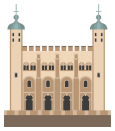
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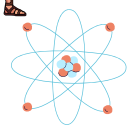
Friday 13th February 2026

Dear West Green Family,

Another action-packed half term draws brings us to half-way through the school year! Despite being a short half term, we still managed to do A LOT of learning and make many great memories along the way.







With thanks to the Friends of West Green for funding any costs, we have again been able to offer a broad range of exciting trips and workshops. Year 1 went to Alexandra Palace to explore the geographical features of the area as well as the London skyline, Year 2 visited the Tower of London and enjoyed a workshop called 'Fire! Fire!' to support their Great Fire of London learning, Year 3 are excitedly waiting for two trips next half term so they can visit a Hindu Temple (which was all booked up this term!), Year 4 learned more about the Romans in their trip to the British Museum, Year 5 had a 'Wonderlab' workshop and visit to the Science Museum whilst Year 6 enhanced their history learning with a trip to the HMS Belfast!





We continue to enrich school life with more fun and extra-curricular activities. A now annual feature of West Green life, Haringey Shed, returned this half term bringing drama workshops to Years 2 and 3 – as usual, these three-week workshop programmes will be rolled out for all year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 across the year. The Haringey Shed theatre group also performed a play for our Year 5 class, on the theme of anti-bullying and the internet. This complimented our 'Safer Internet Day' assembly and follow up lessons all about understanding Artificial Intelligence (AI).







Yummy cake sales have returned this half term – watch out for your class cake sale across the rest of the year. We hosted our now annual 'Open Classroom' event welcoming many parents and carers into our classes to see our displays and the learning in our books. We also raised over £200 for the NSPCC on our Number Day, Year 6 had a Chinese Calligraphy workshop, Reception class has parent/carer visitors sharing their expertise, Year 5 began attending Science Masterclasses at Park View School and the world-famous Friends of West Green Quiz tested our knowledge (amongst other skill sets) too. All of this, and we also managed to squeeze in a successful OFSTED inspection just before the break! We are now looking forward to receiving the report in a couple of months.

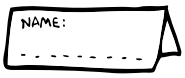


We are already looking forward to enriching our learning next half term with our LGBTQ History week, World Book Day (and disco!), D&T Day and the family showcase, cricket workshops and even more trips and visitors!



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.

A Few Notices and Reminders



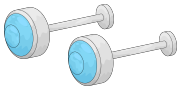
Names on Clothes - Please Check!

As the weather is getting warmer, more and more children are taking off their coats and jumpers and accidentally leaving them in the playground or around school. Please, please, please make sure you put your child's name in their school clothing on the neck label so we can reunite children with their belongings easily. Please also add their name into their coats. Can you also check for your child's name in their clothing at home in case they have accidentally worn someone else's jumper or cardigan by mistake, and return any items belonging to other children and we will help to find yours – thank you for your support.



Jewellery and Watches

A reminder that children may wear stud or very small hoop earrings and simple watches ONLY. Please keep smart watches, larger earrings and any bracelets or necklaces at home where they are safe, cannot get lost or broken and won't cause possible injury to children. Again, thank you for your support.



Attendance and Punctuality



As we know, 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 and are on time every day possible. For families struggling to ensure good attendance, support will be offered through an attendance clinic meeting with Arusa, Senior Leaders and/or our Haringey Education Welfare Officer.

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.

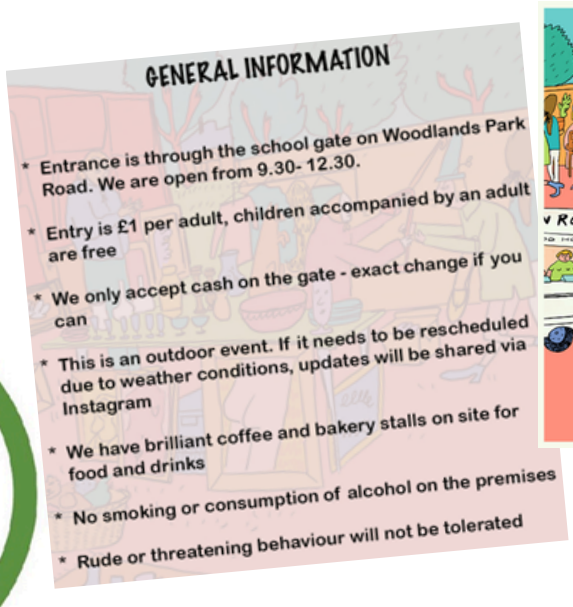
Please note that as part of our commitment to supporting you with getting your child to school every day, we will email you throughout the year to let you know if your child's attendance is dropping below the Government's expectation of 95%. You are always welcome to come and speak with us if you have any concerns. We really appreciate your support with this.



