WEST GREEN

Half Termly Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear West Green Family,

I cannot believe that this day has actually arrived - my last day at West Green!
I know I chose to take on a new career opportunity, to grow and challenge myself - but it was never a choice about this wonderful school. If there was a way to stay whilst also developing my career, I would have jumped at it. Sadly, that is not possible, and this day is really here - it still doesn't feel quite real.

Please indulge me whilst I reflect....

This school, and this truly wonderful community, have taught me how to lead a school. Over the last twelve years, we've certainly been through a lot together! When I first joined, the school wasn't in the strongest place and was carrying a poor Ofsted judgement. But with a core and committed group of staff who stayed with us and provided continuity, as well as the addition of many wonderful new staff over the years, they all understood and shared our vision for West Green. We have together established the 'West Green Way' – kindness and hard work!



Along the way we've weathered recruitment challenges, low pupil numbers, COVID, the cost-of-living crises, funding cuts, major building works and, more recently, the heatwaves! We have also celebrated so many wonderful events and achievements – discos, world book days, sports days, theatre visits, clubs, assemblies, concerts, international evenings, Miles of Fun, a range of themed days and weeks, residentials, forest school, in fact trips galore, our MUGA, our library, successful Ofsteds, becoming over-subscribed with growing waiting lists and shrinking catchment areas…. to name but a few.







It cannot go without saying that the progress and achievements of our children grows from strength to strength - West Green now regularly hits above (and often well above) National Averages in our KS2 SATs outcomes. In fact, this year's Year 6 have smashed it yet again with our highest results ever!











Through every obstacle and celebration, this community has shown resilience, determination and a true sense of fun. Together we've not only come through it all, we've grown stronger, grown closer and grown into something so very special.

The thing I am proudest of, is what we have built together. We have an incredible team of staff who go above and beyond for our children every single day - West Green (and myself) would not be what we are without them. We have a tireless 'Friends of West Green' who have created a thriving, sustainable programme of community and fundraising events that enrich school life and make bigger and better opportunities possible year after year. We have the most incredible community of families who support the school - and each other - in ways that regularly leave me completely overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. And then there are our children. Quite simply, they are the most fantastic, brilliant, funny, intelligent, brave and kind young people I could ever have hoped to know. They make my heart burst with pride every single day and it has been the greatest privilege to watch every one of them grow and blossom.

Whilst I am enormously sad to leave, I do so in the absolutely certain knowledge that West Green and the whole school community is in safe hands. The team here are nothing short of outstanding, always working hard to give the very best to our children as well as supporting each other – including the school's senior leaders – who are the most special, hardworking and caring group of people I have ever met.



They are the giants upon whose shoulders I have stood. And finally, Jenny – I could not have hoped for a better leader to leave this wonderful school with. She has been both my rock and my co-pilot. I know she will continue to love this school and direct it onwards and upwards - I cannot wait to see what she does with the place!



The truth is that I am who I am because of all of you. Everything this community has taught me is something I will now carry into the next chapter of my career and share with others. While I know it is the right time for me to move on, I will miss you all more than I can possibly put into words. Thank you for the last twelve years. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to be part of this incredible school family. It has been, and will always be, the honour of my life.

I love you all!

Mary







Now....over to this wonderful person!



Goodbye to Year 6

Alongside me, our Year 6 pupils' journey at West Green has come to an end and the beginning of a brand new adventure awaits them all. It has been a true privilege to watch them grow, learn, and become the remarkable individuals they are today. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and of the kindness, resilience, and determination they've shown along the way.

As they take this next big step into secondary school, we know they'll continue to shine, and that their new schools are very lucky to have them. We're confident they will keep striving for their dreams and carry the spirit of West Green with them wherever they go.

West Green will always be their school—and we can't wait to see them again, proudly wearing their new uniforms and ready to share all the exciting things ahead.



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Class Half Term Highlights

Reception

This half term, our learning has focused on life cycles and we have loved watching nature change and grow around us. One of our favourite experiences was caring for caterpillars as they transformed into beautiful butterflies. After observing each stage of their life cycle, we celebrated with a very special butterfly release, watching them fly off into the garden! We have also become fantastic gardeners - growing beans, peas, chard and tomatoes from tiny seeds. The children have worked hard to plant, water and care for them, learning how plants need sunlight, water and time to grow. We really enjoyed tasting the strawberries we grew. We have nurtured lots of flowers and plants that pollinators love, including fragrant lavender, helping to create a welcoming environment for bees and butterflies. Through these hands-on experiences, the children have developed a wonderful understanding of how living things grow, change and thrive, while learning the importance of caring for our natural world.






