WEST GREEN

Half Termly Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear West Green Family,

Another brilliant half term at West Green has flown by - but what a lot of fun and learning we have managed to fit in!

Reception Class have completed their first full term of their school careers and they have settled in really well. We have loved welcoming them into our West Green family and we are so very proud of all of them. They, like all of our children, have had a lot of action-packed learning since our last newsletter in October.

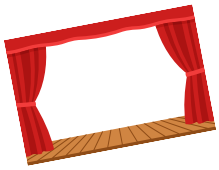
As always, school life has been enhanced with a variety of special events.
The start of this half term saw our Democracy week - learning about the democratic process and electing our new pupil school Prime Minister to support the work of our School Council.
We have had anti-bullying week activities, some children from across the school participated in Lego workshops sharing their thoughts on sustainability and Years 2 and 5 had a visit from the London Fire Brigade to learn how to protect our homes and ourselves from fire.
We had a whole school Design & Technology Day; designing, creating and evaluating a range of projects followed by a showcase for families to share our work. Y5 have been busy with a trip to visit a Mosque as well as having regular science masterclass lessons in the science labs at Park View school!
Recently Y4 joined and performed at the Park View Winter ParkFest - a huge concert featuring talent from Park View and many of our local primary schools. A fun time was had by all!





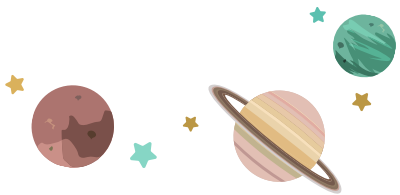






Y5 continued their very busy half term with a residential trip to Truleigh Hill. A return trip for some (and hopefully an annual Y5 trip going forward) – the children got to spend three days and two nights in the beautiful Sussex countryside taking part in a range of outdoor learning activities!
Also, every child in the school had the opportunity to go on a trip to the Chicken Shed Theatre to watch a live theatre performance – Reception to Year 3 saw 'Christmas Tales' and Years 4, 5 and 6 saw 'Red'.

On top of all of this, the Friends of West Green ran our first disco of the year with an 'out of this world' SPACE theme. Not long after, they hosted our annual Winter Fair. Please see the FOWG update below to see just how successful these events were.





We also had other events for our families; we have had parent/carer workshops, hosted by the Speech and Language Team, about supporting our children who need help in developing their speaking and understanding skills, we have had Head Teacher drop-ins and our guitarists entertained their families and the school with their first concert of the year.







On top of all of this, we have enjoyed a wonderful last week of term - all celebrating together and getting ready for the holidays. Please see photos below as well as checking in the 'Class Half Term Highlights' section for more information.

A Few Notices and Reminders:

HAF Vouchers and Holiday Fun

Children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for pupil premium and their families can go to free activities during the upcoming Christmas holidays.
The council work with a number of local partners to deliver the HAF Programme across Haringey. They include schools, local voluntary and community organisations and childcare providers – see below for details of HAF at West Green.
Check out the link below to see their fun-packed calendar of events and book activities to enjoy! https://haringey.coordinate.cloud/

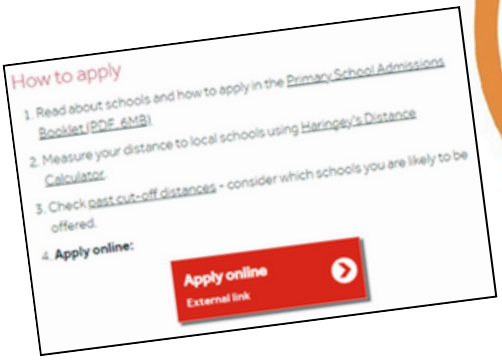


HES Holiday Camp at West Green

HES will again run a holiday club at West Green during the Christmas break. The clubs will run on Mon 22/12, Tue 23/12, Mon 29/12 and Tue 30/12. The clubs are almost full, but there are still some places available - if you are still looking for something fun to do or need childcare, please see the booking link on our West Green Primary School website. HAF spaces are also available for families in receipt of Pupil Premium.

