Warren Academy Newsletter

A message from our Head of School

Well done Year 6!

Year 6 have been busy completing the statutory SATs tests over the course of the last week. They have truly lived out our school values of compassion and commitment every single day, showing how hard they have been working to complete these tests to the very best of their ability. They celebrated on Friday with lots of treats – Mr Holder brought the class a special celebration cake with a photo of the class on, and they got to have a pizza party and a special visit from Luigi the Ice Cream man!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the wider staff team who have supported Year 6 during their whole time at Warren – whether it has been running additional booster sessions, supporting to make toast at breakfast club, or being an emotional support at any time the children have needed. We are very lucky to have such a supportive group of teachers working at Warren Academy.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the parents and carers for their continued support – I'm sure you are as proud as we are of the children and we look forward to moving into the final term of exciting activities and celebrations with you.

L.E.A.D Academy Trust Primary Parliament elections!

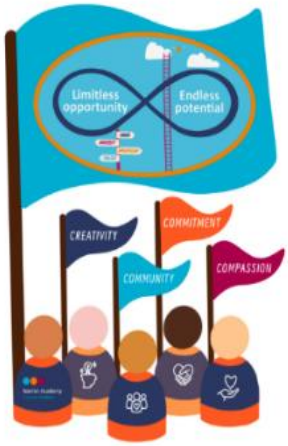
Many children in Y3, 4 and 5 have put themselves forward to take part in an election for the role of 'leader' or 'deputy' in the L.E.A.D Academy Trust Parliament Parliament. Children elected into these roles will represent Warren Academy at meetings with other Academies from across the trust. The children have been busy working independently on their own election campaigns, and we have seen some excellent examples of ideas to win votes! We will be taking part in a democratic vote on Wednesday afternoon to find out who our 2 new representatives will be!

This half term has flown by and as we move into the final half term of the academic year, we have lots planned for parents and carers to join us for. Please take time to look at the diary dates section of the newsletter to find out what we have coming up and we look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Salam

Head of School



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Attendance matters

A message from Mrs Neat – our attendance officer

Attendance is an area we are continuing to work on across the school for this academic year. We hope to continue to see the efforts that parents and carers are going to, to ensure that children are in school every day. Please continue to maintain this in the summer term, to ensure the best possible progress for your child at school.

If you need any help or support, please get in touch with us. We are here to help.

Weekly attendance target: 96%

Last week's overall attendance: 94.30%

F1: 93.30%

F2: 95.50%

Y1: 90.34%

Y2: 97.80%

Y3: 92.90%

Y4: 90.20%

Y5: 96.40%

Y6: 99.00%

This week's attendance: 96.00%

F1: 97.30%

F2: 96.80%

Y1: 88.20%

Y2: 94.80%

Y3: 96.00%

Y4: 90.60%

Y5: 95.30%

Y6: 99.20%

Attendance-opoly Prizes:

1st: Y6 with 99.20% won a Talent Show

2nd: F1 with 92.30% won hot chocolate and cookies

3rd: F2 with 96.80% won free cake

4th: Y3 with 96% won an extra P.E. lesson

Attendance processes if your child is absent from school

- All parents and carers are expected to notify school if your child is unable to attend and give reason as to why they are absent.

If your child's attendance is above 90%

- If we do not receive communication from you, a text message will be sent to find out why your child is absent.
- If your child is well enough to attend in the afternoon, we encourage you to bring your child in, as they will receive an attendance mark for the afternoon session.
- We expect for you to continue to communicate with school on a daily basis if your child continues to be absent from school.
- If we do not receive communication from you, a house visit will be completed.

If your child's attendance is below 90% - persistently absent

- If we do not receive communication from you, school will phone you by 9.30am to find out why your child is absent.
- Medical evidence, if your child is absent from school as they are unwell, will be requested from you.
- If medical evidence is not provided to school for your child's absence, we will complete a house visit to discuss your child's absence with you.
- If 3 home visits are made in a term, school will need to consider whether a referral to social services is required due to educational neglect.

Lateness and unauthorised absence

- **There has been a significant increase in the number of children that are arriving late to school.**
- **All children should arrive at school by 8.50am**.
- **If your child arrives past 9.30am, their attendance for the morning session will be classed as unauthorised, and this will negatively impact their attendance.**
- **You can receive a fine from the local authority for continued lateness past 9.30am, as this is considered to be unauthorised absence from school.**

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance further, please speak to a member of our attendance team. We will provide support to families to ensure your child is able to attend school:

- **Mrs Neat** – Attendance officer
- **Mrs Salam** – Head of School
- **Mrs Ford –** DSL and Inclusion Leader
- **Mrs Curtis** – School Business Manager

Your child's class teacher will also be happy to discuss your child's attendance with you. **We are here to help you!**

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Attendance matters

Statutory attendance updates for the DfE

From 19th August 2024, the Department for Education is implementing statutory guidance for school to implement in regards to attendance. A link to the guidance can be found here: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The guidance includes information on the following:

Term Time Holidays

We understand the frustration of holidays increasing in price during school holiday times. However, the impact of taking holidays during the term has a significant impact on the child's achievement and academic progress. It also undermines the school's rich curriculum as key knowledge is missed on their learning journey. From the start of the next academic year, Warren Academy will issue penalty notices for unauthorised term time holidays where appropriate to do so. Please take this into account before booking holidays during term time next academic year - there are 175 non-school days during the year in which to take holidays. As a result of the change in statutory guidance, penalty notices are now more severe, and monitoring is over a 3-year basis. Further information about costs of fines is detailed below.

