WEST GREEN

Half Termly Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear West Green Family,

As the sun begins to shine (occasionally) and the days are getting longer, we must be reaching the end of the Spring term – and what a fantastic term it has been! Although short, it has been action packed with a range of trips and experiences arranged for our children to enjoy and to enrich their learning as well as their childhood.



With thanks to the Friends of West Green, we have again been able to offer a broad range of exciting trips and workshops. Year 1 visited the Synagogue in Muswell Hill, Year 2 went to the National Gallery and enjoyed a wonderful walk through China Town, Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum and participated in a special workshop all about Volcanoes. Year 4 had a very exciting trip to London Zoo where they did a lot of walking, but saw A LOT of animals, Year 5 had a a trip to the Kensington Meditation Centre to support their understanding of Buddhism in RE whilst Year 6 also explored the Natural History Museum but enhanced their learning with a fascinating 'Evolution' workshop.



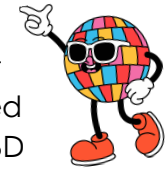
Alongside all of these wonderful trips, our children have had a range of other extra-curricular activities as always. Our programme of Haringey Shed Drama workshops continues to roll out across all year groups with Y1, Y2 & Y3 completed and Y4, Y5 & Y6 looking forward to their drama in the Summer term. Most classes have participated in cricket workshops, supported by the English Cricket Board all half term, honing their skills and keeping fit and healthy too. We had an informative LGBT History week and sharing assembly, Y5 have continued their science masterclasses at Park View and more recently we held our 2nd brilliant Design & Technology Day of the year with a showcase of our work for all to enjoy after school!



Our class cake sales have been taking place - watch out for when it is your child's class, we had our class photos and celebrated the International Day of Happiness, where we played happy music across the day and wrote lovely compliments to each other to make people happy! We had pupils turning Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher for the day when the children got to stay in their pyjamas all day and the staff went out to play and had a very gruelling spelling test!



It has been the girls turn for football matches this half term with our Y5 and Y6 Girls teams playing Chestnuts in our home MUGA. We played multiple games, we won some, we lost some and it was very close overall - it was amazing to see what sporting talent we have here at West Green and lovely to welcome parents and carers to cheer on their children. We also celebrated our annual World Book Day event – the staff and children went all out to make this our best WBD celebration yet – followed up in the evening with an exciting WBD Disco!





We are already looking forward to next term with guitar concerts, Forest School for Y3, Pendarren for Y6, our International Evening - but coming up in the first week back, our Mile of Fun, organised by the Friends of West Green - look out for the sponsorship forms.



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

Term Dates - Next year 2026/2027

Please see here West Green's term dates for NEXT YEAR (this year's term dates are still available on our website and can be reached with the link at the end of this newsletter.)

To avoid confusion, these dates will not yet be available on the website, but will be available here and at the office – just ask.

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 the office BEFORE booking anything during term time. Thanks for your support.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

	Starts	Ends	Finish Time
INSET 2 Days	**Wed 2 & Thu 3 September 2026**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Autumn 1	Friday 4 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026	3:30pm
Holiday	Monday 26 October 2026	Friday 30 October 2026	
Autumn 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026	1:15pm
Holiday	Monday 21 December 2026	Monday 4 January 2027	

Spring Term 2027

	Starts	Ends	Finish Time
INSET	**Monday 4 January 2027**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Spring 1	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027	3:30pm
INSET	**Friday 22 January 2027**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Holiday	Monday 15 February 2027	Friday 19 February 2027	
Spring 2	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027	1:15pm
Holiday	Friday 26 March 2027	Friday 9 April 2027	

Summer Term 2027

	Starts	Ends	Finish Time
Summer 1	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027	3:30pm
Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027	Friday 4 June 2027	
Summer 2	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027	1:15pm
INSET	**Thursday 22 July 2027**	**STAFF TRAINING - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**	
Holiday	Friday 23 July 2027	Tuesday 31 August 2027 (TBC)	

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2026
Boxing Day	Monday 28 December 2026
New Year's Day	Friday 1 January 2027
Good Friday	Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29 March 2027
Early May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2027
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 10 May – Thursday 13 May 2027

Helping our Children stay Healthy and Safe

Like many schools, we have been experiencing a lot of sickness across the school during this term. As we now have a break, and the weather gets warmer, this is a chance to rest well, hopefully get away from germs and bugs and prepare for the Summer term. Here are some suggestions and top tips for staying healthy



- Slip, slop, slap – slip on sun protective clothes (cover those shoulders), slop on high factor sun cream and slap on a wide-brimmed hat! This will keep us cool and safe in the sun.
- Eat a healthy packed lunch or school dinner – plenty of salad, fruit and vegetables, a sandwich, rice or pasta dish and water to drink – stay away from fizzy drinks and sweet treats (once a week, perhaps on Fridays for a treat).
- London has seen rising cases of measles in recent times. Please check your and your child's vaccination status and consider visiting a 'catch-up clinic' if jabs are out of date.
- Click here https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics/haringey for more information.