Term Dates for Next Year - 2026-2027

We are currently just finalising our term dates for next academic year and will get these out to you shortly. However, some people have already been asking so please see the link below to Haringey's provisional term dates as a guide. Our dates will mostly match these, but we have 5 INSET days to add.

School term dates 2026 to 2027 | Haringey Council





No Car Boot Sale – a new fundraising event

With thanks to a couple of our families, we will shortly be trialling running a no car boot sale in our school playground. It will take place on Sunday 22nd March 2026 from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

All pitches are already taken up, but if you would like to come and try and bag a bargain, whilst supporting the planet with re-using pre-loved items, please do pop along. Entry is £1 with all admission and pitch fees profits going towards West Green.

If the event proves a success, we are hoping to make it a regular fund-raiser. Hope to see you there.

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Class Half Term Highlights

Reception



This half term Reception have been focused on Superheroes. Real life ones who help us when we need them like doctors, vets and postal workers (to name a few) and fictional superheroes like Super Tato. There was a LOT of commotion when the villain called Evil Pea wrecked the classroom, three days in a row! Even the class 'police officers' were unable to help. Luckily the children set a trap using jelly and caught the naughty vegetable! We also created a vet's surgery and a Superhero lair in our home corner.

We made birdfeeders and took part in the RSPB birdwatch, we are very popular with the pigeons now. We have ended the half term with the story 'Superworm' and are making our own mini wormeries. We were also lucky enough to have some of the parents/carers who work in jobs that help people, come in to visit the class and share what they do and the equipment they use. We all loved it!









Year 1

Another very busy half term in Year 1! In our topic 'Geography Around Us' we have been learning all about using different geographical ways to study our local areas such as using maps, birds' eye views and field trips. As part of our learning we went to Alexandra Palace. We looked at the London skyline spotting landmarks and followed maps around the site. It was cold but a lot of fun! Our PSHE topic was also about our local area - thinking about our neighbourhood and community and considering ways we can help to make it a safe and happy place for us to live.

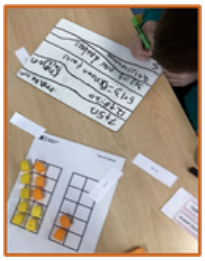




In Science, we explored everyday materials. We began learning material names such as plastic, glass, fabric and rubber using scientific words like hard, shiny, dull and rough to describe their properties. We sorted objects and talked about why different materials are chosen for different purposes. We became material detectives investigating a range of objects and identifying what each was made from. We used brilliant scientific language to explain our ideas, such as "This is bendy because it's plastic" and "This is smooth because it's glass." We also discovered that some objects are made from more than one material.

In Maths we've been telling the time. We practised reading o'clock and half past, used the hands on an analogue clock and talked about the different things we do at different times of the day. We have also become more confident with addition and subtraction using lots of strategies such as counting on and back on number lines, spotting number bonds using known facts, using 'part part whole' models and make ten, doubling and near doubles. We are working on making choices about which strategies work the best for us.

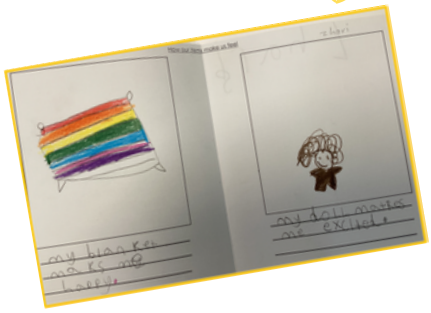




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Year 2



RE - We have started a new topic called "Why Is Our World Special?". We have been learning how their feelings and senses help them to understand the world around them. We discovered that using our imagination helps us notice and enjoy even more things in the world. In one lesson, the children explored different objects and talked about how they made them feel, such as happy, amazed, sad or worried. They then drew pictures of objects that gave them these feelings and enjoyed sharing their ideas with their friends.





