




# Westvale News



Friday 3rd October 2025

**Moments matter, attendance counts!**

Dates for your diary	
Date & Time	Event
10th October	Debating workshops for Y5&6
16th October	Rev Phillipa—Harvest assembly
20th October	Parent Afternoon and Evening
23rd October	Halloween Disco
24th October	Break up for half term

Whole school attendance :	
Reception	89
Y1	96
Y2	90
Y3	97
Y4	96
Y5	97
Y6 	99

## Attendance

Mr Richardson nearly fell over when the Attendance Avengers announced the figures this week. Great work Y6!

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## Cross Country Team Competition



Congratulations to our cross country team. Fantastic results from our newly formed running team!

Our dodgeball team made it to the semi finals of their tournament and narrowly missed out by two points. Well done team Westvale!





## Books and cake

A massive thank you to all who attended our Macmillan cake and reading event.

It was lovely to see everyone reading with a piece of cake.

Remember one of our items on the home school agreement is that families will read for ten minutes every night with their child.

We will continue to reward regular readers with trips to Waterstones to choose new books for their class!

## Debating Workshops with Noisy Classrooms



## Garden Rangers

Our newly appointed rangers will be looking at opportunities to grow more crops this year!"



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## Debating At Westvale

As part of our support for Oracy in KS2 all classes have taken part in debating workshops with Alison from Noisy Classrooms. We have been learning the skills of listening and critical thinking. Even debating against our own views! This will really help the children with reasoning across the curriculum! We have arranged for other schools in Kirkby to come to our school to debate local issues. We have also entered a national debating competition later in the year! Debating reinforces all of our British Values!



## 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."