



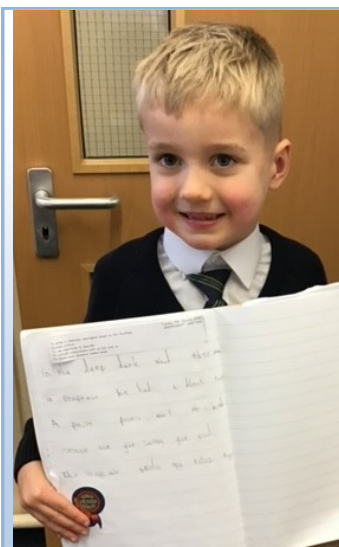
# Westvale News



**Friday 20th January 2023 (Chinese year of the rabbit)**

## Dates for your diary

Date & Time	Event
25th January 9am	Friends of Westvale meeting in school hall—enter breakfast door
25th January 10am	Girls Football Tournament
25th January 3pm	Table Tennis Tournament
7th February	School nurse in school
9th February	Y3 Museum Trip
10th February	Break up for half term



Year 1 have been writing independently about The Gruffalo.

Bobby produced some beautiful handwriting and was able to write about how the Gruffalo looked and smelled of rotten eggs!!



## School Nurse

We are happy to announce that our school nurse Louise will be visiting us for a morning every month. There will be 6 slots on the day that families can meet with the school nurse to discuss any concerns about health. If you would like to book a slot then please enquire at the office in the first instance. The slots are limited so you may be put onto a waiting list for the next visit from Louise.

Dates: 7th Feb, 7th March, 18th April.

Whole school attendance : 91%

Y1	89%
Y2	93%
Y3	88%
Y4	94%
Y5	94%
Y6	91%



## Chinese New Year

In assembly this week we have been discussing different cultures and the Chinese New Year which starts this coming Sunday. If you get a chance to head into Liverpool there is plenty to entertain the children and for them to learn.



The symbolic Chinese lanterns will decorate the heart of Chinatown, buildings will be lit up red in honour of this age-old tradition, the dragon and unicorn will parade the streets and the stage returns to Great George Square to host a programme of live performances throughout the day. There will also be plenty of Chinese food to sample from the many food stalls, art workshops with make and do activities as well as storytelling and the popular fun-fair. As 2023 welcomes the Year of the Rabbit, we invite you to join in on the celebrations

## Stars of the week

Reception	Eva & Archie
Y1	Ava & Penny
Y2	Lucy & Ronnie-Ray
Y3	Annalise & Maalia
Y4	Sophia & Eliza
Y5	Lee & Lewis
Y6	Gracie & Lee

Team points	This week	Total
Venus	257	473
Neptune	293	493
Saturn	284	495
Jupiter	301	509

## Year 1 Science

Year 1 have started using their outdoor learning space to investigate how shadows change throughout the day. After a fast paced scavenger hunt the children studied how the sunrise and sunsets change throughout the seasons. They all had a fantastic afternoon and had lots to talk and write about!



## Year 5

The children have had a fantastic time swimming every afternoon for the past two weeks. They have grown in confidence and many were able to achieve their swimming certificate.



They covered backstroke, front crawl and sculling. Kyle said that some of the best activities were making different shapes in the water. These included mushrooming, playing crack the egg and chilling being a starfish! Lacey enjoyed relaxing on the floats, diving into the deep end and picking up Fred from the bottom of the pool!

## Punctuality Counts!

It is really important that our children get into school on time. A good morning routine ensures that the children are settled and ready to learn—nobody likes to walk into a room late and flustered!

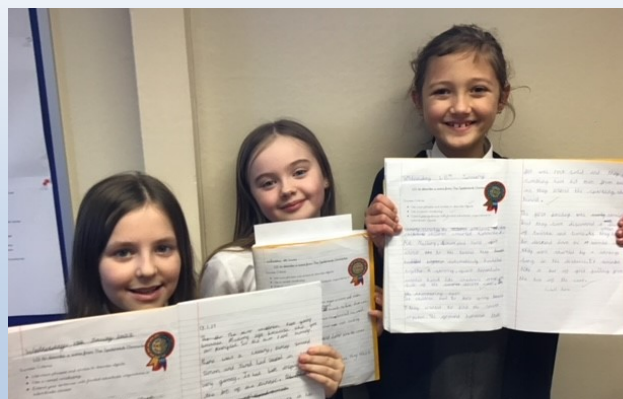
Children **can not** be released early from school unless evidence of a medical appointment can be produced.



Coming soon....

## Year 4

Spiderwick Chronicles have inspired our year 4 children to produce some outstanding writing this week. Children have used sophisticated techniques such as "Show, don't tell" to engage the reader. A really powerful example of this "Her stomach pinched..." tells us that the character is fearful of what is coming her way.



The children in Reception have been inspired by Chinese writing to write their own names using symbols. Great mark making!!

