

# NEWSLETTER

## Message from Mr O' Regan

Thank you for all your support with our events this week– the Teddy Bears Picnic was greatly enjoyed by our Reception parents and carers. The children in Y1, Y2 and Doves were confident in their Talk for Writing assemblies– the first since March 2020. Please have a look at the events below for the remainder of term– note that these may be cancelled at short notice.

Individual Photos	15.11.2021
Reception Talk for Writing Assembly	16.11.2021 2:30 p.m. in the hall
New Reception for September 2022 event	22.11.2021 10:00- 11:00 A.M.
New Reception for September 2022 event	23.11.2021 10:00-11:00 A.M. 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Reception and Year 1 Nativity	07.12.2021 9:10 A.M. in hall (reception parents to attend)
Reception and Year 1 Nativity	08.12.2021 9:10 A.M. ( Year 1 parents to attend)
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 2 13.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 3 14.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 4 15.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 5 16.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 6 17.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Christmas Non Uniform day- Last day of Term	17.12.2021
Classes resume	05.01.2022

## Excellent Learning and Friendship



## Golden Bugs

Congratulations to our glittering GOLDEN BUGS this week! Your patience, perseverance and resilience with your reading will help you to make super progress across the CURRICULUM!

**KS1:** Roman, Oliver, Jamie, Jack

**KS2:** Teddy

This week's overall CHAMPION BUG is **Ivy-Grace** from Ducklings who completed 8 books! Well done!

Stay golden!



## Y1 Handwriting Heroes

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and a big shout out to **Kala** (Blackbirds) and **Lily** (Robins) who are our Handwriting Heroes.

Our next focus is the 'zig zag' letter family. Click [here](#) for videos to support the correct formation.

Please return your handwriting practice on Monday with your name on it. Good luck heroes!

Year 1 would also like to remind parents and students to bring in pupils' reading records, reading books, phonics books and reading for pleasure books each week to ensure that these are regularly changed. Please keep phonics books and reading books inside the reading record so they are always together.

Phonics books and reading for pleasure books are changed each week, whereas the children's reading books are changed daily.



## Reception—Teddy Bears Picnic

The Reception children, their parents and carers enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic as part of their 'Into The Woods' topic. From running races and crafts to delectable treats, a great time was had by all!



## Individual Photo Day

Van Cols will be visiting on the 15th of November to take individual pupil photos. Please ensure your child/ren are wearing their school jumper. Those pupils with siblings in school will also have their photo taken together. **Pupils in years 3, 4 and 5, please wear your uniform to school on Monday and bring your PE kit to change into so you can look your smartest in your photograph.**



## Start of Day Reminder

We have noticed that some upper key stage pupils are arriving on school grounds up to 20 minutes before their start times. Please take into consideration that the school grounds are not supervised by staff until 8:30 a.m. when the first class doors open.



## School Office

Thank you to everyone who has been using the email system to contact the office with queries and information. This is incredibly helpful and has proved to be the most efficient way of communicating so we would like this practice to continue going forward. Telephone calls will of course still be welcome, especially those of an urgent or safeguarding nature.

## Talk for Writing Assemblies

Parents are invited into school for the final part of the day, at 2:30pm, for a 20 minute assembly. The assemblies will take place in the hall for children to show their learning to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

We look forwards to seeing what future opportunities there are for other year groups to have similar assemblies and to showcase some of our great Talk for Writing with our parents and carers. Please note– COVID-19 measures may mean these are postponed at short notice.

Year Group	Date
Reception	Tuesday 16 November 2021



## Politeness Cup

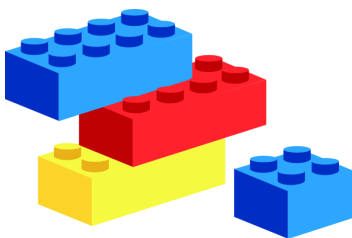
Celebrating our children with impeccable manners who put a smile on our faces. We focus on many POW values each week but we know how politeness can support them all. Well done to Maddison for always being polite across the week and showing others how to remain positive about their learning!





## Year 1 Appeal for Lego

In year 1 this term, the children will be learning all about Lego, including finding out the incredible story of its founder, Ole Kirk Christiansen. To support the topic, we are asking for donations of Lego. If you have any mixed boxes or bags of this incredible toy lying around at home that will no longer be used, we would be delighted to give them a new lease of life at West St Leonards. Please bring your donations in a bag or box to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.



