

WEST TOWN LANE ACADEMY

WHERE THE LEARNING JOURNEY IS AN ADVENTURE



Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Your Voice Matters: Upcoming Parent & Carer Questionnaire

At West Town Lane, we are constantly striving to provide the best possible environment for our children to learn, grow, and thrive. To do that effectively, we need to know what you think!

This term, we will be sharing our annual **Parent and Carer Questionnaire**. This is your opportunity to give us direct feedback on how the school is performing.

Why Your Input is Vital

While we have regular interactions with some members of the school community, our goal is to hear from **everyone**. Here is why high participation is so important:

- **A Balanced Perspective:** To make the best decisions for the school, we need a complete picture. The more responses we receive, the more "balanced" our data becomes—ensuring that our future plans reflect the needs of our *entire* community, not just a small slice of it.
- **Targeted Improvements:** Your feedback helps us identify our strengths and, more importantly, our opportunities for improvement.

How to Take Part

Keep an eye on your inbox! The questionnaire will be sent via email; it is designed to be quick and easy to complete.

We are aiming for 100% participation this year. Whether your feedback is a glowing review or a constructive suggestion, every single response counts toward making West Town Lane the best it can be for our amazing children.

A successful school with a strong reputation is a cornerstone of our local community. By attracting more families, we secure the increased funding and resources our children deserve. Thank you for your ongoing support and for partnering with us in your child's education.

Key Dates

March

5th – PINS Coffee Morning (Partnership for Inclusion of Neuro Diversity in Schools) & World Book Day

6th – Girls football event

13th – FoS Mother's Day Sale

16th – Yr 4s Roman Baths Trip

18th – Yr 6 waterfall trip

19th – Yr 2 Nightingale Valley trip

20th – Red Nose Day

24th – 3H Class Assembly

25th – Class Photos & Nursery Tour

26th – 3B Class Assembly

27th – 3DS Class Assembly & Rock Steady Concert

30th – Ladybirds Stay & Play and Celebration

April

1st – Ladybird Stay & Play and Celebration

2nd – End of term

20th – Return to School

World Book Day: Special Visits!

We are thrilled to announce that this year's **World Book Day** is set to be a real page-turner! A huge thank you goes out to **Mr. Brown** for his fantastic work in coordinating the activities and organising two very special guest appearances on Friday that will bring the magic of storytelling to life for our pupils. We are delighted to welcome two incredible talents to our school:

- **Key Stage 2: Rowan Foxwood** Our older children will dive into the world of Rowan Foxwood, exploring the craft of storytelling and the inspiration behind her captivating books, *Magpie Girl* and *Heart Seer*.
- **Key Stage 1: Hannah Shaw** Our younger children are in for a treat as they spend the day with Hannah Shaw, the illustrator of the popular book *The Disgusting Sandwich*. Hannah is also the author of the Unipiggle series.

What's Happening?

This isn't just a quick "hello"—it's a full day of literary immersion! Our visitors will lead a variety of sessions, including:

- **Live Book Readings:** Hearing stories shared straight from the creators.
- **Interactive Talks:** A chance for pupils to ask burning questions about life as a writer or illustrator.
- **Creative Workshops:** Hands-on sessions to help students develop their own unique voices and illustration skills.
- **Class Visits:** Personal time for each year group to interact with our guests. We can't wait to see the spark of inspiration these visits will undoubtedly provide.

Make sure to ask your children all about the "behind-the-scenes" secrets they learn from Rowan and Hannah!

Top 10 Attendance - February

4LW were our Top Attending Class in **February**. 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	4LW
2 nd	6B
3 rd	6J
4 th	5TC
5 th	5H
6 th	2DL
7 th	3DS
8 th	Caterpillars
9 th	Ladybirds
10 th	3B



4LW - top attending class in February 😊

Year 1 visit to the SS Great Britain

The Year 1 teachers and the Admin team organised a tremendous visit to the SS Great Britain last term. The children had a brilliant time exploring the ship and interacting with all of the wonderful artefacts, costumes and resources provided. This visit links to our, 'What did Brunel do for us?' enquiry.

More photos can be found on our Facebook page.



Parking during pick up and drop off times

The safety of our pupils and local community is a top priority. Recently, we have received several concerned reports from local residents regarding unsafe parking, specifically around the **Hither Bath Bridge** area during drop off and pick up time.

While we understand these times are busy, the current congestion is making the area unsafe for the local community. It has been reported that cars are blocking roads and driveways, which creates a hazardous environment for everyone.