Reception Class Admissions - 2026

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a reception school place for September 2026 – even if you already have a child in a primary school. The deadline is Thursday 15th January 2026. The form is available on-line. Below is a link to the handbook provided by Haringey which includes information of how to apply. Please ask at the office for further information and tour dates.
https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school



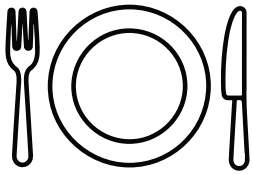
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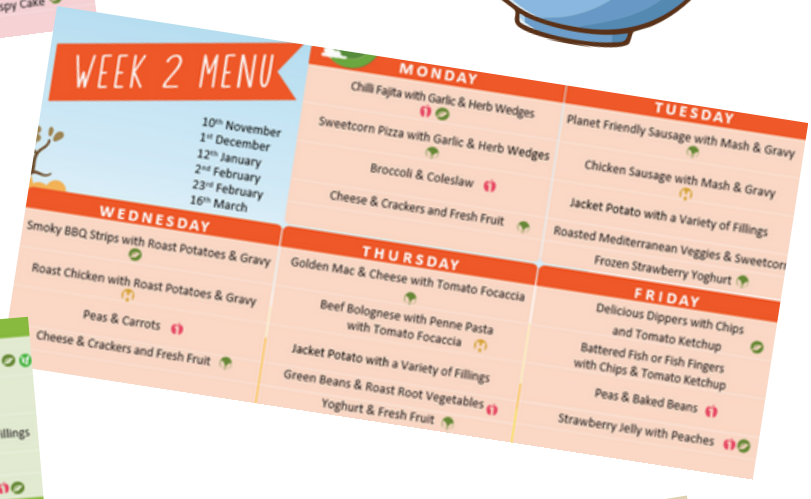
Please see our lunch menus for school meals over the coming weeks.





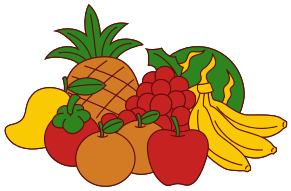












Stars of the Week

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…

	3 – 7 Nov	10 – 14 Nov	17 – 21 Nov	24 – 28 Nov	1 – 5 Dec	8 – 12 Dec
Orange Class	Khelani	Fin	Remi	Liam	Ronahi	Mia
Yellow Class	Oscar	Misha	Elna	Raffy B	Angela	Arlo
Green Class	Sam	Millie	Dervis	Miller	Sariah	Ruqayyah
Blue Class	Musa	Rita-Mae	Aphra	Ikran	Eddie	Dhillon
Indigo Class	Connie	Enes & Ada-Selin	Deniz	Aaban	Elif	Year 5!
Violet Class	Sadie	Zara	Lamia	Bonka	Arafat	Isaac
Mandarin	Rita-Mae	Kasper	Isaac	Otti	-	Aniyah
Sports	Eddie	Gabe	Ada-Selin	Albane	Sadie	Iris
Guitar	-	Annabelle	Adam	Mawaddah	Year 4!	-

Class Half Term Highlights

Reception

This half term in Reception the children had a blast exploring a universe of learning! They've been inspired by Whatever Next! as they joined Baby Bear on his exciting journey to space. They learned all about the planets in our Solar System too. The children have also been busy creating their own Stick Man adventures, practising storytelling and mark-making.

In Maths, Reception class have been learning about numbers to 10, exploring part-whole addition and discovering how to measure and compare objects in fun, hands-on ways. Our shape sessions have had the children spotting circles, squares, and triangles everywhere – even in their rocket designs!






The children have loved combining imagination with learning, from floating among the stars to building and measuring their own creations. We're so proud of all their curiosity, creativity and teamwork this half term.

Year 1





We have had a busy and exciting half term in Year 1! We started with a brilliant Democracy Week. The children got really involved with the democratic process, voting for party members, creating posters and rosettes, taking part in the hustings and finally voting in a new Prime Minister of the School!



In Maths, we have been focusing on working with numbers up to 20. We have learned new methods to support our addition and subtraction, including counting on from 10 and using known facts to solve given problems.

In Science, the children have been learning all about the human body and the five senses. They have taken part in practical activities involving touch, taste, sight, smell and hearing.



In History, the children have learned about two significant events - The Gunpowder Plot and Rememberance Day. Our writing has been based on our history learning, including writing a fact file about Walter Tull.



