WEST GREEN

Half Termly Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear West Green Family,

I remember beginning our last newsletter with 'As the sun begins to shine….' and yet we are still carrying our umbrellas everywhere, just in case! Well, despite the changeable weather, (although we are in for a heat wave next week) West Green has been consistently bright and brilliant and we have had another wonderful half term of learning and enjoying childhood.



With thanks to the Friends of West Green (FOWG), we have again been able to offer a broad range of exciting trips and workshops. Our children have taken trips to enhance their hostory, geography and RE learning. They have visited the Museums of London, as well as a Church and a Palace! Whilst our Y4s are eagerly awaiting their rescheduled trip to the Benjamin Franklin House which will take place next term, our Y3s have just completed their last day at Forest School in Highgate Woods. Here they spent 4 full days outdoors, learning both in and about nature – a firm top favourite WG experience.



Alongside all of these wonderful trips, our children have had a range of other extra-curricular activities as always. Our Y4s and Y5s have participated in our Haringey Shed Drama workshops, with Y6 getting a longer programme to see them throughout their final half term at West Green. FOWG ran our annual Mile of Fun where we all got fit and active together as a community, as well as raised much needed funds for the school. It was a fantastic afternoon over at Park View School and Downhills Park - read more about it and the money raised in the FOWG section below. The healthy activity continued with some of our Y5s having the chance to compete in a basketball tournament against other Haringey schools at Park View and our Y6 girls played St. John Vianney in an inter-school football match at home in our own MUGA. Although we didn't win, both teams worked hard and had lots of fun. They should all be proud. Our Dance Giants street dance group represented West Green well in a special weekend performance in April and our guitar concert again showcased the skill and talent in the arts of our pupils. - it is always amazing to see and share what talent we have here at West Green.

We have ended the half term with a fabulous Science Week with inspiring investigations and experiments as well as a science show full of facts, awe and wonder. If you didn't get a chance to come to the parent/carer show, ask your children about the fire and exploding food!



Finally, every year, summer 2 brings the KS2 SATs – a week of tests for Y6 children across the country. I would like to thank the Y6 staff team, as well as every single member of staff at West Green as I could not be prouder of how they support our children, not just academically, but as a whole child, throughout their seven years with us. Along with our fantastic families, we have all worked together and the result is our AMAZING Y6 children. Please see the Y6 post below to see how inspired we are by them.





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 again West Green's term dates for NEXT YEAR. The September start dates are for **Y1 to Y6**. Our new Reception Class will recieve their start dates in our Reception Information Evening in June. (This year's term dates are still available on our website.)

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

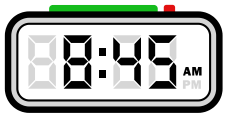


Attendance and Punctuality

I want to reach out to all of our families to ask for support with your children's attendance atschool. 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.

Smartphones - A National Consultation

We recently held an event here at West Green to watch 'Molly Vs The Machines', a film about one child's story and the impact of social media. A big thank you to all those who helped - especially Immy's Dad, Rita-Mae and Mabel's Mum and Noah's Mum. We were extremely lucky to have a follow up Q&A with the film's director as well as one of our own school parents who works to safeguard people from Big Tech, to discuss how we can protect our children from the negative outcomes of social media. If you are interested in this, the UK Government is currently running a national consultation to understand parents/carers concerns.

Please click here - https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation - But hurry - the consultation **closes on Tuesday 26th May.**



Helping our Children stay Healthy and Safe in the Sun

A quick reminder that (hopefully!) the final summer half term will bring us some lovely weather. Please be mindful of the weather each day remembering (labelled!) sun hats and water bottles. It would be helpful if you could apply sun cream at home before school and, if you would like your child to top this up during the day, please help them to practise doing this, label their cream (we findthat the roller ball creams work well) and remind your child that they are not to share creams due to allergies! Thank you!

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Class Half Term Highlights

Reception

This half term has treated us to plenty of sunshine and our outdoor area has been buzzing with activity, exploration and new learning. The children have enjoyed our new water-play opportunities and have also been busy planting the seeds we started growing inside the classroom. We are all working together to nurture them as they continue to grow.

Our topic this half term has been dinosaurs and the children have thrown themselves into it with great enthusiasm. They have researched fascinating facts, written their own questions and then investigated to find the answers. We also let our imaginations run wild by writing stories about the day we met a dinosaur. To finish the half term, we proudly recited the dinosaur poems we wrote for Yellow Class and took part in exciting daily science investigations as part of Science Week.





