

WEST TOWN LANE ACADEMY

WHERE THE LEARNING JOURNEY IS AN ADVENTURE



Summer Fair and Sports Week

A massive thank you to our incredible **Friends of School** for putting together another absolutely fabulous Summer Fair!

From the wonderful stalls, brilliant children's dance and singing routines, to the games, challenges, and exciting visits from the police, there was truly something for everyone—not to mention the delicious food and drink! Thanks to the overwhelming generosity and support of our entire school community, both past and present, we raised a phenomenal £7254. These funds will make a massive difference to our school, and we couldn't be more grateful. **THANK YOU FoS!!**

A huge thank you to **Mr. Evans, Mr. Boon, Mrs Burt**, the **EYFS team**, and our wonderful **helpers** for making our Sports Days such a massive success! It really was a brilliant couple of days.

All the children joined in superbly and demonstrated all our RADAR values!

Results from our Sports Days are as follows:

EYFS: Green (Park)

Ravenclaw (am): Blue (Campbell)

Hufflepuff (pm): Yellow (Anning)

Finally, a huge thank you to you all for your lovely support!

Key Dates

July

9th – Class Swap Morning

10th – 1P Class Assembly

13th – KS2 (Yrs 3-6) Disco, 3B Field Trip to Callington Road Nature & 1R Class Assembly.

14th – 6J Leavers Assembly & 3H Field Trip to Callington Road Nature

15th – 6W Leavers Assembly

16th – 6B Leavers Assembly & 3DS Field Trip to Callington Road Nature Reserve

17th – Rock Steady Concert

21st – End of term

**RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER**

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Year 5 visit to Bristol Hippodrome

Our Year 5s had an unforgettable time at the **Bristol Hippodrome** watching *Matilda the Musical*! The children were captivated by the incredible music, special effects, and Matilda's big imagination.

The children showed exemplary behaviour and represented the school beautifully. A huge thank you to all our staff, parent volunteers and the admin team for making this fantastic trip possible!



New WTL website

We are preparing to launch a new version of our school website on **August 12th**.

Please note that our web address will remain exactly the same. However, the new system will be more user-friendly, accessible, and equipped with improved features to make finding information easier for families.

As we transition to the new platform, you will notice a fresh layout. Thank you for your patience as we introduce these improvements to our school community.

Top 10 Attendance

Caterpillars were our Top Attending Class this month. A big well done to them! Each month, the class with the highest attendance will receive the Attendance Trophy and are rewarded with a 'Free- Time Pass' which entitles them to an additional playtime.

Ranking	Class
1 st	Caterpillars
2 nd	Ladybirds
3 rd	3B
4 th	1KP
5 th	Dragonflies
6 th	2DL
7 th	3H
8 th	2D
9 th	2VR
10 th	1R



Attendance Matters



Fond farewells

At the end of the academic year, we will be saying farewell to seven valued members of staff: **Mr Mhyn** (TA), **Mrs Galliford** (Nursery Teacher), **Mrs Driscoll** (Lead TA), **Mrs Crisp** (SENDCo), **Miss Dimopoulou** (TA), **Mrs Kidd** (Reception Teacher) and **Mrs Cole** (Deputy Lead TA).

Firstly, we extend our sincere thanks to **Mrs Driscoll** for her hard work and unwavering commitment to the children of WTL over the past 23 years. We wish her the very best as she enters retirement.

We also want to express a huge thank you to **Mrs Galliford**, who will be leaving us after 18 years. She has successfully fulfilled a number of roles at WTL, including PE, Forest Schools, and Acting EYFS Lead. We would like to wish her good luck in her retirement.

We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to **Mrs. Cole** for her 20 years of brilliant work and unwavering dedication. As she steps into her well-deserved retirement.

Our thanks also go to **Mrs Crisp** for her excellent work and commitment over the last 3 years. She has decided to leave education to embark on an exciting new career.

Miss Dimopoulou is leaving us after three fantastic years. Moving forward, she will be teaching Pilates and Yoga.