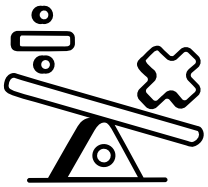
History – We have really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. We explored how and why the fire started and learned about the important eyewitness, Samuel Pepys. We also worked hard to place the tragic events into chronological order. In one of the lessons, we got creative and made our own Tudor house collages, making sure to include key features such as chimneys, windows, wooden beams and an overhanging effect. The children showed great enthusiasm and creativity throughout the topic.



Science – We have been learning all about living and non-living things. In one lesson we became scientists as we explored what living things need and what they do to stay alive. We sorted pictures and talked about what each living thing was doing such as eating, drinking, breathing or moving. We shared our ideas, helped one another and worked together to turn our sorting tables into colourful posters. The children did a fantastic job working as a team and proudly showed their understanding of what makes something a living thing.

Year 3





It has been a wonderful half term in Year 3, packed with lots of exciting learning. The children have really enjoyed exploring the Indus Valley in History, learning about settlements in Geography and developing their multiplication and division skills in Maths.

One of the highlights of the half term was Number Day, where the children combined two of their favourite things, Lego and Maths! They worked brilliantly to design and build a Lego house while sticking to a budget, showing fantastic problem-solving skills and teamwork.









Year 4



Year 4 have had a fantastic start to 2026! Although it's been a short half term of just six weeks, it's been absolutely packed with exciting learning and hands-on activities.
In Science, our sound unit has been full of creativity and curiosity. The children made their own harmonicas to explore how sound is produced, built model ears to understand how we hear and designed megaphones to investigate how sound can be amplified. There was lots of experimenting, problem-solving and, of course, noise!



We also took part in the MTC Cup on Purple Mash, where the children well and truly pounded the keyboard in a fast-paced times tables competition against schools from across the country. Although we didn't make it through to the finals, we're incredibly proud of some high-scoring individuals whose final results placed them in the top 50 out of nearly 1,500 competitors – a huge achievement!



Our History learning on Ancient Rome has been a real favourite and was brought to life with an excellent visit to the British Museum. We journeyed through ancient history from Assyria and Greece to the Roman Empire. A standout moment was the animated royal lion hunt in the Assyrian gallery, where projections brought the original carvings to life – truly unforgettable.

A brilliant half term full of enthusiasm, discovery and memorable experiences. Bring on Spring 2!

Year 5



It's been a really busy half-term - full of learning and hands-on activities.

In Science, we learned about forces. The children carried out experiments to test air resistance using their own parachutes and explored friction using jelly. There was lots of predicting, testing and discussing what was happening and why.

In Reading, we enjoyed The Last Wild. We explored the main characters in detail and brought the story to life through drawing and visualisation. We even held a class debate to discuss the characters' actions and choices.

In History and Writing, we learned about the Anglo-Saxons and the discovery at Sutton Hoo. The children used this knowledge to write their own newspaper articles.

We've had a great time swimming. We learned how to float, practised front crawl and backstroke. We're improving our kicking, arm movements and breathing in the water.







Year 6



We have enjoyed a fantastic start to 2026 in Year Six. In science, we learned about light and how it travels. We particularly enjoyed the practical investigation looking at how different materials reflect light rays. Alongside this, we have been focusing on reflecting on our findings at the end of experiments – writing conclusions, which also look back on our predictions.



We have loved taking on our new history topic of World War II - learning about the experience of British people living during the war, particularly focusing on life during the Blitz. We used people's accounts to write a tense, suspense piece from the perspective of a child, who has returned to London during the 'phoney war' and has to endure the first air raid on London. Connected to this, we also had the absolute privilege of visiting HMS Belfast, on the River Thames (a big thank you to the Friends of West Green). It was incredible to explore the ship, travelling up and down steep ladders to boiler and engine rooms in the depths of the boat, up to the helm where the captain would have directed the ship and the 1000 sailors on board.



