



# Westvale News



Friday 19th September 2025

**Moments matter, attendance counts!**

Dates for your diary	
Date & Time	Event
24th September	Book Fair in school—come and buy some books
25th September	Y6 Crucial Crew trip about safeguarding
1st October	Debating workshops for Y3 & Y4
10th October	Debating workshops for Y5&6

## Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor.

The role would require a commitment to two meetings per term. One of these would be the Full Governing Body meeting where all committees review information and decisions made.

We have always valued parent input and opinions at Westvale and we have seen the school move forward so rapidly. Letters have been sent home this week.

We will also be welcoming a new governor Cllr Gary Bennett. Cllr Bennet will be bring a whole host of experience and skills to our school.

Whole school attendance : 90.5%	
Reception	84%
Y1	87%
Y2A	89%
Y3	93%
Y4	89%
Y5	97%
Y6	94%

## Attendance Reward Update

The children who were in for the full week received their reward the following week and had a fantastic time. Mr Carson & Mr Thompson took them onto the field for fun and games. There was also a disco indoors that introduced Mr Richardson to KPop! All the full attenders had a fantastic time. Just turn up every day and great things happen—easy isn't it!

Your children tell us they love being in school—make it happen for them!

## New School Gates

Work will start on Monday to replace our school gates with brand new electric gates. We will be sending out further details on Monday.

We are doing this to further enhance our site safety and security.

## Beth Tweedle Gymnastics

The children continue to benefit from expert gymnastic tuition this year provided by Beth Tweedle staff. The after school club is over subscribed—that's how much we love gymnastics!



The children are also benefitting from expert tuition from Mr Thompson during PE lessons. Mr Court is expecting great results at our first Cross Country meeting this month.

We really love getting fitter at Westvale!

## Family Healthy Cookery

Once again we are hosting cookery classes for families on a Thursday afternoon at 2pm. If you would like to attend give the office a call for a place next week



## 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."