Also, a huge thank you to **Mrs Kidd** who has done a brilliant job covering Dragonflies during Mrs Owen's maternity leave.

Finally, thank you to **Mr Mhyn** for his hard work over the last 3 years. He will be leaving us to complete his teacher training.

A huge thank you to them all for their wonderful contributions to our school community. Between them, they have given **66 years** of service to the children of WTL. Amazing!!

Year 6 leavers

As the academic year draws to a close, we find ourselves preparing to bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. We've had the privilege of watching them grow and flourish over the last seven years, and they've been an absolute credit to West Town Lane. Their dedication to their studies and their consistent demonstration of our RADAR values have been truly impressive. We extend our warmest wishes for their journey ahead and look forward to hearing about their future successes!



6J



6W



6B

New Garden Area

Our new Garden Area has been open for a little while now, and we wanted to share an exciting update on how beautifully the space is developing!

It has been a joy to watch the garden come to life, and that is thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Spittlehouse, Miss Workman and the wonderful members of our Garden Club. They have been doing a fantastic job looking after the plants, sowing new seeds, and ensuring everything is thriving. The care and dedication they put into this space every week is clear for everyone to see.

The transformation has been incredible to watch. If you'd like to see just how much progress has been made since the early days, have a look at our April newsletter to compare the "before" shot with how lush and green the garden looks today! Many thanks to all those involved, keep up the brilliant work!



Staff & Volunteer Profiles

We thought it would be a great idea to let you get to know our staff and volunteers a little better. We employ over 100 people at WTL so there are a lot of individuals that you may know very well, but a significant number you may have never seen before! Many thanks to those staff and volunteers who have agreed to take part!



Name: Kate Radford

Place of birth: Bristol

Role in school: Caretaker

Time worked at WTL: 14 years

Other employment in schools: West Town Lane was my first school role

Hobbies outside of school: I enjoy socialising with friends, particularly festivals & gigs, I also enjoy travel and fishing, my last fishing trip was in France

The best thing about working at WTL is: The fact that many colleagues are now some of my closest friends and the way everybody works together for the benefit of our pupils

My biggest achievement/proudest moment at WTL: Becoming a member of the site team (after previously performing both cleaning and lunchtime supervisor roles) being responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of the school property and grounds

Favourite subjects: Sports & art

An interesting fact about me: I enjoy art and have designed tattoos for both friends and family, you may even have seen some of my artwork around school

Redevelopment Work over the Summer

As we head toward the summer break, we would like to share some news about improvements happening around our school grounds!

Over the holidays, the area at the front of the school—just outside the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms—will be undergoing a redevelopment. We will be removing the current decking and replacing it with a brand-new, durable surface area.

We are hoping the builders can meet the schedule so it will be ready for our return in September!

Eco Warriors

Eco-Warriors, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Claridge are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction. In our report, it was noted that children took part in invaluable hands-on experiences which had a positive impact on the school community, helping pupils feel inspired, involved and confident in leading environmental change. Thank you and well done to everybody involved.

points earned 219



Green Flag with Distinction

2026



Sporting Achievements

Year 5/6 Cricket Competition

A fantastic few weeks for our Year 5/6 cricketers! Both our squads put in superb performances at the Ashton Park Sports Partnership Annual Cricket Competition, with one squad coming out on top to win the event and earn a place at the regional finals. Sadly, that event was later cancelled due to the heat, but it's a brilliant achievement nonetheless.

The same squad then went on to the Broomhill Juniors Annual Cricket Festival, where they were crowned champions once again, racking up an incredible 500 runs across 5 matches. Outstanding cricket from the teams!

Year 5/6 Football Fixtures

Our Year 5/6 footballers have also been in great form. They edged out Broomhill Juniors 3-2 in a brilliant, hard-fought match that showcased excellent football from both sides. They followed this up with another superb 4-3 win against Knowle Park, a result that brings us another step closer to winning The Bristol Primary Schools League title!