Year 1

Wow, we can't believe we have reached the end of Year 1! We have had a brilliant year and are very proud of all of the children and everything they have achieved.
In Geography this half term our topic was Wonderful Weather. We learned about different types of weather and climates from around the world. This included exploring extreme weather where we were able to draw on our own experiences when talking about heatwaves! We then tried to imagine ourselves much cooler by thinking about life in the Arctic! Our writing linked to our Geography lessons. We wrote a sun safety leaflet which turned out to be even more useful than we imagined! We then read Lila and the Secret of the Rain and wrote a retelling of the story. Our final piece of writing focused on cold climates with our Journey to the Arctic story. We learned about Seasonal Changes in Science and how the weather, plants and animals look different in spring, summer, autumn and winter. We talked about how each season has its own patterns, such as changes in temperature, daylight and what we see in nature. This linked to our Geography learning about weather.

With the recent heatwave, we spent more time thinking about summer and what it feels like in real life. We discussed ways to stay safe in hot weather, including drinking plenty of water and finding shade.
We also explored shadows and compared how they change throughout the day. The heatwave meant that we stayed indoors at midday, but we still learned that shadows are shortest at midday when the sun is highest in the sky.






In Maths this half term we continued our learning about money, recognising coins and notes, making different amounts and choosing the correct coins to match a price. We enjoyed practical activities using real and pretend coins and explored how the same total can be made in different ways.



We then moved on to multiplication and division, learning about equal groups, sharing and arrays. We practised sharing objects fairly and loved spotting arrays around the classroom and school environment before representing them using rows and columns.




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Year 2



In science, Year 2 have been learning about growing up and keeping healthy. In one of their lessons the children explored the question, "How do baby animals grow?" They enjoyed matching baby animals to their adult animals and discussing how animals change as they grow. Together, we identified three key changes: they grow bigger, become stronger and learn new skills such as walking, flying, swimming or finding food.





In our writing lessons, we have been learning about the popular seaside town of St Ives. The children explored why people choose to visit this beautiful destination by researching its famous beaches, attractions and activities. They also used maps to locate different places around St Ives and learned about what makes it such a special holiday destination.
Using all their research, the children created persuasive holiday brochures, encouraging people to visit St Ives. They worked hard to use persuasive language, exciting vocabulary and interesting facts to convince their readers that St Ives is the perfect place for a holiday.



This term, Year 2's art lessons have been linked to their geography topic, 'Beside the Seaside'. Diana, our art specialist, worked with the Year 2 children to create fantastic paper sculptures of foods that people often enjoy when visiting the seaside, such as burgers, chips and ice creams. The children carefully moulded the shapes using paper, glue and tape before covering their creations with colourful tissue paper. They worked hard to add lots of detail and their finished artwork looks amazing!





Year 3

We have had a wonderful final half term in Year 3 and I cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by! It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence and independence throughout the year and they should all be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.



One of the highlights of this half term has certainly been our science learning in our Forces and Magnets unit. The children loved exploring how magnets attract and repel one another and making careful observations. A favourite moment was racing toy cars down ramps in the school hall to investigate friction. The children tested different surfaces, including bubble wrap, to discover how they affected the speed of the cars and worked together to draw conclusions from their results.



I hope you all have a well-deserved, restful and enjoyable summer holiday and I wish the children every success as they move into Year 4.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic Summer 2 and what a brilliant way to finish the year! It's been a half term packed with unforgettable experiences, fantastic performances and, of course, plenty of exciting learning in the classroom.



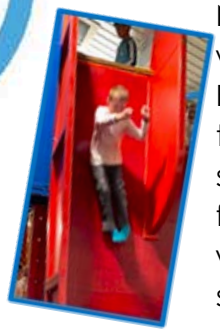
One of the biggest highlights was our visit to Benjamin Franklin House, where we were lucky enough to have the entire house to ourselves for the whole day! We were guided around by Polly, an 18th-century polymath and friend of Benjamin Franklin, who brought the house and its history to life with fascinating stories. We even learned about Franklin's unusual daily routine of taking "air baths" every morning! The demonstrations of Franklin's famous lightning experiment by our other guide Jess were particularly exciting and helped us understand how his discoveries led to the invention of the lightning rod.





This half term also gave the children the chance to showcase their talents beyond the classroom. They performed at Park Fest alongside other Haringey schools and had a wonderful morning enjoying games and activities before taking to the stage.





