



Westvale News



Friday 5th September 2025

Moments matter, attendance counts!

Dates for your diary	
Date & Time	Event
11th September	Democracy Day—Voting for school council
15th September	School Photograph Day
15th September	Meet The Teacher 3:30 in your child's class
18th September	Family Cooking Courses start
18th September	Reception family workshop 2:30pm
24th September	Book Fair in school—come and buy some books
25th September	Y6 Crucial Crew trip about safeguarding

Whole school attendance :	
Reception	89%
Y1	72%
Y2A	85%
Y2G	91%
Y3	91%
Y4	92%
Y5	91%
Y6	88%

Attendance Rewards

Even more rewards for everyone who attends well at Westvale.

If you are in the full week Mon—Fri on the next Monday you get to choose to play football on the field , attend a Tik Tok mashup disco or something a little quieter. You also get entered into a raffle to win £5

If your whole class is in you get a Star In The Jar. 3 stars in a week means you get a class reward. If your class gets best attendance that week you get a secret scroll reward for the class and the attendance trophy.

We will be choosing our brand new Attendance Avengers—children who will help to raise attendance across the school.

You know that we value attendance in our school and that if your child isn't in we will keep working hard to get them in so they can thrive!



Surprise Days

Surprise days have been booked and paid for. Our first surprise day has cost £1000 and will be one day in September. You really don't want to miss this one!

It could be next week! Or the week after—perhaps the last week in September. Only 2 people in the school know when it is. Don't miss a day this month.



PE and Sports

We have once again bought in specialist gymnastics teachers from the Beth Tweedle Academy. Your child will get another block of expert tuition from a gymnastics specialist. Remember we have kept the PE kit really simple and cheap so no football kits or patterned leggings just plain white t-shirt, black pumps, navy blue shorts. Your child will also benefit from the expertise of Mr Thompson who will lead PE sessions. As you know he is a specialist in PE and offers a whole host of additional activities such as boxing.

Cross country running club will be on Monday lunch times.

Day	Class	Day	Class
Monday	Reception	Wednesday	Y4 & Y3
Tuesday	Y2 & Y1	Thursday	Y6 & Y5

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Outdoor Learning

We have really developed our outdoor learning areas over the past three years. We are extremely lucky to have the expertise of Mrs Stewart in forest school and allotment skills.

Mrs Stewart will be working with small groups of children in the afternoons in these areas. We know that these activities really raise levels of engagement, speaking and listening as well as gross and fine motor skills.

We can't wait to see the work they produce!



Family Cookery Classes

Our incredibly successful cookery class will return this time on Thursdays. Starting on 18th September from 2pm—home time. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

In the past the families have made healthy pizzas, pasta, humous and veg dippers, healthy fruit crumble and even breakfast bars!

We are continuing to fund the majority of this through our Tesco healthy living grant.

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Attendance Expectations

Until October half term			Until Christmas Holidays	
Red	3.5 days absent		Red	7.5 days absent
Yellow	3 days absent		Yellow	7 days absent
Green	2 days absent		Green	4 days absent
97%	1 day absent		97%	2 days absent

We have put together a table so you can see how important attendance is. The first half term is only 38 days long and so if you have time off it really impacts your attendance.

Next year if you are absent for only 3 and a half days in the first half term you are considered persistently absent and the local authority gets involved.

The whole term up until Christmas is only 73 days long.

Aim to have only 4 days absent maximum until Christmas.

If you want to hit our school target then only 2 days absent until Christmas.

If you need support then email or call our school office and ask to speak to a member of our attendance team.



SEND Local Offer Live event

Knowsley Council is hosting a SEND (Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities) Local Offer Live event on Thursday 23 October 2025 from 11am until 6pm at Volair Kirkby, Cherryfield Drive.

The event will include also Council services that are providing SEND provision in the borough, including Flourish FE (supporting young people aged 19+ with complex needs into adulthood), Hearing and Vision Specialist Service and the Autism Advisory Team as well as partner agencies who provide specialist help and support including Advanced Solutions and SENDIASS along with representatives from Health, Social Care and the Knowsley Parent Carer Forum.

School representatives, parents and carers are encouraged to come along to find out more about all the support that is available to children with SEND in Knowsley.

Representatives from each agency will be on-hand to answer and questions and signpost parents / carers through to how further help and support can be accessed.

Cllr David Lonergan, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said "There's a wealth of SEND help and support available to families in Knowsley and by hosting the SEND Local Offer Live event, it provides an opportunity to have the offer in one place.

"It's important that parents / carers have access to local provision to meet their needs and this event aims to ensure that they know what is available and how to access it.

No booking or appointment is needed – just pop in any time between 11am and 6pm on the day."