Celebrating Festivals

We wish all of our families celebrating Easter, a wonderful weekend – please look out for the treats left for our children by the Easter Bunny at school today! (And thanks to the Friends for liaising with the Easter Bunny to arrange this).

We also wish a blessed Passover to all those celebrating in the break and a wonderful Eid Mubarak to all of our families who celebrated last week. We hope that all of our children enjoyed sharing some food and fun - celebrating together in their class parties today. Aren't we lucky to live in such a rich and diverse community!

Class Half Term Highlights



Reception

This half term Reception discovered a Pirate Ship had washed up in the outdoor area after all the heavy rain! The children wrote all about what the pirates from our core text this half term, The Night Pirates, saw on a treasure island. They also made their own treasure maps but we are still to find that box of gold! As the sun came out we explored shadows and how they are formed. We also had visitors into class to talk about the religious festivals of Ramadan, Easter and Passover. We were also very lucky to have an extremely special visitor (Mary) on St Patrick 's Day and she demonstrated some amazing Irish Dancing. The children were really inspired.













Year 1



Another very busy half term in Year 1! This half term in Science we have been developing our understanding of the natural world by exploring different animal groups, including mammals, birds, insects, reptiles and amphibians and learning what makes each group unique.



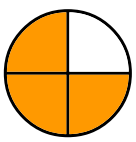


We had the opportunity to visit the Railway Fields Nature Reserve, where we built upon our knowledge of animals, revisited what we know about plants and trees and learned more about seasonal changes, especially the signs of spring. We went minibeast hunting, explored pond creatures and became Nature Detectives as we looked for wildlife and springtime clues. We enjoyed creating natural art and taking part in a scavenger hunt. The visit helped deepen our understanding of how animals, plants and the seasons are all connected.





In Maths, this half term we continued to build our understanding of number and calculation. We worked with numbers to 50 practising how to count compare and order them and used tens and ones to understand the value of two digit numbers. More recently we moved into our fractions learning. We explored halves by splitting shapes and quantities into equal parts and sharing fairly. We then learned about quarters by folding shapes into four equal parts and identified one quarter of each shape.





Year 2





In Science, the Year 2 children enjoyed learning about different habitats and why certain habitats are suitable for particular animals. They explored how animals depend on their environment for food, shelter and protection.
During one of our lessons, the children visited our learning garden to investigate microhabitats. They carefully looked under logs, stones and leaves to discover which small animals lived there. The children were excited to find a variety of minibeasts and observe where they like to live. They discussed whether the area was damp, dark or sheltered and thought about why these conditions might be suitable for the animals they found. The children then recorded their observations and findings in a table.

To enhance our Geography learning, Year 2 children took a walk through Chinatown, where they explored a range of cultural features. They observed the colourful decorations, shop signs and traditional architecture, making meaningful links to our current topic "Let's Go to China." This experience helped the children connect their classroom learning with the real world and deepen their understanding of Chinese culture.





Following this we visited the National Gallery. During the visit, the children explored a variety of paintings and became "art detectives" searching for clues and interesting details hidden within the artworks. They used their imaginations to consider how and why the artists created their painting, and to reflect on the possible meanings behind them.





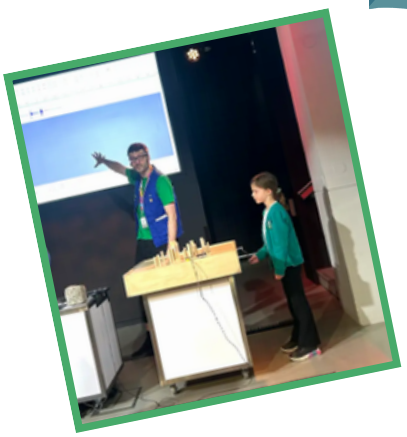
Year 3

One of the clear highlights for Year 3 this half term was our exciting visit to the Natural History Museum. This provided a fantastic opportunity to bring our Geography learning on volcanoes (and Earthquakes) to life. The children explored how earthquake-proof buildings are designed, experienced a simulated earthquake in a Japanese supermarket and even took part in an engaging volcano show where they became certified volcanologists. What a busy and memorable day!



