



West Meadows Weekly

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What a great week we have had! It has been wonderful to be able to have all of our children back together in the school hall celebrating assemblies together and singing the school song. We had a special visitor in school on Monday when Natalie from Totally Runnable came to award the school their prizes for winning Beat the Street. The children won £250 of vouchers which will be spent on new books for the school library. What a fantastic team effort!

School Community Team:

Over the last 18 months we have missed hosting events at school such as the Christmas Fair and the Summer Picnic. It is you, the parents and carers, who are the driving force of these fundraising events and we would love to invite anyone who would like to join our School Community Team to a coffee morning on Wednesday the 22nd of September at 9am in the Community Room. If you would like to be a part of this team but are unable to attend, please let a member of staff know.

Going Green!

On Thursday 23rd September, we will celebrate The Great Big Green Week in school. Children will learn all about our planet and ways in which they can help to look after the environment. We will also have a school photographer in school that day taking photos of the children and staff as they work which will be used for the school and St. Mary's Academy Trust websites.

School Communication:

At West Meadows, we would all like to do our bit to help the environment by using less paper in school. As such, we will be sending out all school communications via email using ParentPay from now on. The school office will be sending out letters in the coming week, asking parents to update their contact details and we will be supporting parents who are not yet on ParentPay. School reading records will also be done through Google Classrooms.

After school clubs for this term:

Monday: KS2 Girls' Football
Tuesday: Y3/4 Hockey
Wednesday: Y5/6 Netball
Thursday: KS2 Football Club

School day:

Can we please ask that at the end of the school day, we now enter and exit the school grounds through the gate at the ramp. This will ensure that we minimise movement through the school car park and help keep everyone safe.

Attendance Matters!

Every Monday we will celebrate our children's achievements, both in school and at home, including their attendance in school. Good attendance is vital for your child's education and means they can make the most of all aspects of school life.

F1	71%
F2	88%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	89%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	99%

And this week's winner is...
Class Year 6

Diary dates:

Today, we will be emailing out with the newsletter a full list of diary dates that we have so far for the Autumn term. We will regularly update these on the school website.

E-Safety:

We would like to share with you some concerning new apps that children may be using.



Monkey - Monkey is an app that connects users to random strangers for a video chat. There is no filter on who will be at the other end of the chat. There are reports of children being exposed to inappropriate content or being asked to share inappropriate content themselves on this platform.



Telegram - Telegram messenger is similar to WhatsApp or other online messaging apps. However it has stronger encryption and messages are able to be destroyed, which means that children cannot show their parents anything that has upset them and also that messages can be hidden from parents. User names are searchable by anyone using the app, secret messaging is encouraged and there is a history of adult content being shared on this platform.