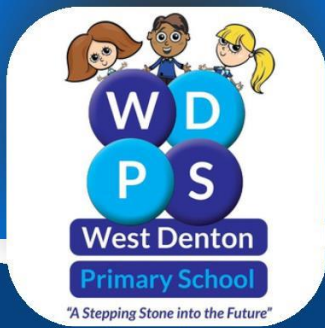




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4th September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to another year at West Denton. We hope everyone has had a relaxing summer break!

As last year, we are hosting welcome meetings starting next week. This is an opportunity to come into your child's classroom with them, meet the staff and find out how things work. On the designated day, come into class with your child at 8.45am. The meetings won't take long but are a good opportunity for you to touch base. The meetings planned are:

- Mon 7th Reception: Poppy and Tulip
- Tues 8th LKS2 (Phase 2): Jasmine, Daisy and Snowdrop
- Wed 9th UKS2 (Phase 3): Bluebell, Thistle and Forget-me-not
- Thurs 10th KS1 (Phase 1): Sunflower, Daffodil and Buttercup

Mrs Williams is restarting cycling sessions. Both the year 5 classes will have cycling this half term - Mr Shiel's class on a Monday afternoon and Mr Jones' class on a Wednesday afternoon.

Parking

Can we remind parents not to park in the housing estate close to driveway into school. There is a free car park next to the Community Association which can be used (used the bays not the double yellow lines).

Uniform

We are really encouraging the importance of uniform as an important part of school life. We are attaching a useful uniform guide for you too. Please work with us to ensure children are ready for school in the correct uniform.

In addition to uniforms, we must state that children are not to bring in any other items to school. This includes squishies, hand sanitiser, jewellery, toys and other items. This is for very important health and safety reasons.

Playground

Thank you for your patience while we are trialling new drop off and collection procedures for the children in Key Stage 2. We are going to be continuing to line the children up the MUGA every morning before they enter school. As a school we are still revising the end of day collection procedures as we are aware that there were issues yesterday.



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Moving forward, the children are going to be lined up at the blue fence in their classes to be handed over to parents and carers at the end of the day. In order to dismiss all children safely to their adult, we are asking that all parents and carers stand **well back** from the lines at the edge of the grass area and then once the class teacher has seen each child's trusted adult, they will be sent over to you; please do not approach the line.

These changes are necessary to ensure that all children kept safe whilst in our care and during the handover.

Staffing:

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

- 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 have said 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 – has moved to a new post within our Trust. We are welcoming a new School Business Manager Miss Elliott to West Denton, she is enjoying being part of the team.
- 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.

We are all excited for the new term and year ahead,

Gavin Johnston – Head Teacher



West Denton Primary School Uniform and Dress Code

September 2026

We thought it would be a good time to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations at West Denton Primary School.

Uniform is an important part of school life. Having the same uniform as their peers allows children to feel a sense of belonging and pride, which is important to us as an inclusive school.

There is no change to P.E. kit next year. We will be asking that children come to school in their P.E. kit on P.E. days. These days will be communicated to you in September, however, please be aware that P.E. uniform will be required for 1-2 days per week. Please bear this in mind when organising uniform for the year ahead.

We have some of pre-loved uniform in school and would be happy to support families with replacement items, so please do visit our school office if you would like to pick up some uniform, all of which has been washed and is in good condition. Our office staff will be happy to help and can act with discretion if you would prefer to organise this via email.

A reminder that, for health and safety reasons, children are permitted to wear only one pair of stud earrings for school, and we require all earrings to be removed independently before a P.E. lesson. If you plan to allow your child to have their ears pierced, we suggest that the summer holidays is an ideal time for this, as this will allow healing time before school recommences in September.

We continue to use Emblematic as our branded uniform provider. A link to their website can be found [here](#). Please see list of uniform items in the pages below.

To support families with the cost of uniforms, please note that we do not require school jumpers and t shirts to be branded.

Many thanks, as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Johnston

West Denton Primary School – Uniform Items

Royal Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan (with or without a badge)



Pale blue Polo Shirt (with or without a badge)



Black or Grey Trousers/Skirt (no tube skirts)/Shorts/pinafore or Blue gingham print dress. No leggings or cycling shorts.



Socks (grey, black, or white) or Tights (grey or black)

Low-heeled Black Shoes (no trainers/crocs - no logos or stripes)

Please see below example of acceptable school shoes.



Hair

Only small bows and hairbands are allowed, and they must be in the school colours or black.

Hair should not be dyed / coloured.

Bags

Children may use a school book bag to carry their belongings.



Our P.E. uniform

Please note, children come to school in P.E. kit 1-2 days per week.