Unauthorised Absences

Schools must consider all unauthorised absences for a penalty notice. The new threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school day is divided into two registration sessions, AM and PM. If these registrations are missed for unauthorised reasons, it may lead to penalty. Unauthorised absence can be:

- An unauthorised holiday, as explained above
- Reason has not been established as to why the child is absent
- The school is not satisfied that the reason given is one that can be recorded as authorised
- Being late after registers have closed (30 minutes after the start of the school day)

Fines

Whilst there are many changes, one of the most significant changes are around the penalty notices issued for unauthorised attendance. These fines are per parent, per child and have been increased.

First Offence – The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 rolling years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 rolling years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

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Other information this week…

Key dates

Summer term	
Date	**Event**
19.5.25	Cultural Identity Day
19.5.25/20.5.25	Y6 Bikeability
26.5.25	May Half Term
2.6.25	Return to School
WB 9.6.25	Start of Year 4 multiplication checks Start of Year 1 Phonics Screening tests
16.6.25	**Inset day – school closed today**
23.6.25	Y6 Swimming lessons begin today
26.6.25-27.6.25	Year 2 and Year 3 residential to White Post Farm
1.7.25/2.7.25	Y6 Common Transition Day
3.7.25	Nottingham Playhouse Drama Club Shine Performance (evening)
3.7.25	Sports Day
14.7.25-16.7.25	Y5/6 Residential to Walesby Forest
17.7.25/18.7.25	Transition mornings to new classes
17.7.25	Burrow Staycation
18.7.25	Annual reports sent out to parents
22.7.25	Y6 Performance afternoon showing – 2pm Evening performance – 6pm
24.7.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly
24.7.25	Last Day of Term – school closes at 2pm Family Picnic

Achievements this week!

Well done to the following children who have been given a certificate in our celebration assembly today!

F1: Inaya and Viktor

F2: Brodie for trying really hard with his independent reading & Elsie for showing maturity and taking responsibility for her friends and her work.

Y1: Remi-Mai for great writing improvement & Indie for great knowledge of plants.

Y2: Kimberley for great knowledge of o'clock and half past & Alfie for enthusiasm in our Geography lessons – so much knowledge about the Arctic!

Y3: Mason for great listening skills on his magnifying of a tomato & Jeffrey for being an excellent role model with his learning behaviour.

Y4: David for being inspired in lesson and creating work at home & Damien for settling into Warren well.

Y5: Lokuthula for showing dedication and enthusiasm for all her learning & Thomas for showing creativity when using figurative language.

Y6: Poppy & Aurijah for great focus, determination and effort throughout SATs week.

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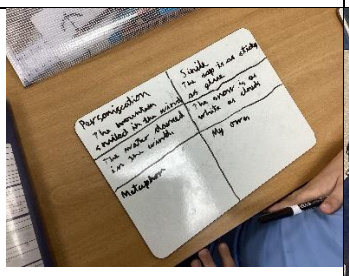
Curriculum news

Learning across our year groups this week

Egg and cress sandwich anyone! F1 have been busy working on their executive function skills as well as growing cress, the glorious weather has helped speed up the process!	F2 have been making our own mini beasts using small tree logs! They have been learning about different bugs and keeping our eyes peeled for them when in our outside areas.	Year 1 have worked hard as a team to try and beat the bats person in PE this week. They practised batting, fielding and bowling. Great teamwork all round Year 1!	Year 2 have been practicing their striking and fielding skills in PE.
			
Year 3 have been practicing their French this week by exploring how to say different flavours of ice cream.	Year 4 investigated how heat can affect solids by timing how long it takes to melt a chocolate button!	This week Year 5 have written some amazing sentences about the rainforest using figurative language. Children thought carefully about how to describe the setting using their 5 senses.	Class Six have worked hard this week, preparing for and sitting their Year 6 SATs - well done!

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Learning in the Burrow this week

In The Burrow this week, the children have been having fun and exploring how to make different types of sound. They have been using different instrument to make loud and quiet sounds! They have also been looking at familiar stories, pointing out different characters.

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Curriculum news

Enrichment around school

We are very excited to share that the podcast that Mrs Salam and Miss Pithers have created with the Priority Literacy team! The podcast is all about Reading for Pleasure - have a listen to it via the links!

https://open.spotify.com/show/10UBDVYa3Yy5grufIUQ1hU?si=YxaywMPvST2qx5KpD8XAC

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https://www.youtube.com/@PriorityLiteracy

You can also watch a promotional video that was made for the Priority Literacy project here at Warren Academy. It stars some of our pupils from across school and we are very proud of the final outcome!

YouTube

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Curriculum news

Enrichment around school

The Burrow have had a carnival to celebrate the end of their topic!