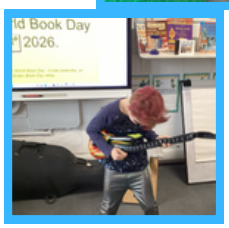




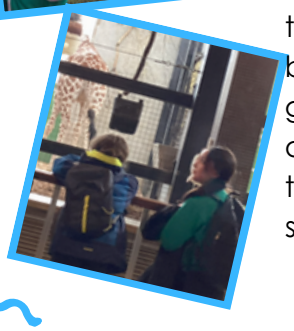


Year 4





Year 4 have had a fantastic Spring 2 half term, filled with memorable experiences and exciting learning opportunities. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, where the children came dressed as their favourite book characters and took part in a full day of reading-inspired activities. A highlight was voting for the best teacher costume during Jenny's story assembly, which caused lots of excitement and very loud cheering (yes - Mr. B won!!). It was also lovely to welcome parents into the classroom for our "Drop Everything and Read" session at the end of the day.

In Science, our learning about living things and their habitats was brought to life with an amazing trip to London Zoo. The children loved seeing a wide variety of animals up close and making real-world connections to their classroom learning.

We also had our second Design and Technology Day, where the children designed and made their own working portable lamps. They explored building circuits, including switches, and showed great creativity and problem-solving when constructing their final products. A brilliant half term full of creativity, hands-on learning and special moments!





Year 5

It's been a delightful and rewarding term in Year 5. We had a fantastic trip to a meditation centre, where the children learned about Buddhist practices. It was lovely to see how respectful and thoughtful the children were when asking questions and engaging with new ideas.

In PE, we've been focusing on cricket skills, including fielding, batting and bowling. The children have developed their coordination and teamwork. It's been great to see their confidence grow during each session.

In Reading, we've been exploring poetic devices and performing poetry by Jackie Kay. The children have really enjoyed experimenting with expression, tone and rhythm. We also had a fantastic World Book Day, celebrating our love of reading together.

We finished our Anglo-Saxon helmets and the results were brilliant! The children showed real creativity and care in their designs. What a great way to bring our history learning to life!





Year 6



Year six have worked incredibly hard this last half term, even though it was a short one – they've made excellent progress and enjoyed some wonderful experiences. One absolute highlight has to be our trip to the Natural History Museum, where we were lucky enough not just simply explore, but also partake in a special evolution workshop. We really enjoyed experiencing the earthquake simulator from Kobe in Japan and the large moving dinosaurs. We also had a wonderful time during World Book Day – dressing up, voting for our favourite teacher's costume and the special activities planned. Ms Sen ran a special art workshop based on the brilliant book – The Dot by Peter Reynolds.



"I really enjoyed learning about dinosaur fossils and how they give us a view into the past" – Jennyshka

"I loved the workshop, where we had to identify a creature by some clues, one was a smell box, which smelt bad!! - Edi



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					
	23 - 27 Feb	2 - 6 Mar	9 - 13 Mar	16 - 20 Mar	23 - 27 Mar
Orange Class	Freddie L	Zeynep	Lara	(trip)	Sandy
Yellow Class	Cosmo	Kostas	Zhari	Amirah-Rae	Gergana
Green Class	Ana	Muhammed	Oren	Leo	Rahisha
Blue Class	Skylar-Vianni	Bryan	Aaron	Skylar-Vianni	Laylah
Indigo Class	Nico	Leila	(trip)	Denys	Alara
Violet Class	Talya	Aiday	Ezequiel	Gabriel	Anthony
Mandarin	Brianna	Connie	Ruby	Sandy	Elna
Sports	Melanie	-	Athen	Jack	Ted
Guitar	Afsana	Rita-Mae	-	Musa	-
Music	-	-	-	Aphra	-











What another WONDERFUL World Book Day we had this year. Across the day, the children enjoyed a carousel of reading themed lessons taught by guest teachers. We also enjoyed a special assembly in which Mary, Lou and Jenny performed an interactive story called 'The Old Woman who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle'. At this assembly, the result of the staff costume competition was also revealed (children had the chance to cast a vote at breaktime!). Miss Lowe's 2025 crown was taken by Mr.B - dressed as a Roman from the Year 4 class book 'The Thieves of Ostia'- with Lauren and Mr. Spours joint 2nd and Ms. Targen coming in close 3rd with her hand sewn Robin Hood costume!

During the day, the children also were able to explore the amazing non-fiction books very kindly donated to us by Dan, Zuzu's Dad. These books will be put into class book corners to enhance the children's learning. We are so grateful!

