



West Hill Headlines

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ISSUE 55

Headteacher's Message

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new term! It has been wonderful seeing all the children back in school! All of the children have settled brilliantly into their new classes, including our new starters in various year groups. We also welcome all of our new staff who are a wonderful addition to our school team. As I have visited classrooms, it has been lovely to see so many smiles and to hear much chatter about summer holiday adventures. There is such a positive atmosphere across the school and we are all really excited about the year ahead and all the learning, opportunities and special moments it will bring.

In October we will be holding open days for children who will be joining our foundation stage in September 2027. If you have a child who is due to start school next year, or know anyone who will be looking for a school place, please try and come along. (Details can be found at the end of this newsletter). It is parents' responsibility to make the application for their child for the school of their choice by 15th January 2027.

I look forward to meeting all of our parents at our many celebrations this year.

Mrs C Farish
Interim Executive Headteacher

SCHOOL VALUES

Respect : Learn : Achieve

Each term we will focus on one of our three values. For the Autumn Term this will be Respect.

In our weekly assemblies, staff will nominate one pupil per class to receive a certificate to recognise the wonderful ways they have demonstrated all the values throughout the week.

At the end of term, we will hold a Value Ambassador Award Assembly. Each class will nominate one pupil who has consistently demonstrated the value of Respect throughout the term. These pupils will be recognised as Value Ambassadors and will receive a pin badge and a golden value voucher to spend in the coin shop. Parents and carers will be invited to these assemblies.

We hope that you will support and encourage your child to embrace our school values every day.



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PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Could parents please ensure that ALL children's uniform and belongings are named including ties! This will hopefully reduce the cost of replacement items for parents.

Please also remember that no jewellery is allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons.

Many thanks for your support with this and don't forget we have our pre-loved uniform shop in school. This is open on Wednesdays after school in the school house (between the main office and Y6 gates).

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

If someone different is collecting your child after school can you please let the office know so that we can pass this information to class teacher before the end of the school day.

PRE-SCHOOL AVAILABILITY

We currently have spaces available in our Ants class for 2 year olds at our Pre-school here at West Hill.



If you need a place for your child when they turn 2, please make an application now by contacting the school office. We will then place your application on file and contact you nearer to your child's start date for a visit.

It is never too early to apply!!

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING

Whilst we appreciate that parking is very limited around school, we respectfully ask that you show due consideration to neighbours and our school community when parking to collect children from school.

Also, when waiting outside school to drop off or collect, please be mindful not to block the footpaths. It is important that we leave enough space for pedestrians to pass safely, particularly those using pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility aids.

As parents of our children you are representing our school so please be mindful of your actions and their potential consequences and help us to keep the area around school safe and accessible for everyone.

Thank you.



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SCHOOL CONTACT CHANGES

If any of your child's personal details have changed, such as moving house, parental phone numbers or email addresses, name change please do not forget to let us know. It is important that we have the most up to date information on file for your children in case of emergencies and to keep in contact with you for distribution of information.

Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You will have received a letter to register your child with the local authority for the High School of your choice. The deadline to submit your application online to the local authority is

31st October 2026.

It is a parent's responsibility to make this application by this date. The local authority will notify you directly of the school your child has been allocated.

ATTENDANCE MONITORING

Attendance can have an impact on children's learning, as any time lost makes it difficult for them to catch up. We understand that every family has its own personal circumstances and we are here to support you in getting your child to school if you are having difficulties.

We would respectfully ask that parents support us so that ALL children are in school and on time unless they are too unwell. We will continue to monitor those children whose attendance falls below our 96% expectation as well as our persistent absentees from last year. If you are invited to an attendance meeting please come along for an informal chat so we can help address any issues your child may have. Our aim is to build relationships with parents so that we can avoid statutory intervention where possible.

Parents are expected to notify school EVERY DAY and provide medical evidence after 5 days of illness. If not, the absence will be unauthorised as will lateness after 9:15 a.m. Unauthorised absences may be subject to a penalty notice if your child's attendance becomes a concern.

Parents should request any leave of absence by completing the necessary form for headteacher's approval. We would ask you to avoid requesting leave of absence in term time, particularly during assessment weeks in May and June. Thank you.



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SAFEGUARDING

Please remember that if you ever have a safeguarding concern regarding your child, or another child, you can speak to a member of our safeguarding team. For further safeguarding information you can visit:



www.nspcc.org—National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

www.saferinternet.org.uk —Parent information online

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

If parents have any concerns regarding their child's behaviour, or require counselling for any issues, please visit the SEND padlet or the Staffordshire Wellbeing Service. Parents are able to complete self-referrals into the service.



