustee entails, as well as all the other ways to be part of FOWG in this document Friends of West Green - roles and ways of working

Save the date - Winter Fair

Friday 28th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Our Winter Fairs are always fun with festive food and drink alongside family friendly games and our exciting raffle.

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Past Events

🏃Vitality London 10,000! Sunday 28th September 2025

We had three phenomenal parents taking part in the Vitality 10k. They all smashed the run and their fundraising targets, generating a total of £3677!!

Well done and thank you to Rosie (Aine, year 1), Ben (Gabriel, year 2) and Pav (Leila, year 5 and Dhillon year 4). You are all brilliant and we are grateful for all of your efforts.

💰**Spending**

West Green has always been excellent at providing enrichment opportunities but with the help of the money raised by you, through the Friends, they have been able to do even more. So far this year we have funded activities during trips to the British Museum, St Pauls, Bruce Castle and Hampstead Heath.

One of the school's major sources of financial aid used to support enrichment is likely to be reduced, making the Friends' contributions even more valuable and we are excited to continue to support trips across the curriculum at West Green.

As you will have seen, the MUGA was completed but still has some snagging issues to resolve. The Friends of West Green contributed £18,000 towards the cost and are pleased to see it in place. Thank you for all your support over recent years working towards this huge piece of fundraising.

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Getting involved

There are lots of ways you can get involved with Friends of West Green throughout the year, not just through volunteering at events.

In the past school year people have:

- Run events outside of school to raise money.
- Donated through their own businesses.
- Secured match-funding from their employers which tops up our fundraising efforts.
- Identified grants we can apply for for additional funding.
- Made donations in kind through their employers.
- Suggested new projects for funding.
- Introduced new contacts and connections who can support FoWG's fundraising aims.

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Match-funding schemes help us to increase our fundraising capacity significantly, bringing in hundreds of pounds so far this year. If you work somewhere with a scheme like this in place, please get in touch.

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As a member of the school community, you are automatically a Friend of West Green. To find out how to **get involved with our activities**, email friendsofwestgreen@gmail.com, come along to a meeting or speak to one of the trustees:

Alison (Sadie y6)
Anya (Isaac y6)
Ros (Leila y5, Dhillon y4)
Vikki (Connie y5)
Harry (Molly y4, Freddie y1)
Sam (Millie y3)

You can also **follow us on Instagram** @friendsofwestgreen to stay up to date with events and other news.

What's on @ West Green…?

Week beginning 20th October 2025.

School finishes @ 3:30 Friday 24th October Return date Monday 3rd November 2025.	
Democracy Week	Monday 3rd November
FOWG disco 5:00 – 6:15	Friday 7th November
Anti-Bullying day	Monday 10th November
Year 5 Truleigh Hill Residential	Wed 12th – Fri 14th Nov
FOWG Meeting 9.00 – 10.00 Community Space	Friday 14th November
Year 2 & **Year 5** Fire Brigade Visit	Tuesday 18th November
Design & Technology Day	Monday 24th November
Design & Technology showcase 3:30-4:00	Tuesday 25th November
Date change **Year 5** trip – Wightman Road Mosque	Wednesday 26th November
Head Teacher Drop In	Friday 28th November
FOWG Winter fair 3:30 onwards	Friday 28th November
Flu vaccinations – Day 2	Thursday 4th December
FOWG Winter craft evening (adults only) 6:00pm	Thursday 4th December
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 23rd October
Reception **Year 1** **Year 2** **Year 3** trip – Chickenshed Theatre	Monday 8th December
Year 4 **Year 5** **Year 6** trip – Chickenshed Theatre	Wednesday 10th December
CLUBS FINISH	Thursday 11th December
FOWG Meeting 9.00 – 10.00 Community Space	Friday 12th December
Christmas lunch & Jolly Jumpers	Wednesday 17th December
Christmas assembly – 2:15	Thursday 18th December
Class parties and non-uniform	Friday 19th December
School finishes @ 1:15 Friday 19th December Return date: Tuesday 6th January 2026.	

We wish you all a happy and healthy half-term break.
Take care and stay safe.

See you on

Monday 3rd November at **8:55am**.