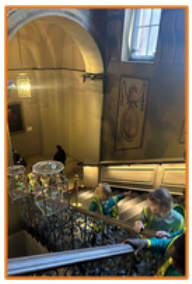


Year 1



We can't believe we are already halfway through the summer term! This half term we moved back to focusing on History and in writing with our topic 'Two Queens: Elizabeth'. We began by learning all about the life of Queen Elizabeth II, then moved on to learning about Queen Elizabeth I and ended the unit by comparing similarities and differences between the two queens.





We learned about their roles as queen, what it meant to inherit the throne, their experiences during the reign and also about their families. The children also had great fun drawing pictures of what Queen Elizabeth I might really have looked like - black teeth, wrinkles, warts and all!

We also went on a very exciting trip to Kensington Palace, the birthplace of Queen Victoria who was Queen Elizabeth II's Great Great Grandmother. We got to explore the King and Queen's State Apartments, and the rooms in which Queen Victoria spent her childhood, including the room where she was born. We ended our trip with an interactive workshop exploring Victorian toys.

In Science we have been exploring what animals eat through our topic 'Animal Diets'. We learned about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and sorted animals using clues from their teeth, habitats and behaviours. We really enjoyed investigating how herbivores use their flat grinding teeth to break down plant material. Using granola to represent plants, we made predictions and tested tools including a fork, spoon and rolling pin, discovering that the rolling pin worked best and helped us understand why herbivores have wide flat teeth.











We then explored carnivores, learning how they catch and eat their prey. We used tools such as tweezers, tongs and forks to represent different feeding adaptations and tested these on a range of "prey", which was really exciting and helped us understand how predators feed.

We also learned about omnivores and how they are able to eat both plants and animals before exploring what lives and eats underwater and discovering some unusual foods.

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Year 2



This term in maths, the children have greatly enjoyed learning about capacity and volume. Many of the lessons involved comparing and identifying containers that held equal to, less than and more than one litre, while also linking fractions to millilitres and litres. The children proved their answers practically using a variety of containers and water - you can only imagine the excitement and the mess!



The children also applied their practical experiences to a range of problem-solving activities involving millilitres and litres. They worked carefully to decide whether they needed to add or subtract in order to solve different capacity problems.

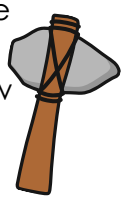






The Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age in history this term. By the end of the topic, they were confidently using key vocabulary in their speaking and writing, including words such as prehistoric animals, prehistoric tools, tribes, nomadic, bronze, ramparts and iron.

Their learning was brought to life through a range of exciting activities that deepened their understanding of prehistoric times. The children explored cave painting, created bronze jewellery, made their own stone tools and investigated a variety of prehistoric artefacts. These practical experiences helped the children develop a deeper appreciation of how people lived during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age while making learning both memorable and enjoyable.





Year 3



For the first time in Year 3 this year, choosing our main half-term highlight feels wonderfully easy! We have been incredibly lucky to take the class to Highgate Wood every Friday for the past four weeks to take part in Forest School. There is truly a certain magic in the woodland and the children absolutely loved returning each week to build dens, create bug hotels, make woodland crafts and brew potions.



It has been such a brilliant opportunity for the children to connect with nature and learn how to care for their environment. One particularly special moment was joining a group of children building a den and hearing them say "If we take care of nature, it will take care of us!". Such a beautiful and important message for us all.





Celebrating May Day was also spectacular, as we made lemonade and jumped over the fire for good luck!

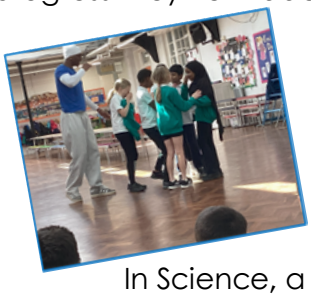
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Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed another fantastic half term packed with exciting learning opportunities.
The children opened proceedings with an excellent guitar concert for assembled parents and children from across the school. It was great to see how much progress they've made in such a short time.





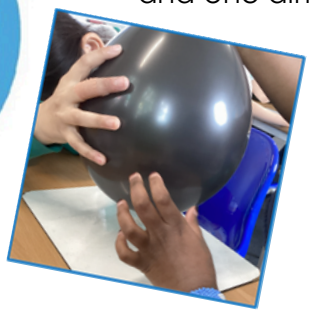


In History, pupils worked with Haringey Shed in some drama workshops linked to our Roman Britain topic, re-enacting a Roman bathhouse experience before performing with great confidence for Year 3 and Year 5 classes.





In Science, a trip to Downhills Park led to a successful invertebrate hunt, with children discovering ticks, colourful ladybirds and even two unusual spiders - one bright yellow and one almost bone white!





