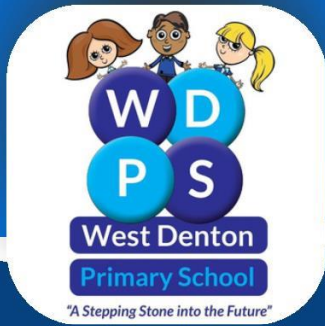




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17th July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have made it to the end of another busy week, term and year at West Denton Primary. We have so much to celebrate and so much to be proud of.



We are delighted at our outcomes across the school, both in terms of statutory and non-statutory assessments. We have made progress in all areas of school including: foundation stage, phonics, key stage 1 and key stage 2 outcomes. We are so proud of how hard the children have worked and the amazing support they have received from our talented and dedicated staff team. We aim to maintain this upwards trajectory of progress over the coming years. Well done!

House winners:

Well done to Sapphire House who have won this year's House Trophy. They have been well led by their House Captain and will be receiving their treat today. A thank you to our first set of House and Vice Captains this year who have been great role models for the children around school.



Staffing:

At this time of year we often have staffing changes in school.

- Miss Jenks has returned to school this week following her maternity leave.
- Mrs Singleton and Miss Richardson will be taking up posts as Assistant Head Teachers with us at West Denton for the coming year.
- After 26 years of service, Mrs Barr has decided to leave West Denton Primary School. We wish her well for the future.
- We are saying goodbye to Lyndsay McMenzie who has been a great support to us at West Denton – she is continuing to work with other schools in the city.
- Mrs Gadsden – who has worked with us since January - is moving onto a new post within our Trust. We are welcoming a new school business manager to West Denton in September.



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- Mrs McHatton will be continuing her brilliant work with attendance in school which is making such a difference.
- Miss Hogarth will be staying with us in September supporting teaching and learning in Key Stage 2.
- Big thank you to Robin who has supported in the den this year.

Goodbyes:

And finally – a big a heart-felt goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children who will be moving on today. Leaving primary school is a bog step in a child’s life – moving from a place where you know everyone and are the ‘big fish’, to a place where you have to start again. This can be daunting but also exciting. Our Year 6 children this year have been absolutely fantastic. They are such a lovely bunch of children with big smiles and kind hearts. You are all fantastic. Goodbye and good luck!



School reopens for children on Thursday 3rd September 2026

Best wishes for a fantastic summer.

Gavin Johnston – Head Teacher

