



# Westvale News



Friday 12th September 2025

**Moments matter, attendance counts!**

Dates for your diary	
Date & Time	Event
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	90
Y1	79
Y2A	97
Y2G	95
Y3	95
Y4	95
Y5	96
Y6	95

## Local Authority Attendance Intervention

Our school has been identified by the Local Authority to improve attendance. We have all been working so hard but it hasn't improved quickly enough. The Local Authority have identified families who have been poor attenders for a long time and will be meeting with them. They will contact poor attending families with an appointment and discuss with them how they can improve attendance and set the families targets.

## Democracy Day

One of our British Values is Democracy. The children have used democracy this week to elect their school council.



Democracy

Last year the school council were successful in : changing school meals, installing 3 water fountains on the playground, improving the playground by ordering 3 table tennis tables.....

The list goes on and on. We really value our school council!



## Stars In Jars



Congratulations to Y2 & Y3 who have received the first Rewards for attendance. The class teachers will inform you of when they will have their reward and what it is. A reward for just being in every day—easy! Well done everyone in those classes.

## Year 6 Assembly Team



Our new assembly team have been trained by Picture News to deliver assemblies to our children. They have learnt how to plan an assembly to include: music, different levels of interest, questions, prompts and visuals / props. Their first assembly is on Monday about role models.

## British Values

At Westvale we discuss and study the four British Values in lessons and in assemblies. We use a set of symbols for each one. See if you can test your child at home. Can they tell you what each value is about? Can they tell you a story that relates to one of the values?



Democracy



Rule of Law



Respect & Tolerance



Individual Liberty

We have discussed rule of law with PC Hazel when she pops in to talk to the children. We show respect and tolerance when we disagree about our favourite football teams, we use our individual liberty to make choices that aren't illegal or upset people.

## 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."