## The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to WSLPA!

We are delighted to welcome back the WSLPA much loved Scholastic Book Fair! Reading is of the utmost importance to us here at WSLPA. We recognise that reading –both to learn and for pleasure –is a sacred knowledge. The children will be previewing the books in school and parents/carers are invited into the school hall from 3.00pm – 3.45pm on their allocated day in order to purchase wonderful books and/or highly desirable stationery items! For those non-fiction fans there will also be a range of books bursting with fascinating facts and stats.

Year Group/s	Date
Reception	Monday 22 November 2021
Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 23 November 2021
Year 3 and Year 4	Wednesday 24 November 2021
Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 25 November 2021

This is a great opportunity to stock up on some rewards for children showing their excellent learning, discover further books by favourite authors, or maybe try out a new genre of fiction! There may even be some good gifts here for festivities happening towards the end of next month.

The money raised by the school will support in acquiring new books for children to read and enjoy in school. This year, we are looking to enhance children's love of poetry and look forwards to using the money to complete our Poetry Book Spine across the school for all children to enjoy.

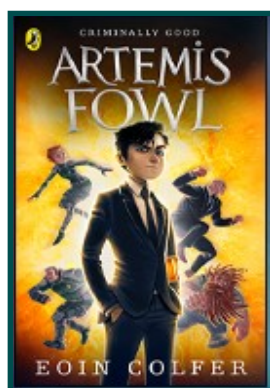
## Recommended Read (Upper KS2)

### Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old villain, Artemis Fowl, is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His bold and daring plan is to hold a leprechaun to ransom. But he's taking on more than he bargained for when he kidnaps Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon (Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance Unit). For a start, leprechaun technology is more advanced than our own. Add to that the fact that Holly is a true heroine and that her senior officer Commander Root will stop at nothing to get her back and you've got the mother of all sieges brewing!

#### About the Author

Eoin Colfer is the megaselling author of the Artemis Fowl series, *Half Moon Investigations*, *The Supernaturalist*, *Airman*, *The Legend of . . .* books and, most recently, the WARP series. He lives with his family in Ireland. [www.eoincolfer.com](http://www.eoincolfer.com)



## Lots of Exciting Learning...

**Year 5** will be going on a trip to Michelham Priory on **14 December 2021**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.38 to be made on ParentPay by **23 November 2021** to support this exciting event.

**Year 3 and Doves** will be participating in a workshop run by Mr Pineapplehead on **10 December 2021**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.70 to be made on ParentPay by **26 November 2021** to support this exciting event.

Voluntary contributions are sought from parents/carers based on the total cost of the workshops and trips. Parents are asked only to contribute to the 'per head' of their child's participation. Should the academy receive insufficient contributions, the workshops and trips risk cancellation.

## PE Reminder

### **PE in Term 2**

We now ask that your child comes into school in PE kit on their PE day. Your child will remain in full PE kit for the whole day. Therefore, please remember to dress appropriately for the weather.

#### **A reminder of the PE kit expectations**

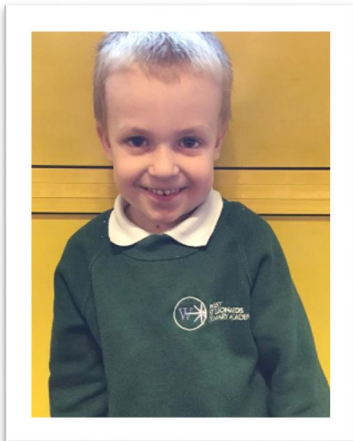
- A white WSLPA t-shirt or plain white top
- Dark green PE shorts
- Dark green or black jogging bottoms/leggings
- An unbranded sweatshirt or school jumper
- Black plimsolls or appropriate sports trainers

<b>Puffins</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Duckings</b>	Thursday and Friday
<b>Robins</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<b>Warblers</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>Sandmartins</b>	Monday and Thursday
<b>Nightingales</b>	Monday and Thursday
<b>Avocets</b>	Monday and Tuesday
<b>Oystercatchers</b>	Monday and Tuesday
<b>Hérons</b>	Monday and Thursday
<b>Cranes</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>Razorbills</b>	Wednesday and Thursday
<b>Swifts</b>	Wednesday and Friday



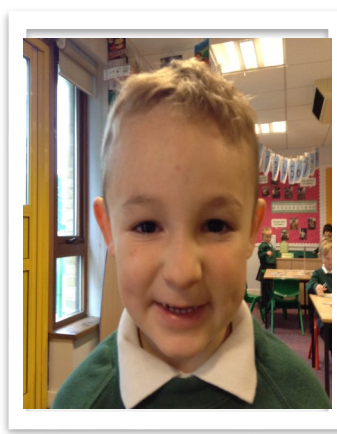
## Gold Awards

We continue to award children each week for showing their POW values and showing Excellent Learning and Friendship. Here are the gold awards for this week.



