

Westgate Academy Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024



Our Westgate Stars

Darwin	Rosie & David	Lancaster	Amaya & Ted
Seacole	Blessing & Joshua	Hampden	Felix H & Isaac H
Tennyson	Vic & Grace	Spitfire	Valentins & Kai
Nightingale	Elizabeth & Reece	Dakota	Eleanor & Poppy

Attendance

This week's best attenders are Darwin with 99.43%, Hampden on 98.46% followed closely by Nightingale with 98.33%

Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to Spitfire for topping the league this week!

Speller of the Week - Isla Cu in Spitfire

Top Speller 1 - Roja in Lancaster

Top Speller 2 - Macey-Leigh in Dakota

Please remind your children not to spend hours and hours on the games each night. They need to go on regularly but not for long periods of time.

School Photographs

Wrates School Photography are due to take school photographs on 10/10/2024. To receive early access and important updates, please register your child/children here:

<https://order.wrates.co.uk/register/?code=JRK6UNVWWS>. This link will close 2 working days before the photos are taken. Please be assured that if you don't register, your children will still be photographed, and a photographic proof card will be given to them to bring home.

If you have any problems, please email schools@wrates.co.uk or call them directly on 0800 028 8221. Wrates School Photography

Nut Free School - Update

The FSA is advising people who have a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder or mustard flour because they may have been contaminated with peanuts. For the safety of our children with allergies we would ask you to be vigilant regarding bringing these ingredients into school.

Here is the latest update from the FSA (Food Standards Agency) regarding the recent incident of mustard powder contaminated with peanut. The source has been identified in India and a list of products affected is included in this link: [Urgent Allergy Advice: Mustard Ingredients Contaminated with Peanuts | Food Standards Agency](#)

Kind regards

Food Education Team

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Boxes - Year 3

Please could you send your child into school next week with a cardboard box, they can then safely transport their pottery work home.

Guardian & Teacher Evenings

From 10.00am on Monday 7th October, you will have the opportunity to book a meeting with your child's teacher via the Arbor App. Bookings will close at 17.00 pm on Tuesday 15th October. We would appreciate each child's guardians attending the same meeting, if you are unable to attend together, a follow up telephone appointment can be arranged at a later date. The meetings are being held on:

Wednesday 16th October from 16.00-18.00 pm

Thursday 17th October from 17.00-19.00 pm

Supporting Your Child in Learning Evening 6 -7 pm Wednesday 16th October



As a Trust we have endeavoured to follow best practice and research in all aspects of education and have been a WalkThrus setting since 2020. WalkThrus have recently published a book specifically for students and parents on understanding how we learn as well as strategies for effective learning.

On Wednesday 16th October we will be holding an evening where we will go through strategies for supporting your child in their learning journey. The evening will start at 6 pm in the main hall.

Please sign up using the link or QR code below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=An1hFnkMzEqjOwcLa2YXdYpkU9Ub3v1JsEj11zUtdBUM0s2RFBRSFNLSQ1NU5FV0xVQ003NkpDUi4u>



As a WalkThrus setting we can also offer the book for parents to purchase at £6, please indicate on the sign-up link whether you would like to pre order a copy. A limited number of books will be available on the night to purchase.

Head Teacher's email address - John.beaven@westgate.lincs.sch.uk

A reminder regarding the attendance rules:

Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules



A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law.

These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued.

This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.

Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance



CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS...

STANDARD PRICE, 9AM-4PM = £24.95

EXTENDED DAY PRICE, 8AM-5PM = £29.95

AGES 4-11 (4 YEAR OLDS CAN ONLY BOOK A HALF DAY 8AM-12PM AT £12.95)

Lincoln - BG University
21st - 25th October

North Hykeham - Fosse Way Academy
21st - 25th October

Newark - Newark Magnus Academy
Week 1: 21st - 25th October
Week 2: 28th October - 1st November

Gainsborough - Castle Wood Academy
21st - 25th October

Grimsby - Wybers Wood Academy
21st - 25th October

Stamford - Stamford St Gilbert's Primary*
21st - 25th October

Bourne - Bourne Westfield Academy
21st - 25th October

*9am-4pm £24.95 and 8am-4pm £27.95

All camps are Ofsted Registered and you can pay by childcare vouchers or the government's tax free childcare scheme.

Our Holiday Camp sessions feature a massive selection of games and activities!

They're perfect for children who like to be active and on the move and will incorporate a huge range of sports as well as team-work activities and fun games to keep your child active and smiling during the holidays!

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



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*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 116677

FOOTBALL SEASON 2024 - 2025



AUTUMN HALF TERM

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

Let's get ready for a kickin' good time!

Regardless of your ability, come join us for skill-building, exciting matches, and thrilling competitions. No one is left on the bench - this is football fun for all!

Monday 21 - Friday 25 October
TIME: 10AM - 3PM AGE: 5 - 12 YEARS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8:30AM

Scan the QR Code to book!
Booking is required, secure your place now!

The Venue at Roses
NORTH WARREN ROAD DN21 2TU

Parental consent is mandatory for children under 16, and participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the sessions.

£10 PER DAY OR £40 FOR THE WEEK (5 DAYS)

Book your place now!



GOT A QUESTION? Email: enquiries@gainsboroughtrinityfoundation.com or call 07788 185743

INFO VENUE COST DATE/TIME