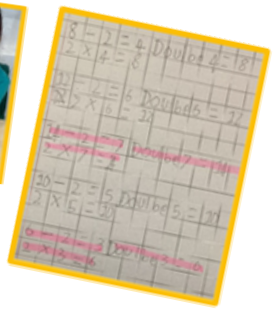
The children also took part in a great D&T day where they designed and made their own packed lunch boxes suitable for a pirate.



As well as all of this, we went on a brilliant trip to Chickenshed to see a show! Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Year 2





This term, Year 2 have been deepening their understanding of the connection between multiplication and division in maths. In one of our hands-on lessons, the children used cubes to build arrays that represented different word problems. After creating their arrays, they wrote either a matching multiplication or division equation. This practical approach helped them visualise how the two operations are linked and strengthened their problem-solving skills.



We also enjoyed an exciting and educational fire safety workshop delivered by a brave visiting firefighter! Through role-play and energetic singing, the children learned all about staying safe in the event of a fire. Key topics covered included Prevention, Detection, and Escape strategies.
For families interested in learning more about fire safety at home, you can explore the Home Fire Safety Checker using the link below: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety-checker-hfsc/



Year 2 have enjoyed developing their geographical skills. They used a variety of resources, including atlases, books and laptops, to research information about the seven continents. Using their findings, the children created their own mini continent booklets, showcasing what they had learned about our world.





In PE, the children have been developing their balance, agility and coordination through a series of engaging Gymnastics lessons. One of our lessons involved the children completing a circuit that included a bench balance, a forward roll and a high jump, allowing them to practise control and confidence in their movements. The children then progressed to using our school's wall apparatus, where they demonstrated fantastic bravery and impressive climbing skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week as they challenge themselves!

Year 3





We have had another fantastic half term in Year 3. Our learning has been busy as always, with the children studying the Sumerians of Mesopotamia in history and mountains in geography.

In maths, we have been learning about length and perimeter, and it has been a real highlight to take so much of our learning outside the classroom these past few weeks. We have been measuring objects in centimetres, metres and millimetres, and choosing the appropriate unit of measurement for different sized objects.

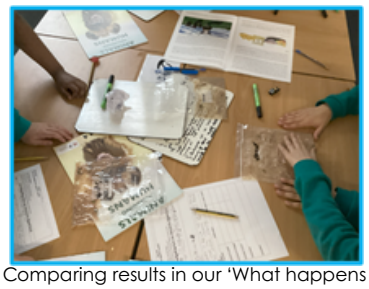




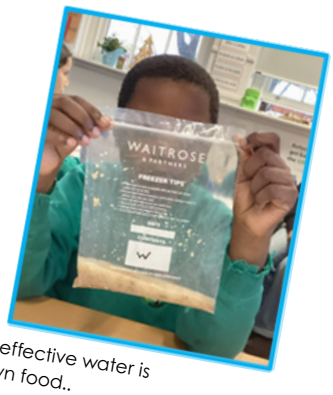
We have been lucky to finish the year with many festive activities, including our wonderful trip to Chickenshed theatre.

Year 4

Another fantastic half term in Year 4. On top of our learning in class (including some quite unpleasant science investigations into the human digestive system) we have continued to develop our music reading and fingering skills in guitar. The top highlight was playing in our first guitar concert in front of the whole school and lots of grown-ups.



Comparing results in our 'What happens to food in our stomachs?' science investigation.



Examining how effective water is at breaking down food..



Playing 'Open All Strings' in the guitar concert.



Enjoying a short interval at the Chickenshed performance of 'Red'.

Another more recent highlight was our amazing trip to the Chickenshed Theatre to see their 2025 Christmas show, Red. We were lucky with the weather and had an excellent journey through the countryside to get to the theatre. After a quick lunch it was straight into the show which was superb! We were singing show songs all the way back to Cockfosters tube!

Finally, in the exciting run up to the holidays we enjoyed another performance - singing 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' at the Park View Winter Showcase.

Year 5

This autumn term has been full of exciting learning experiences for Year 5. As part of our RE unit, we visited a local mosque, where pupils learned about Islamic beliefs and practices, explored the prayer hall and asked thoughtful questions. The visit helped deepen their understanding of different faiths and encouraged respect for diversity.