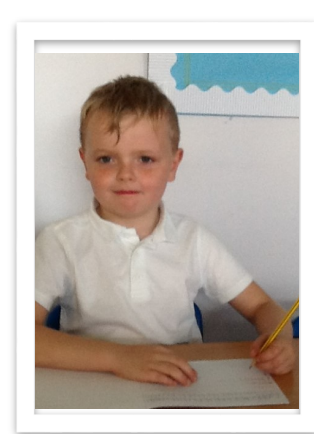
*Puffins-Chase*

*Thank you for your fantastic help in preparing for our Talk for Writing assembly. Mrs Toth could not have done it without you!*



*Ducklings - Theo*

*Theo has been working very hard in all subjects this week! He really enjoyed learning our Talk for Writing text and joining in with the actions. Well done Theo!*



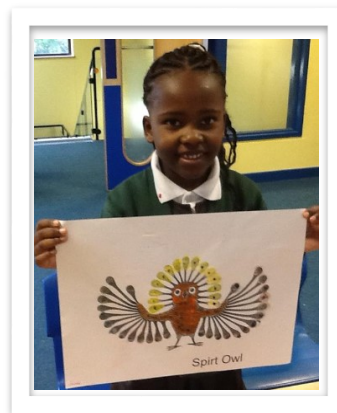
*Robins - Thomas*

*For always finding ways to help the children in the classroom. He is always thoughtful and setting a fantastic example for what it means to be a caring friend to others.*



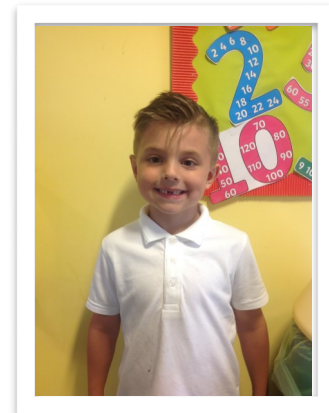
*Blackbirds - Emi-Rose*

*For showing her empathy and compassion by supporting her partner in their learning and guiding them to achieve their goal. Emi-Rose has also shown her thoughtfulness "I think we should all be friends. Why don't we all be friends."*



*Warblers - Zainab*

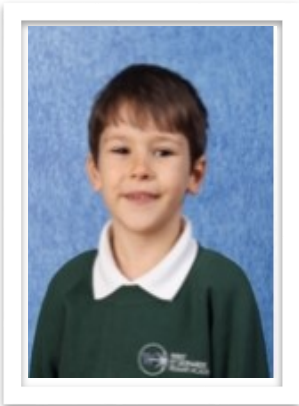
*For her fabulous Inuit artwork! You showed great attention to detail and your usual wonderful enthusiasm. Well done, Zainab!*



*Kingfishers - Nathan*

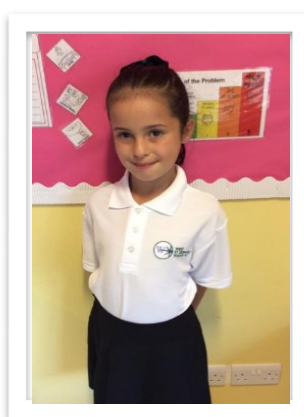
*For working hard towards achieving his targets in Phonics and engaging with his reading both at school and at home. Keep it up Nathan!*





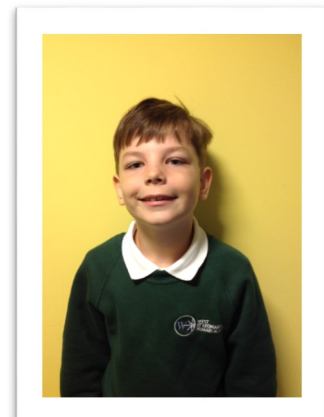
Nightingales - Fletcher

For working so hard on his handwriting this week Well done for taking pride in your presentation and showing your growth mindset!



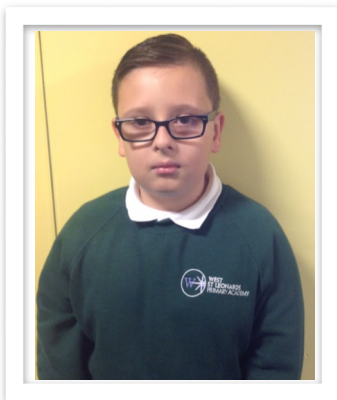
Sandmartins-Aleksandra Mae

For her perseverance with her understanding of the Maths Mastery learning and for being so supportive of her peers during the learning, showing her patience and leadership.