Families Health and Wellbeing (School Nurse)

Freephone 0808 178 0611 Text Chat 07520 615722

Face to face drop in Cannock Chase Children's Centre Wednesdays (term time only)

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition Patient eligibility

Earache 1 to 17 years

Impetigo 1 year and over

Infected insect bites and stings 1 year and over

Sore throats 5 years and over

Sinusitis 12 years and over



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SCHOOL MILK

Did you know our school has a milk scheme! Under 5's automatically receive their free milk entitlement once they start in Reception. However, when they turn 5 they can still have milk but at a subsidised price. Parents need to register at www.coolmilk.com to pay for their child's milk if they wish it to continue.

To ensure that there is no break in your child's milk, it is best for parents to register as soon as possible. Cool Milk will then contact you when your child turns 5 and provide you with the payment option. Parents of children in Y1—Y6 can also pay for milk this way if required.

SCHOOL MEALS

New menus for this term are on the website.

Jacket Potatoes, sandwiches, wraps can be ordered on a daily basis by telephoning the school office on 01543 227125 before 9:00 a.m.

Please note there are no jacket potatoes available on Wednesdays.

Any special menus or adaptations will be notified via dojo.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The eligibility criteria for free school meals has changed. ALL parents in receipt of Universal Credit are now eligible for free school meals. If you fall in the Targeted category this will attract pupil premium/HAF vouchers. If you fall in the Expanded category it will not. All Free Meal entitlement will be re-checked by the local authority on an annual basis to ensure eligibility still remains.

Medication in School

If your child has an ongoing medical condition or severe allergy they will require a care plan to be completed. It is parents' responsibility to inform school of any changes to this care plan throughout the year.

If your child suffers from asthma, you will need to provide school with an inhaler and complete an asthma plan. The inhaler should remain in school at all times.

If children need antibiotics 4 times a day then school can administer at lunchtime. You will need to bring the medication to the office and complete a consent form.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY FORM OF MEDICATION IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG.



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BIRTHDAY TREATS

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, which aims to improve allergy safety in schools, we are making a small change to how we manage birthday treats.

From now on, we will **no longer accept homemade cakes or other homemade food** to share with the class.

Children will still be welcome to bring in **pre-packed, manufactured treats with clear ingredient and allergen labelling**. These will be handed out **at the end of the school day** and will not be opened or eaten until the children are with their parent/carer.

We know that birthdays are special and we still want children to enjoy celebrating with their friends, whilst making sure we keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

30th September	<i>Vision Screening checks for Reception classes</i>
2nd—8th October	<i>Book Fair in school</i>
12th October)	<i>Reception open day for September 2027 starters</i>
13th October)	<i>8:00 until 8:30 a.m.</i>
	<i>3:45 until 4:15 p.m.</i>
16th October	<i>School Photographs</i>
23rd October	<i>Half Term—School Closes</i>
2nd November	<i>School Re-opens</i>
4th November	<i>Flu Immunisations</i>

A brighter
tomorrow
together

WEST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together
we respect,
we learn,
we achieve.

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RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

Starting Reception in
September 2027?

Come and explore our Reception classrooms,
meet our friendly staff and discover what
makes West Hill special.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend
with or without their children.

Play

Learn

Grow

Belong

Small
steps
Bright
futures

Kind
Curious
Confident
You



Monday 12th October
8:00 – 8:30am



Tuesday 13th October
3:45 – 4:15pm



For more information, please contact the school office



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Families' Health and Wellbeing



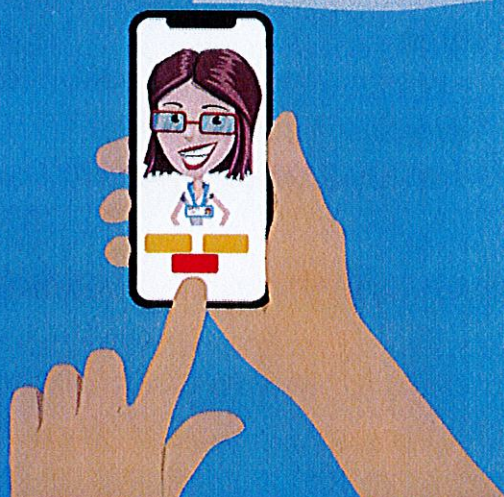
Midlands Partnership

NHS Foundation Trust

A Keele University Teaching Trust

School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm



The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse



**Families' Health and
Wellbeing Service (0-19)**



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**We now have a text messaging service for
parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who
live in Staffordshire.**

**Get advice from our Public Health nurses
(Health Visitors and School Nurses).**

TEXT: 07520 615722



**Feeding and
nutrition**

**Child
development**



**Parenting advice
and support**

**Emotional health
and wellbeing**



**Behaviour
difficulties**

**Family
health**



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

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CHILDREN'S AND ADULT'S CLASSES



>> FIND YOUR NEAREST LOCATION <<

SCAN QR FOR YOUR
FREE SESSION

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