Why It Matters

- **Emergency Access:** Blocking narrow roads or junctions can prevent emergency vehicles from reaching those in need.
- **Pedestrian Safety:** When cars are parked on pavements or too close to crossings, our children lose visibility, making it much harder for them to cross the road safely.
- **Respecting Our Neighbours:** Our local community supports our school, and blocking private driveways causes unnecessary stress for those living nearby.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure the area around the school remains safe during these times. Please:

- **Park safely:** Avoid double parking or blocking residential access points.
- **Observe road markings:** Keep clear of zig-zags and junctions.

Let's work together to keep the area around the school as safe and accessible.

Girls Football team news

Last term, the Girl's football team participated in the **Premier League Primary Stars National Girls Football Tournament 2026** in conjunction with Bristol City Robins Foundation. The girls played many matches against local schools with amazing team spirit whilst demonstrating all of our RADAR values. They finished 5th overall with over 16 teams participating. Well done to the team and Mrs Burt.



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: Judith Buckley

Place of birth: Birmingham

Role on the Governing Board: Community Governor

Time volunteering at WTL: 9 months

The best thing about being a Governor at WTL: Using my skills to ensure that all the children enjoy going to school and achieve their best.

My biggest achievement/proudest moment at WTL: Seeing my 4 grandchildren thriving at WTL

Favourite subjects at school: English and history

Hobbies outside of school: Zumba, going to the theatre and volunteering at a community cafe

An interesting fact about me: I was a foster carer for 18 years.

NHS School Nurse

Our school nurse, Marie Bowden, will be available for drop-in sessions on the first **Friday of each term from 9-11am**. Slots are 15 mins.

She can offer support in topics such as:

- Eating
- Sleep
- Toileting
- Emotional Wellbeing
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Parents can arrive at 9am at the office and wait for a slot.



Friends of School



Welcome back to school for Term 4.

A huge thank you to parent, carers and children who supported the **February tuck shop**. Also, thanks to those parents and carers that paid for the **Non uniform day** on the last day of term. Don't worry if you forgot - we know it is easy to. Donations can still be made via our zeffy donation page : [February Non-uniform Day](#)

Your fabulous support in both events helped us to raise:

February Tuck shop = £254.68

Non uniform day = £387.55

We are also looking forward to the children attending in person author visits on World Book Day, with Hannah Shaw and Rowan Foxwood. Both visits have been funded by the Friends of WTLA.

Mother's Day sale - Friday 13th March

The team have gone for a different range of items and a new pre-selling system for our upcoming Mother's Day sale. We would love it if Dads (and possibly some of you mums) could pre-order your Mother's Day gifts using the following link. Collection from the pick-up point at the sale, unless your child is attending After School Club, in which case we will ensure they come home with them. A small number of items will be available to buy on the day.

[Mother's Day Gift Pre-order Shop](#)

We will have beautiful bouquets, pretty primroses in pots and special Mother's Day gift wrapped chocolate bars as well as cards to purchase.

Make sure that you pre-order to guarantee your gift, ready for the special day on Sunday 15th March!

Fruity Friday

Friends of School (along with support from Tesco) are proud to finance and support the children in the Healthy Heroes team to provide a fruity drink to all children on Friday 27th March. We hope your children enjoy it.

Adults only Quiz night!

A date for the diary! On Friday 24th April, we will be hosting a Let's Get Quizzical Quiz! So, text and ring your school friends and create a team, for a fun night of laughing, drinking and quizzing! More details and how to book on, will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Easy ways to support us

- Easyfundraising: don't forget to use the easyfundraising app when doing your shopping for an easy way to raise funds for school. £795 raised so far!
- Parents lottery: The Parent Lottery has raised £120 for the school just in February! If you haven't signed up yet, 60p of your £1 to play is donated to us and you are in with a chance of winning cash prizes! <https://shorturl.at/N9W5g>

Safeguarding – Term 4 theme

Our Safeguarding and Inclusion theme for term 4 is Protected Characteristics

Our Safeguarding Team is:

Mrs Franklin (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mr Robbins (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs Whiddington (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs Hendy (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Colin Clements (Safeguarding Governor)



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 – Hugo R-T
Caterpillars – Atena S
Dragonflies – Leni L-P
Bumblebees – Varshvini V
1KP – Aaron B
1R – Cami A
1P – Rosie J
2DL – Arthur L
2VR – Caia J
2D – Ananya S
3B – Albie S

3DS – Juliusz S
3H – Albie S-W
4LW – Harrison C
4JW – Fearne M
4PHW – Drew D
5TC – Iqra B
5C – Penny S
5H – Harper-Lilly C
6B – Joey B
6J – Sophie J
6W – Iris L

