



# WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a great start to the new academic year at West Kirby Primary School. As we come to the end of the first full week, many of the children are tired and ready for the weekend. I am sure many of them will be looking forward to Saturday and Sunday, ready to recharge for Monday morning. It has been lovely chatting with some of the children about their after-school activities that they have restarted or those who are beginning new experiences, such as Brownies, Swimming, Football, Tae-kwon-do etc.

Our Year 3 children headed off to Barnstondale today for a full day of exciting outdoor activities. Due to the change in term dates/inset days at the end of last academic year we had to postpone this for them, as they should have gone at the end of Year 2. I am sure it has been worth the wait and I am sure they will have lots to tell you on their return. I had an update at lunch time to say they were having a great time making dens and lighting fires!

## Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher Meetings this week. We hope you found the meetings informative. Please do not worry if you could not attend. We have uploaded the information from each of the meetings onto our website [West Kirby Primary School - Home](http://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk)

Once you are on our website, please click on **Parents** in the top tabs and then **Meetings for Parents**. You can then select the phase e.g., KS1, LKS2 or UKS2 depending on which one you need to access.

## Contact us

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact our phase leaders using the key stage emails. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

Phase	Phase Leader	Phase Email address
EYFS	Mrs Catt	<a href="mailto:eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">eyfs@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
KS1	Mrs Hughes	<a href="mailto:ks1@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">ks1@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
LKS2	Mr Procter	<a href="mailto:lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">lks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
UKS2	Mrs McCann	<a href="mailto:uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk">uks2@westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk</a>
	School Office	<a href="mailto:schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk">schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk</a>

## Secondary School Open Evenings

Many Secondary Schools are holding their Open Evenings in September and October for current Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Listed below are some of the upcoming events - St Anselm's College and Upton Hall School held their event this week.

- Calday Grange Grammar School Open Evening – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (6:00-8:00pm)
- West Kirby Grammar School Open Evening – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September (6:00-8:00pm)

- Mosslands Open Evening – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September (6:00-8:00pm)
- Neston High School – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September (5:00 – 8:00pm)
- Birkenhead High School Academy – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September (6:00-8:30pm)
- Hilbre High School Open Evening – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September (6:00-8:00pm)
- Clare Mount Specialist Sports College – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (4:00 – 5:00pm) **Parents only**
- Pensby High School – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October (6:30-8:30pm)
- Queen's Senior School – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October (Open Morning)

These are the secondary schools that have made us aware of their Open Days. There may be other schools that you wish to visit. Most schools have their Open Days advertised on their websites.

This link may also be useful for secondary school selection and transition.

[Secondary school open events - Family Toolbox](#)

### Important Dates

These are some of the upcoming dates for the next few weeks

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Year 4 Parent & Carer Residential Meeting (9:00am in the School Hall)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Trip to the beach for those children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge (more details to follow soon)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: European Day of Languages
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:45 – 10:00am (School Hall organised by the PTA)
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Year 5 STEM Outdoor Learning at Royal Liverpool Golf Club (more details to follow soon)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Class 5 Swimming
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October: EYFS Parents/Carers to Visit School Library (1:00-3:00pm)
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: World Mental Health Day
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Year 1 Share a story (2:40-3:05pm)
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Meeting (6:00pm via Teams)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Year 6 Residential (Winmarleigh Hall – PGL)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Year 1 Come Dine with Me (11:30am)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: KS1 Seasonal Walk (pm)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' Evening (face to face in school)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Year 2 Come Dine with Me (11:30am)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening (online via Teams)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3 Harvest Festival (9:00am in the School Hall)

*\*Please note this is not all the dates, please keep checking the online calendar on our school website for added dates/events. [West Kirby Primary School - Calendar](#)*

### Playground Equipment

A polite reminder that the Trim Trail and all of the equipment in the EYFS area is not to be used by children before or after school. We also request that there are no ball games on the playground before and after school. In addition, all bikes and scooters should be dismounted at the school gates and walked/pushed to the bike racks/scooter racks.

## **Nuts**

A reminder that we are a nut free school. Our school kitchen has no nut products or products that may contain nuts. We have children in our school who have nut allergies. Therefore, we politely ask that there are no nut products in snacks or lunchboxes – this includes Nutella items.

## **WAVES**

WAVES is our inhouse before and after school provision, which is organised and run by WKPS staff. This ensures that the continuity is there for the children and communication between the school day and our before and after school provision is effective.

All bookings for WAVES are managed through the School Office. We have moved to block bookings so that WAVES staff know who to expect and Parents/Carers know that they have a space for your child/children for the half term. However, we know for some families a block booking may not work due to family circumstances e.g. shift workers, parents who work away or families where child care arrangements differ. If this is the case, please contact the School Office and they can personalise your booking for you. We just ask that you provide us with as much notice as possible.

## **PTA**

Our PTA have supported us this week providing refreshments at the Meet the Teacher Meetings and today they have held their first Tea/Coffee morning of the academic year. Thank you to the PTA for organising this and to those of you who attended -tea, coffee, toast and cake is a great start to a Friday morning! The next PTA event is next Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> September), which will be our Macmillan Coffee morning. Please come and join us – 8:45am onwards.

If you would like to become involved with our PTA – please drop them an email.

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## **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) – UPDATE**

In my letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 I made reference to RAAC. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in schools, colleges and other building construction from the 1950s until the mid1990s. Our school was fully surveyed in June 2023; the outcome of this survey is expected within 3-5 months of the inspection. We have since had an email from Wirral Local Authority which stated The Department for Education have not informed Wirral Council that any of the schools which have been identified as to having RAAC are in our area. We have continued to comply with any DfE or Wirral requests and await the report.

I wish you all a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey  
Headteacher