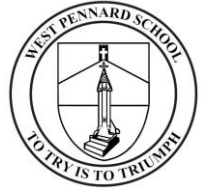




# Weekly Newsletter



**Written for the Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to share with you a conversation I had last Friday with the Bikeability teacher who works in a wide-range of Somerset schools. I asked her how she had got on with the second group of Year 6s and she remarked how West Pennard was a super school and that she really enjoys coming here. She said that it is unusual to find a school where **all** the children are so polite and well-behaved. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Potter who gave up another two of her days to help with this ☺

I would also like to say how proud I was of our school on Wednesday when I had the privilege of sharing it with our SIAMS inspector. During our learning walk, we were expertly greeted by the class monitors who did an excellent job of explaining their learning. The children were courteous and welcoming throughout the day and it was particularly touching when a Year 5 child at after school club came up to the inspector as she was leaving and wished her a 'Good Evening'.

Finally, the country dancing event due to take place tomorrow at Wells Cathedral has been cancelled. We were notified this morning that the Green is already waterlogged. We will endeavour to provide an opportunity for our dancers to show off what they have learnt at some point before the end of term. Thank you to Mrs Clarke who has given up lots of her time to teach the children the dances.

With warm wishes  
Jo Hale

**Menu Week 2**

## Quote of the week

Compassion is an action word  
with no boundaries.  
Prince

## Class Attendance

Please see below class attendance figures for last week:

<b>Year R:</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
Year 1:	97.3%
Year 2:	98.3%
Year 3:	96.1%
Year 4:	95.8%
Year 5:	97.1%
Year 6:	97.5%

Congratulations to **Year R** for having the highest attendance last week!



Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' for today's assembly:

- Year R: **Alesha & Zackary**
- Year 1: **Thea, Kacey-Leigh & Noah**
- Year 2: **Cameron & Oliver**
- Year 3: **Kobe & Rudy**
- Year 4: **Carmen & Evie G**
- Year 5: **Felicity & Oliver R**
- Year 6: **Toby B & Daniel F**

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week.

**Please can children return their badges to the school office the following Friday. Please ensure they give their name so we can cross them off the list.**

***If your child has received an award outside of school, then we would love to be able to present them with it in our weekly celebration assembly.***

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### Year 5 Trip to Museum of Somerset

Year 5 took a trip back in time on Wednesday and had a brilliant Anglo-Saxon day at the Museum of Somerset, in Taunton. Not only did we explore the museum, we had the opportunity to make Anglo-Saxon crafts of our own; writing our names in Runes and creating our own Alfred jewels!

### Sad News

We received some very sad news yesterday evening. Rachel Hawkins, who has a long association with the school, working here for many years in various different roles, as a neighbour and also a past parent of children at the school, sadly passed away yesterday after a long illness. She was so loved by us all at West Pennard. She made such a difference to children's lives, fostering a love of the world around us through her work with Forest School, but also through being the very supportive and lovely person that she was. Our love and deepest sympathies go to her family and friends during this difficult time.

Mr Wheat

### Big Questions Board

This week's Big Question was inspired by Alisson Becker and Moura, two footballers who played in the Champions League Final on Saturday.

#### **Should we live West Pennards's Christian values outside school? Why?**

Some of the wonderful thought provoking answers we had include

'Yes, so everybody passes it on.'

'Yes, because you should treat other people the way you would want to be treated.'

'Yes, because just because you are in a different place doesn't mean you should act differently.'

'Yes, because you should be kind wherever you are.'

'Yes, because if we are kind to other people they will be kind back and our community will be a better place.'

By the way, everyone who took part said yes!

I wonder how you would have answered this question. If you do have any responses to this (and other Big Questions in subsequent weeks) please send them into school, we would love to share the debate with you!

### Summer Fayre – Raffle Tickets

Please send in your raffle tickets and money to the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please note if you purchased any tickets for the May Fayre these can still be used. If you require any more please contact the office.

### Cake Sale in aid of WWF

We will be running a cake sale on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 3.15pm** in aid of WWF. Please help support this event by baking delicious cakes (please bring to the office). See attached poster for more details.

### New Arrival in Year R

Wow! Look what arrived in Year R this week .... We now have our very own mud kitchen to use in our child initiated learning. This new resource is already proving a hit with the children!



### Class Photos

If your child was in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the class photos the order form was sent home earlier on Wednesday/Thursday this week. Please can you return your orders to the office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Many thanks

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### Sports Day

It's that time of year again where we look for the next Usain Bolt or Jessica Ennis-Hill as the children compete in our annual Sports Day. Weather permitting it will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Please can you remind children to come into school dressed in PE kit and in their house colours. Parents – we invite you to attend our afternoon races which will commence from 1pm onwards (first race starting at 1:15.)

This is always a highlight of the school calendar for many children and we are all looking forward to another closely contested event. After last year's triumph for Lyonesse (by just 1 point!), Avalon, Camelot and Tintagel will be keen to get their hands on the winners' trophy!

Mr Bisgrove

### Country Dancing Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Unfortunately due to the weather the Somerset Dance Festival in Wells has been cancelled due to the weather so the Country Dancing won't be taking place. We are hoping to perform some of the dances at the Summer Fayre with the dancers who are able to make it. They have done an amazing job and we are keen to show them off!

### Dates for next week

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Pilgrim Day Rounders Match – Walton School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming Gala
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year R and Year 6 – Heights and Weights Cake Sale for WWF

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