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Curriculum news

Enrichment around school

We celebrated VE day's 80th anniversary with a non-uniform day and a cake and ice lolly sale at the end of the day!

EYFS held a 'bring a plant' day, where the children brought in different types of plants and spend the day planting them in the outdoor area! Thank you to everyone who was able to donate a plant for this!

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Curriculum news

Enrichment around school

Year 4 visited the River Trent Embankment last week as a part of their learning on Rivers and Mountains. They completed a river study, including drawing maps, completing a river use survey, and they explored what Meadow Lock was used for!

Curriculum news

Enrichment around school

Fl have been checking in on their bug hotel we set up last week in forest school. They found lots of creepy crawlies!

F2 had a great visit to Bestwood Country Park with Year l! They explored the trees, plants and flowers that grow there and made their own nature crowns. They also thought about ways they can look after the environment.

Achievements outside of school

We love celebrating the children's achievements from outside of school, as it demonstrates how they are living out our values in all areas of life. It especially shows the commitment the children have to learning a new skill or hobby.

We are incredibly proud of Flynn in Year 5, who has a true love of Jujitsu. Flynn has shown hard work and dedication to this sport since he was 4 years old has w. At the age of 10, he has worked for 2 whole years to earn a new belt - this belt is held by only a handful of others within Flynn's age bracket across the whole UK. What an amazing achievement - well done Flynn!

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Safeguarding news

An update from Mrs Ford, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Letting your children play outside alone.

Is there any other child-raising issue that is more controversial than children playing outside alone?

Creating an environment and upbringing that fosters independence means providing spaces and opportunities for children to explore, make choices and engage in activities with a sense of freedom and self-direction. However, balancing the need for children to develop confidence and independence with real safety concerns is the issue.

There is no one-size-fits-all answer to when it's safe for a child to be left alone, or to play outside unsupervised. It's a matter of individual child maturity, neighbourhood safety, and parental comfort. However, most parents begin allowing children to play outside unsupervised around ages of 10.7.

What the law says:

Although there is no specific legal age in the UK, it is an offence to leave your child unsupervised if it puts them at risk. The NSPCC suggests waiting until a child is 12 years old and comfortable, before being left alone.

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How to make playing outside alone safer

Letting children play outside unsupervised can involve several risks, including the possibility of accidents, getting lost, or encountering strangers or risky situations. If you think you're ready to let your child go outside and play alone, there is a lot you can do to help you keep your children safe.

Know the risks

- Know your neighbour hood, with your child's roaming in mind. Note potential dangers, like heavy traffic, teen and adult hangouts, overgrown areas and questionable businesses etc and warn your child about them.

- It's not enough to simply know where your child intends to go. You need to know who they'll be going there with. Have your child invite their friends over so that you can meet them. Get together with their parents too.

- Go for a walk with your child. Let them lead the way. Show them where they can and cannot go, the types of situations to avoid and what to do and where to go if there is a problem. You'll also get the chance to see where your child is likely to go in case you need to look for them.

- Set boundaries. Set check in times, too. Make sure they know that if they break the rules, there will be consequences. If they don't clearly understand their boundaries, they're too young to go out alone.

- Teach your child their full name, address and contact numbers. Don't let them roam until they know them.

- You may also want to consider giving your child a mobile phone. Did you know you can restrict the phones use to only calling you and / or and emergency number?

- Finally, always listen to your child, there is so much you can learn from them. If they feel uncomfortable going out along, don't pressure them, take what they tell you seriously. Your best line of defence for children playing outside alone is the child themselves.

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Our lunch menus

WEEK 1

Relish

Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Jamaican Chicken Curry to go with Mixed Rice, Peas	Roast Chicken to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Beef Enchilada to go with Side Salad	Cod in Batter to go with Chips, Peas
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Jamaican Quorn to go with Mixed Rice, Peas	Quorn Roast to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Quorn Enchilada to go with Side Salad	Quorn Sausages to go with Chips, Peas
Combo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
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...and to finish!	Chocolate Ice Cream	Jam & Coconut Sponge	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Ice Lolly
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

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Our lunch menus

WEEK 2

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese to go with Mixed Pasta	Sausage Roll to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Fish Fingers to go with Baked Beans, Chips	Tuna Mayo Baguette Ham Baguette to go with Tortilla Crisps
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognaise to go with Mixed Pasta	Cheese, Pepper & Onion Roll to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn Vegan Fishless Fingers to go with Baked Beans, Chips	Cheese Baguette to go with Tortilla Crisps
Combo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
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Step 2 ...and to finish!	Jam Sponge	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Ice Lolly
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

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Our lunch menus

WEEK 3

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Sausage to go with Peas, Roast Potatoes	Sticky Chicken to go with Mixed Rice, Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon to go with Mixed Veg, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Chicken Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Quorn Sausages to go with Peas, Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Curry to go with Mixed Rice, Sweetcorn	Quorn Roast to go with Mixed Veg, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Vegan Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Combo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
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Step 2 ...and to finish!	Homemade Chocolate Muffins	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Ice Lolly	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Chocolate Ice Cream
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

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