During Design and Technology Day, the children put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test by designing and building their own marble runs. They experimented with angles, materials and structures, showing great teamwork, perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the two days.



We were also delighted to welcome the London Fire Brigade into school. The firefighter spoke to the children about fire safety, emergencies and their important role in the community. Pupils listened carefully and impressed our visitor with their excellent questions and sensible responses.



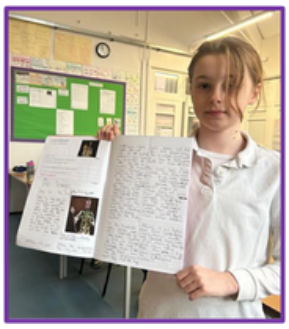
Year 6





In Year Six, we have enjoyed an excellent second half to the autumn term - working hard and making fantastic progress.

One highlight has to be Design and Technology Day, where we absolutely loved designing and creating our cam toys - as you can say see in the photos, the end results were very impressive. Importantly, we showed great maturity completing every part of the process ourselves, from designing, to cutting wood, drilling, gluing frames and fitting the actual cams.



Our writing highlight has to be drafting a newspaper article in relation to our history topic – Ancient Ethiopia. We learned all about the famous ruler Zara Yaqob and his quest to unite a fractured country through being consecrated. Brianna is proudly showing off her finished piece.



Finally, in maths it has been fractions, fractions and some more fractions! We can now add, subtract, multiply, divide, simplify, find equivalents and convert them to decimals and percentages! The photo below shows the pupils completing a Tarsia puzzle, linking equivalent fractions.

Democracy Week

We spent a whole week learning about democracy and how parties campaign to try and become the country's Prime Minister. We created school parties across our year groups – we had to decide on a theme to show what is most important to us that we turned into our manifesto with a school, a community and a world pledge. We elected party leaders who each had to write a speech that they shared at a hustings event held in Park View Secondary School – in their formal auditorium! Finally we all visited the school polling station to vote on the General Election day.
Well done to **Leila in Year 5 – our new School Prime Minister.**



Shortly after our Democracy Week, our School Prime Minister got to meet the Deputy Prime Minister of the UK - David Lammy - when he came for a surprise visit. He also visited Year 5 to face some challenging questions. What a meeting of minds it was!





D&T Day

This half term the whole school took part in our first Design and Technology Day of the year. The children got busy designing, making and evaluating different products which ranged from moving pictures, to kites, to marble runs, to packed lunch boxes, to rockets! Well done to all of the children (and staff) for the brilliant effort they put into the day and the amazing things they created!





Here are some pictures of the final work on display at our showcase. Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed seeing all of the children's creations!











The Truleigh Hill Residential

Our Y5s were very lucky to take part in our Truleigh Hill residential. They took part in many 'School Without Walls' activities, learning about and getting stuck into nature. The children were so resilient and had so much fun making special memories to last forever!







Final Festive Week!

This week we have been having lots of festive fun with our jolly jumpers day, a special Christmas lunch, class parties and not forgetting our magnificent, talent show-casing end of term show - performed on our very own STAGE! Special thanks to the Friends of West Green and to Albane's Mum for all her sewing for the stage skirt!

Aren't all of our children AMAZING!











Friends of West Green update

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

🚀Space Themed Disco

Our first event of the year was our space themed disco where we danced the night away and had an out of this world time raising an amazing £760!

❄️Winter Fair

Our fairs are our biggest events and we couldn't do them without all the help we receive. A big thank you to Winkworth Haringey for their generous sponsorship as well as The Toy Project and Wenzels for their generous donations. A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers - we appreciate all of you for your time, donations and enthusiasm - and a very special thank you to Neri from Downhills Park Cafe who came and made yummy chips for everyone!

The fair raised £4020 - our highest total yet! WOW!

🌿Winter Wreath Workshop

To continue the festivities Christina (Kasper Yr2) ran a winter wreath workshop. At the end of this sold out event there were 25 beautiful wreaths created from foraged materials - no two were the same! It was a lovely evening and raised £686.

The money we raise matters more than ever because some of the funding West Green used to get is no longer available. Every penny we raise helps fill that gap and makes sure all children at West Green can keep enjoying special and memorable opportunities

Upcoming events!