"Visiting HMS Belfast was definitely one of the highlights of year six, I was a bit scared on the steep ladders, but I climbed up and down so many I just got used it and then actually loved it!" Karolina.

"I really liked being on a ship that actually existed in WWII, seeing where sailors ate, slept and worked – it's huge! I also really enjoyed the boiler and engine room, it was amazing to see how such a large ship can be powered and move so fast – 38 miles per hour top speed!" Isaac.

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					
	5 - 9 Jan	12 - 16 Jan	19 - 23 Jan	2 - 6 Feb	9 - 13 Feb
Orange Class	Áine	Alexey	Casper	Daniel	Chloe
Yellow Class	Axel	Robin	Braelyn	Derin Su	Ivor
Green Class	Aziz	Emily	Kalabe	Ted	Sami
Blue Class	Mathewos	Ruby	Violet	Elizabeth	Molly
Indigo Class	Durmush	Oliver	Erin	Zuzu	Michelle
Violet Class	Anka	Camilla	Abighel	Karolina	I'marose
Mandarin	Year 2	Cameron	Immy	Aphra	Arthur
Sports	Ben	Arthur	Hiba	Sienna	Jennyshka
Guitar	-	Edie	Musa	Skylar-Vianni	Nadil
Music	-	-	-	-	Isaac

Friends of West Green update

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

Past events

❓Quiz Night

Quizmistress Jenny led yet another fun-filled evening which saw 6 teams battle it out for glory! HUGE thanks goes to Amy and Dave (Éabha, Reception) for arranging an extremely generous and delicious donation from Rudy's Pizza Napoletana and to Amy's Dad Barry for delivering them! With their help we raised over £1000 this year - our highest quiz total yet!

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!

📚World Book Day Disco Friday 6th March 5pm - 6.15pm!

Dress as your favourite character for school and wear your costume to the disco! There will be snacks, drinks, tattoos and face paint as well as lots of dancing!

Tickets will be available online and in the playground from Monday 23rd February.

🏃‍♀️🚶‍♀️🚺 Mile of Fun - Friday 17th April 2pm

This year's fun run in Downhills Park is the first week after the Easter holidays. We are excited to watch the whole school run, walk, dance or skip their way around the field. Get ready to cheer them on!

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 last 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, Hampstead Heath, the Science Museum and HMS Belfast. We have also partially funded the wonderful Haringey Shed sessions for children in Years 1-6.

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.

New Fundraising platform

Over the last few years we have used a range of different fundraising platforms to try and find the right balance of low fees and ease of use to maximise our fundraising efforts.

We have recently set up **a new Zeffy page** which will hopefully allow us to claim Gift Aid more easily on all your generous donations. Check it out! 

You'll notice there's a simple option to set up monthly donations. Perhaps you might consider swapping one flat white a month to a FoWG donation instead?

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

These 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.

Becoming a member

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)
Regie (Cameron y3, Charlie Rec)

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 Monday 2nd March 2026.

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 1 Haringey Shed drama sessions	Every Mon for 3 weeks starting on 9h 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
Year 3 trip – Naagapooshani Ambaal Temple	Wednesday 18th March
ENRICHMENT CLUBS FINISH	Thursday 19th March
Year 1 trip – Railway Fields	Friday 20th March
International Day of Happiness	Friday 20th March
Reception & Year 5 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	
Year 4 Haringey Shed drama sessions	Every Mon for 3 weeks starting on 13h April
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 16th April
FOWG – Mile of Fun	Friday 17th April
Year 3 Forest School – session 1	Friday 24th April
FOWG meeting 9-10am	Friday 24th April
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 30th April
Year 3 Forest School – session 2	Friday 1st May
School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May
Year 4 trip – Benjamin Franklin House	Monday 9th May
Year 1 trip – Kensington Palace	Tuesday 5th May
FOWG meeting 9-10am	Friday 9th May
Year 3 Forest School – session 3	Friday 8th May
Year 6 SATS week	Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May
Coffee morning - RSE	Friday 15th May
Year 3 Forest School – session 4	Friday 15th May
Science week	Mon 18th – Fri 22nd May
Royal Institute Science Show	Friday 22nd May
School finishes at 3:30 on Friday 22nd May Return to school on Monday 1st June	

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

See you on

Monday 23rd February at **8:55am**.