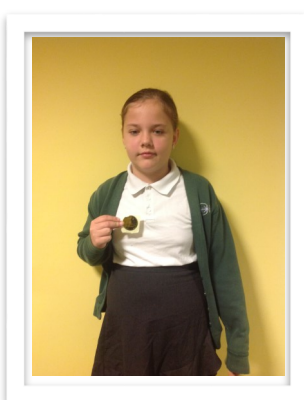
Avocets - Ronnie

Ronnie tries very hard in all areas of his learning, but his work in Science this week was particularly impressive! Keep up the hard work.



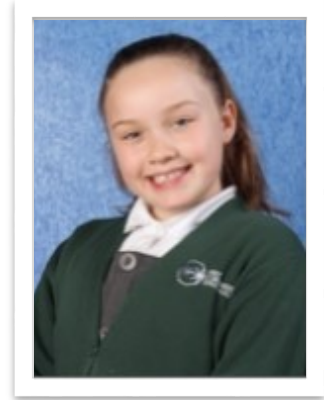
Oystercatchers - Hayden

Hayden for trying really hard this week with his reading and managing to move up a reading level! He has also been really on top of his work at home and is a 7 times reader this week! Well done, keep it up!



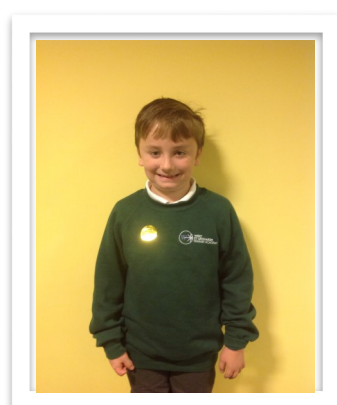
Heron - Elly

For showing her POW value of perseverance in all her work and striving for 5, especially in her innovated writing this week Keep up the good work Elly!



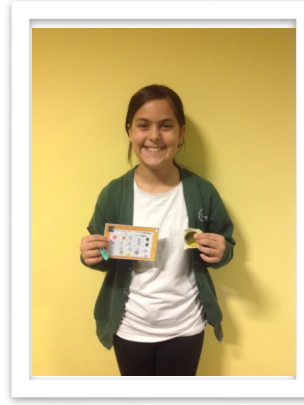
Cranes - Alexis

For her excellent learning and friendship this week Alexis has been showing all her POW values and has taken the time to make sure her peers are supported, happy and safe! What a superstar!



Razorbills - Alfie M

For showing an improved behaviour for learning this term and showing great responsibility with delivering poppies around the school.



Swifts - Scarlett

For her fabulous writing! Scarlett thinks carefully about the language she uses, how she will engage the reader and uses inspiration from her own reading experiences to great effect. Well done.



Doves -George

He has worked fantastically this week, rehearsing for our Talk for Writing assembly. He has also been exceptionally kind and caring towards his friends. Very well done, George!



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# OPEN EVENTS

## 2021

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**Is your child starting school in September 2022?** We welcome you to visit us at our upcoming open events and discover the fantastic opportunities we offer at our Academy. Come along and meet our teachers, students and Principal and take a tour of our learning spaces.

Monday 22 November 2021 at 10.00 – 11.00am

Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 10.00 – 11.00am  
and 6.00-7.00pm

Book HERE



Find out more and register  
for an open event

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## A Survival Guide

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Being a parent to your child when they hit the teen years is hard!

This 6 week programme will help you to understand and navigate the teenage years from hormones, to school life, relationships and family life.

### Schedule

Week One: Development – understanding your child

Week Two: Communication and relationships – building strong connections and positive relationships.

Week Three: Connection and looking after yourself – being present and working with feelings and emotions

Week Four: Behaviour – boundaries and consequences.

Week Five: Trouble Shooting

Week Six: Putting it all together so you feel positive about yourself and confident in your parenting.



### Introducing Jenny

I work with you to form and manage positive, healthy relationships with the people who are most important to you.

I am a fully qualified counsellor and have worked with children, young people and their families for over ten years. I worked in youth and family services in Melbourne and as a school counsellor in East Sussex providing counselling and support to children, young people and their families

The clients I work with have complex and multiple needs such as trauma, grief and loss, relationship and family issues. They have experienced separation and divorce, family violence, emotional and sexual abuse, behavioural problems in children and adolescents and managing life with a mental illness.

I have developed and designed this parenting programme with Holding Space to engage and help local families and parents.

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