A huge well done to all the pupils involved for their fantastic effort and sportsmanship.





Summer Fair

Six months of planning, 35 school staff members, 47 parent volunteers and 27 stalls later - the Summer Fair is completed!

We had a lovely time in the sunshine and hope you did too

We are so pleased to say we raised a **grand total of £7254.96!**

Thank you to everyone who came and spent their hard earned money-you make it all worth it. And there are so many people we wish to thank who we just couldn't do it without.

Many many businesses donated to our prize draw (45 prizes!); local pubs and off licences to our Water to Wine stall and Tesco to the food we offered.

Four local sports groups came forward to run sporting stalls for the kids to enjoy.

And lastly our volunteer parents and grandparents who prepped before the fair, set up stalls, ran them and cleared up at the end along with the fab teaching and support staff.

Thanks a million! You make the summer fair a success.

Onwards and upwards...July is our time to write our end of year reports, sort out our admin and reflect on the academic year ready for September. We still have a few little ways you can help us over the summer though...

Easyfundraising

By now you've probably heard of the easyfundraising app. It's a simple way to earn cashback when you shop which comes back to Friends of School.

If you sign up **on the app** by the 17th July you earn us a £3 bonus. If we can find 50 new supporters by then we earn a £150 bonus!

So, share with friends and family and help us reach the target of 50 and don't forget to use when you're shopping online to earn cash for school at no cost to you

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-school-at-west-town-lane-academy>

Uniform labels

The summer holidays is the time for uniform shopping and with that comes the dreaded uniform labelling. Buy your name labels from the following brands and you'll earn us money for FOS:

- www.MyNametags.com and enter fundraising number 18946 at checkout
- <https://www.stikins.co.uk> and use fundraising number 24896

New Starters

Do you have a younger sibling starting in September? Have you got friends with kids starting nursery or reception? Let them know about our new starter meet ups.

Please follow us on our socials for updates - occasionally we have to move dates and times due to the British weather.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Feeling inspired by the summer fair? We are always in need of more help and are open to grandparents as well as parents. Email us friends@wtlacademy.bristol.sch.uk or contact us on socials. Join our volunteer WhatsApp group to see what opportunities are available.



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- 2 Shop online at no extra cost
- 3 We get a cashback donation








When you install the app and become our supporter, we get a bonus £3

The Big Future Survey

We want to ensure our children's views and aspirations are heard by the Government!

The Children's Commissioner has launched a vital national survey, **The Big Future**, and we need our school's voice to be included before the summer holidays.

It only takes a few minutes to complete. Please encourage your child to have their say today:

👉 [Take the Big Future Survey Here](#)

Thank you for your support in making sure our young people are represented!



Safeguarding – Term 6 theme

Our Safeguarding theme for term 6 is **Speak Out Stay Safe** and our Inclusion theme is **Our Diverse City**.

Our Safeguarding Team is:

Mrs Franklin (DSL)

Mr Robbins (Deputy DSL)

Mrs Whiddington (DSL)

Mrs Hendy (Deputy DSL)

Colin Clements (Safeguarding Governor)

Your Holiday Hub

If your child is entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals, they can access free activities over the summer holidays. Follow the link below for more information and to book.

[Link](#)



Children on our RADAR

The following children have displayed an **outstanding** combination of Respect, Adventure, Determination, Achievement and Resilience over the month. Congratulations to:

Ladybirds – Bella T E

Caterpillars – Marnie K

Dragonflies – Otilie W

Bumblebees – Izzy T

1KP – Emily R

1R – Jamie B

1P – Lillie L

2DL – Leo B

2VR – Riley S

2D – Rafee P

3B – Dylan H

3DS – Forest W

3H – Ameer A

4LW – Jordan D

4JW – Ivy B

4PHW – Sophie C

5TC – Davyd C

5C – Zaynep A

5H – Reggie-Lee M

6B – Ophelia G

6J – Mollie H

6W – Beau R-C