No summer term would be complete without our whole-school trip and this year's visit to Willows Farm certainly didn't disappoint! The children threw themselves into every activity on offer. The super slides, splash zone, trampolines and animal feeding were all firm favourites, and it was wonderful to see everyone making the most of such a fun day together.



Of course, these exciting trips and performances are only part of the story. Alongside them, Year 4 have continued to work incredibly hard in class, showing enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity in every subject. It has been a fantastic end to a brilliant year, and the children should all be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. We wish them all a wonderful summer and every success as they move into Year 5!

Year 5





This term, Year 5 have worked hard across the curriculum. In Maths, they developed their problem-solving skills by exploring nets and constructing 3D shapes. In Science, they carried out exciting experiments. In Writing, they used flashbacks to create engaging narratives.



It has been a busy and successful term filled with learning, creativity and fun. We also enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, where the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, encouraged one another and always gave their best. Year 5 should be very proud of all they have achieved this term.

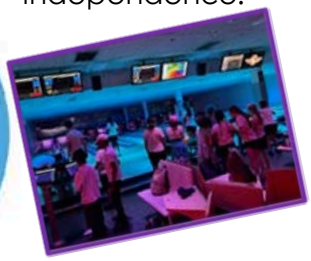
Year 6

It's been an incredibly busy, rewarding and emotional final half term for Year 6, full of exciting trips, fun projects and leavers' activities.

In class, we have loved working on a special maths-focused theme park project. We worked in small groups to plan, design, budget and market a theme park in England. We particularly enjoyed choosing the rides we wanted to build, whilst balancing other needs for the budget such as staffing and running costs. We also put together a special drama performance with the assistance of Haringey Shed!



On the trip front, a major highlight has to be Junior Citizens – an initiative run by key organisations in London including: the Police, London Fire Brigade and TFL. They gave us great advice on how to have a smooth transition to secondary school, making sure we make safe and wise decisions with our increased level of independence.



We also had an absolute blast bowling, playing the arcade, followed by a picnic in the park for our fun end of year experience. If all that wasn't enough, we thoroughly enjoyed the epic whole school trip to Willow Farm, with the drop slides a firm highlight!





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"I was terrified looking at the drop slide, I didn't think I'd be able to do it, but everyone encouraged me and I did! It was amazing!" – I'marose

"I was just yelling 'this is awesome' at every turn of Willow Farm! It was the perfect end to our time at West Green." - Coral

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…

	1 - 5 Jun	8 - 12 Jun	15 - 19 Jun	29 Jun-3 Jul	6 - 10 Jul
Orange Class	Reggie	Sandy	Otti	Eve	Whole Class
Yellow Class	Rafferty B	Kostas	Sinyorita	-	Axel
Green Class	Lian	Daisy	Glordie	Asma	Whole Class
Blue Class	Nadezhda	Adam	Yunior	Edie	Whole Class
Indigo Class	Rital	Deniz	Asia	Denys	Reuben
Violet Class	Winnerdi	Damla	Coral	I'Marose	Whole Class
Sports	Saqer	West Green Sch	Sam	Estevan	Jennyshka
Mandarin	Millie	Anthony	Eve	Ezequiel	Karolina

Friends of West Green update

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

Past Events

☀️😎Summer Fair

The sun and the community really came out for our summer fair on Saturday 4th July!

This year might just have been our best yet, and not just because we broke all our previous fundraising records to raise more than **£5,000** for the school!

Thanks to brilliant volunteers we added a delicious BBQ at the West Green Grill, great vibes at the West Green Summer Fair Bar (complete with DJ), excellent coffee from Pasero and yummy FoWG cupcakes.

We also had all of our favourite games and activities, including some fun water fights to help everyone cool off! The plant stall was another big win with lots of lovely green bargains!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes, organised new stalls, helped with the set up and volunteered on the day - we can't do it without you!

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.

💰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 a Mini Beast Bug workshop for Reception and contributed towards the Yr 6 residential to Pendarren and the whole school trip to Willows Farm which the children all enjoyed so much at the end of term.

The Reception playground has had a 'nature' glow up thanks to Michelle's hard work and a financial contribution from FoWG. We also funded shade sails and fans to try and bring down the temperature a bit in school and covered the costs of the Yr 6 leavers' hoodies.

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.

We're also looking forward to working with school on a bigger, long-term cooling project as well as getting new bike storage sorted in the new school year. Lots to look out for!

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.

In September we'll arrange a get-together for everyone to bring ideas about more ways we can grow our fundraising activities. Would be lovely to see you there!

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:

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.

Term Dates for 2026/2027

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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

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

See you on

Friday 4th September at **8:55am.**