We are now exploring electricity through hands-on investigations, including using static electricity to separate turmeric from salt and building our own batteries to power LED bulbs. Fascinating learning all round, alongside the many other wonderful things happening in Blue Class every day!

Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed their science masterclasses at Park View Academy. We learned that all living organisms are made up of cells and used microscopes to explore them closely. The children especially enjoyed watching a fun experiment testing flammable materials.

Some children also took part in basketball sessions where they learned new skills, practised teamwork and competed against other schools.

In maths, we have been busy exploring decimals and using different strategies to add and subtract accurately. The children have enjoyed solving reasoning problems and challenging themselves with different methods.

In music, we have been learning about the origins of jazz and listening to different styles of jazz music.







Year 6

We have worked incredibly hard in year six this half term, with SATs definitely dominating our agenda – the staff couldn't be more proud of the attitude, determination and focus shown. We have worked all year on supporting one another, creating a team atmosphere where we celebrate each other's successes and lift those when they need it.

One area where we have channeled this approach has been PE, which has been a real highlight this last half term, giving us time outside the class to exercise and let off some steam. We have enjoyed some brilliant games of cricket, with the children developing their bowling, battering and fielding skills.

With the SATs firmly behind us, we can know turn to a range of exciting up and coming events. As you can see from the photos below, we loved our first practical experiment – recycling paper! We took a range of old unused paper, broke it down into little pieces, adding warm water to create a pulp, which we then flattened and left to dry to create our own new piece of paper! We have several other exciting experiments planned for the week.





"In our science experiment, I really enjoyed mushing our wet recycled paper into a pulp, it was kind of gross but also very fun!" – I'marose



"I've loved playing cricket this half term, I like the excitement of needing to get a certain amount of runs before the end of the game!" – 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						
	13 – 17 April	20 – 24 April	27Apr-1 May	4 - 8 May	11 - 15 May	18 - 22 May
Orange Class	Navid	Sienna	Kamilly	Austin	Starlette	Vincent
Yellow Class	Gabe	Ben	-	Eva	Year 2!	Elna
Green Class	Marcel	Forest School				Millie
Blue Class	Annabelle	Felix	Mawaddah	Iris	Athen	Afsana
Indigo Class	Ago	Teodor	Billy	Sara	Aniyah	-
Violet Class	Jennyshka	Muna	Aria	Year 6!	Karolina	Brianna
Mandarin	Nylah	Anelia	Coral	Mia	Erin	Rahisha
Sports	Billy	Mia	Angela	Molly	Gabriel	-
Guitar	Athen	Year 4!	-	Ruby	Musa	-

Friends of West Green update

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

Past Events

🏃‍♀️🏃‍♀️ **The West Green Mile of Fun!**

The whole school moved their way around Downhills Park to the sound of the excellent Park View band and the cheers of their families. We had so much parent and carer support this year and the children reported it really made a difference - thank you!

Thanks to all of the children and their excellent efforts, we raised more than £5,000!

A phenomenal amount of money that will make a huge difference to West Green.

A special THANK YOU to Paola (mum to Ago, year 5) for designing our excellent finisher badges.

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!

☀️😎**Summer Fair - Saturday 4th July 12-3pm**

It feels a long way away but calendars fill up quickly in the summer term!

We're looking forward to making this year's summer fair even bigger and better - new activities, new food, new drinks, all alongside the old favourites. And we need your help for that!

As well as volunteers on the day, we're looking for donations ahead of the fair. If you have any plants, plant cuttings, soft toys, books or bric-n-brac to donate, please bring them to the office!

The children always love our tombola stall and we want to make sure the prizes just get better and better. We've created a wishlist on Amazon for anyone who wants to help by donating a prize for the fair.

Thank you!

Spending

💰**Supporting school trips and enrichment!**

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 a Year 1 trip to Kensington Palace and the majority of the much-loved forest school sessions enjoyed by all of Year 3.**

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 through which 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.

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)
Ros (Leila y5, Dhillon y4)
Vikki (Connie y5)
David (Erin y5, Rafferty y2)
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.

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

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 6 celebration trip	Monday 6th July
Year 4 trip – *rescheduled* - Benjamin Franklin House	Tuesday 7th July
Year 1,2,3,4 6 Progress Meetings Appointments between 8:00 – 9:30 / 2:00 – 5:50	Wednesday 8th July
Year 5 – National year of reading workshop (in school)	Thursday 9th 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	***change of date*** Monday 13th 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 FRIDAY 4th September 2026	

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

See you on

Monday 1st June at **8:55am**.