Please join me in thanking all of the West Green staff that make World Book Day so fun and memorable for our children. Their enthusiasm and dedication - especially to dressing up - is what makes this day so special. A MASSIVE thank you too to the FOWG for organising such a brilliant disco to top off the day.









Thank you to Immy's Dad - Matt for the wonderful pictures!

Friends of West Green update

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

Past events



World Book Day Disco

As always, we danced the night away at the disco with impressive costumes from children, teachers and parents!

World Book Day is a West Green favourite and this year as well as having loads of book related fun we also managed to raise £843 to continue supporting the school projects we fund. Thank you for coming, for volunteering and for spending!

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!

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! Sponsorship forms and details of the cheer stations were sent home with the children this week and online sponsorship donations can be made here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/donation-form/the-2026-west-green-mile-of-fun

Save the date **Summer Fair Saturday 4th July 12-3pm**



It feels a long way away but calendars fill up quickly in the summer term so 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. This half term we have funded activities during two trips to the Natural History Museum, a visit to London Zoo and a visit to the Kensington Buddhist Meditation Centre.

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.

Huge thank you to the No Car Boot Sale team!



On Sunday 22nd March the first No Car Boot Sale was held in the West Green playground with more than 1000 people coming through the gates to check it out. Massive thanks to the organising team (including Ivo's mum Claudia and Albane's mum Anne) who donated pitch fees and money taken on the door and sellers who raised money for FoWG on the day (including Molly and Freddie's mum Harry, Immy's mum Rowena and Rita-Mae and Mabel's mum Kai). Overall, a brilliant £796.25 was raised for the school!

The No Car Boot Sale will be back, sign up to be the first to know:
https://nocarbootsale.eo.page/signup

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 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. We've just had a donation of £1000 thanks to Barclays. If you work somewhere with a scheme like this in place, please get in touch.

New guitars thanks to Universal grant

We've been lucky enough to be awarded a second grant from Universal which has helped buy guitars for the school. This means they don't have to worry about covering the hiring costs and all the children get to continue having access to the brilliant opportunity of learning to play an instrument. Thanks to Natasha (Edie and Quinn's mum) for previously sharing the grant with us when she worked for Universal. If you also work somewhere that offers funding opportunities for schools or charities please do let us know!

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 13th April 2026.

Eid & Easter class parties – non uniform!	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 13th 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 4 cake sale	Friday 24th April
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 30th April
Year 3 Forest School – session 2	Friday 1st May
Head Teacher drop in	Friday 1st May
Reception cake sale	Friday 1st May
School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May
Year 5 Haringey Shed drama sessions	Every Mon for 3 weeks starting on 5th May
Year 4 trip – Benjamin Franklin House	Tuesday 5th May
Year 1 trip – Kensington Palace	Wednesday 6th May
FOWG meeting 9-10am	Friday 8th 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 – join us for the after school show at 3:30 – 4:15!	Friday 22nd May
School finishes at 3:30 on Friday 22nd May Return to school on Monday 1st June	
Year 6 residential to Pendarren	Monday 1st – Friday 5th June
Poetry week	Monday 1st – Friday 5th June
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 4th June
FOWG meeting 9-10am	Friday 5th June
Year 6 Haringey Shed drama sessions	Every Mon for 5 weeks starting on 8th June
Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 poetry slam 3:15 in the playground	Tuesday 9th June
Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 poetry slam 3:15 in the playground	Wednesday 10th June
Reception poetry slam 3:20 in the Reception playground	Thursday 11th June
Sports Day for all year groups – Chestnuts Park. 9:30 – 11:30ish. Come and watch!	Friday 12th June
International Evening. 3:30 – 5:30. Bring a dish!	Wednesday 17th June
Head Teacher drop in	Friday 19th June
Year 6 Junior Citizens trip	Tuesday 23rd June
Dance Giants show	Thursday 25th June
Year 6 Secondary transition Day	Thursday 2nd July
Year 5 – Science Masterclass @ Park View	Thursday 2nd July
Enrichment clubs finish	Thursday 2nd July
FOWG Summer fair	Saturday 4th July
Year 1,2,3,4 6 Progress Meetings Appointments between 8:00 – 9:30 / 2:00 – 5:50	Wednesday 8th July
FOWG meeting 9-10am	Friday 10th July
Move up morning – children say hello to their new teacher	Tuesday 14th July
Whole School trip – Willows Activity Farm	Wednesday 15th July
End of year assembly – goodbye Year 6! – 2:15	Thursday 16th July
School finishes at 1:15 on Friday 17th July Return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026	

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

See you on

Monday 13th April at **8:55am**.