❓Quiz Night Friday 6th February

Team up with friends and family (adults only) to take part in Jenny's fabulous and fun quiz. Last year's event ended with a hard boiled egg in a sock on the school roof - we can't wait to see what hilarious challenges Quizmistress Jenny will come up with this year! Join us for pizzas, drinks and a fun-filled night!

Save the date - Summer Fair Saturday 4th July 3.30pm - 5.30pm

It feels a very long way away but after the huge success of this year's summer fair and the lovely feedback about the event we wanted to share the date for your diaries!

💰 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 Paul's Cathedral, Bruce Castle and Hampstead Heath.
As mentioned above, one of the school's major sources of financial aid used to support enrichment is being reduced, making the Friends' contributions even more valuable. We are so pleased to be in a position to continue to support trips across the curriculum at West Green, with your support.
By the time you're reading this you will have seen the new stage in action at the Christmas assembly. This was a priority for the school and thanks to a bit of luck and our wonderful network, we managed to find and fund one in time for this first whole school event of the year. Special thanks to Anne (Albane, yr2) for making the brilliant skirt for it!

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.

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.

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)
Ros (Leila y5, Dhillon y4)
Vikki (Connie y5)
David (Erin y5, Rafferty yr 1)
Harry (Molly y4, Freddie y1)
Sam (Millie y3)
Regie (Cameron y3, Charlie R)
You can also follow us on Instagram @friendsofwestgreen to stay up to date with events and other news.

What's on @ West Green...?
Coming Up Next Term...

School finishes @ **1:15** Friday 19th December Return date: Tuesday 6th January 2026.	
Clubs menu sent out	Tuesday 6th January
Clubs booking link live @ 5:00pm	Wednesday 7th January
Clubs start	Monday 12th January
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 15th January
Year 1 cake sale	Friday 16th January
Year 1 trip – Alexandra Palace	Tuesday 20th January
INSET Day – ****SCHOOL CLOSED****	Friday 23rd January
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 29th January
Year 4 trip – British Museum Romans workshop	Friday 30th January
Year 6 cake sale	Friday 30th January
Year 6 trip – HMS Belfast	Monday 2nd February
Open classroom evening 3:30 – 4:15 (come and look at your child's classroom and their books)	Wednesday 4th February
FOWG Quiz (adults only)	Friday 6th February
Safer internet week	Monday 9th February
Year 2 trip – the Tower of London	Monday 9th February
Year 5 – Haringey Shed performance (at school)	Tuesday 10th February
Year 5 trip - Science Museum	Wednesday 11th February
Reception & **Year 6** Height and weight checks	Thursday 12th February
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 12th February
Progress reports sent home Y1-6	Thursday 12th February
Coffee morning – Supporting your child to be safe online	Friday 13th February
Year 2 cake sale	Friday 13th February
School finishes at 3:30 on Friday 13th February Return to school on Monday 23rd February	
LGBTQ+ History Week	Monday 23rd February
Year 5 cake sale	Friday 27th February
Year 6 trip – Natural History Museum - evolution	Monday 2nd March
Year 1 trip – Muswell Hill Synagogue	Tuesday 3rd March
Year 3 trip – Natural History Museum	Thursday 5th March
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 5th March
West Green World Book Day	Friday 6th March
FOWG World Book Day disco 5:00 – 6:15	Friday 6th March
Year 4 trip – London Zoo	Monday 9th March
Class photos – All year groups	Tuesday 10th March
Year 2 trip – National Gallery & China Town	Wednesday 11th March
Year 5 trip – Kensington Buddhist Meditation Centre	Friday 13th March
Year 3 cake sale	Friday 13th March
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 19th March
ENRICHMENT CLUBS FINISH	Thursday 19th March
Year 1 trip – Railway Fields	Friday 20th March
Reception Progress Meetings Appointments between 8:00 – 9:30 / 2:00 – 6:00	Monday 23rd March
D&T Day	Tuesday 24th March
D&T Day showcase – come and see what the children have made. 3:30 onwards	Thursday 26th March
Eid & Easter class parties	Friday 27th March
School finishes at **1:15** on Friday 27th March Return to school on Monday 13th April	

Wishing those who celebrate, a happy and holy Christmas, and everyone a wonderful break. See you back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

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Please see the link to our website which shows the privacy notice for parents/carer on how we store your information