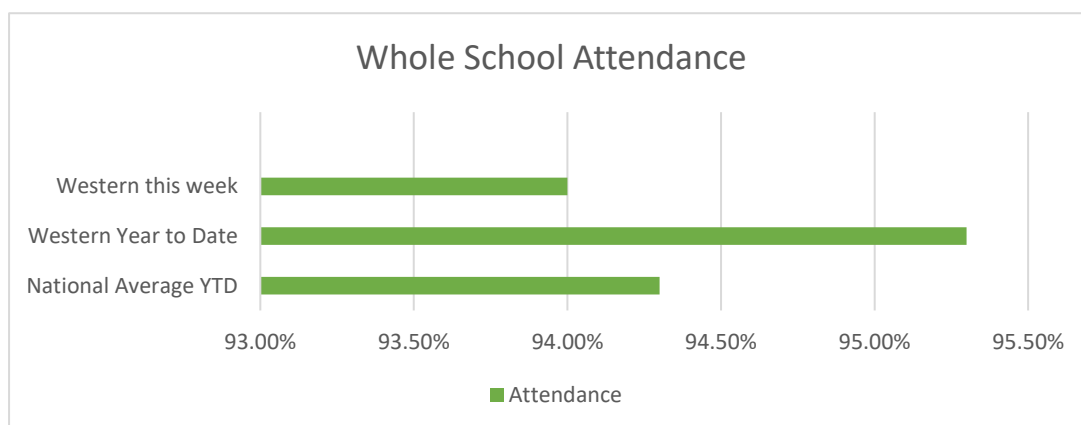


Newsletter

At Western, we aim to develop kind, ambitious, curious, confident and successful young people who are excited about their futures.

Western Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



HAPPY EASTER



Purple Room

What a busy week to finish the term! We started the week with lots of fun in the big playground. We played with hoops, balls and bikes as we practised our skills with our friends.



We have enjoyed doing egg and spoon races which challenged our skills to stay steady as we held the spoon with one hand and carefully travelled across the playground. We then created ramps for our hard-boiled eggs to travel down for our egg rolling activity.



Inside we have enjoyed creating Easter eggs with loose part resources. We have also been exploring in coloured rice and placing chicks into numicom shapes.



On Friday we enjoyed making Rice Krispie cakes. Yum yum! 😊

Happy Easter everyone. See you next term!

Turquoise Room

This week in the Turquoise Room our activities have been inspired by Easter. We have done lots of Easter activities including rescuing the eggs to develop hand-eye coordination, using tweezers in the sensory tray in the coloured rice and we have also done many Easter egg hunts which has been a firm favourite with the children. As always, the children have enjoyed doing creative activities and there have been lots of mark-making opportunities too.

At the beginning of the week, the children enjoyed playing out in the main playground on the bikes and with the sports equipment.

On Friday we all wore Easter hats and had a little parade to show them off. We will upload this to Tapestry.

The Turquoise Team would like to wish everyone a lovely Easter break and we are keeping our fingers crossed for some fine weather!



Green Room

As we come to the end of this term we continue to look at the signs of Spring and Easter.

We have loved making Easter cards for our nearest and dearest, showing how we have developed our independent skills as this was all our own work.

As we were unable to visit the Valley Gardens, we decided to bring the Easter fun to the playground. We enjoyed lots of fun activities in the big playground at the beginning of the week from running races to balancing on boards. We followed this up with an Easter egg hunt on Wednesday around the smaller playground.

We have used our funky fingers to wind wool round egg shapes which helps to strengthen our fine motor skills as well as continuing to develop our love of drawing and colouring with some colour by number activity sheets - a firm favourite ♡.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support this term. All of your children are a real credit you and we love teaching them.

We wish you a happy, restful, memory-making and most important of all, a chocolate-filled Easter. We can't wait to see you all again and continue to develop our love of learning.



Reception

This week in Reception we have had an exciting, busy week. On Monday Mrs. Hayes, a school Governor, came to tell us about her role at Western and read us some stories. On Tuesday we had our Easter walk in Valley Gardens where we did lots of 'eggciting' activities.

We are also very lucky that our reading buddies from Year 5/6 come and read to us on a Friday afternoon which is a lovely end to the week.

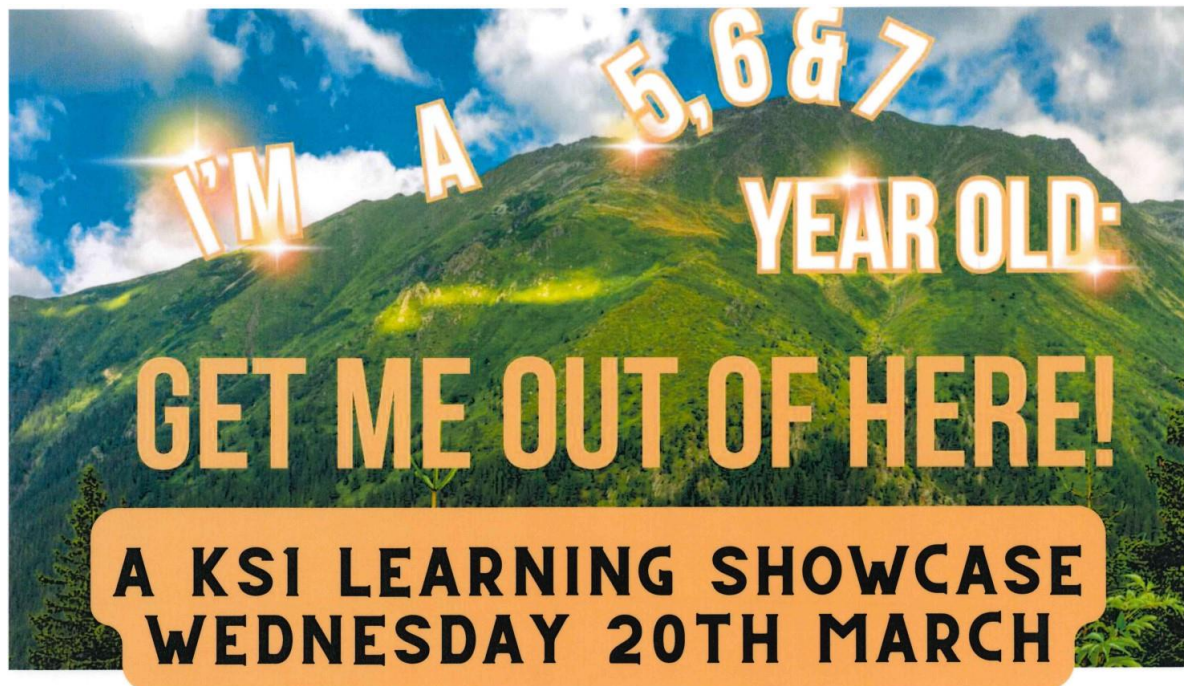
We finished our week by holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade.

Thank you for a wonderful term and we hope you have a restful Easter break.





KS1



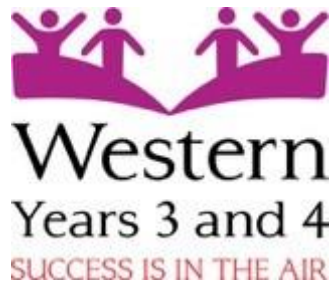
STARRING:
MISS WRAY'S CLASS
MISS MEAD'S CLASS

1ST SHOWING: 1:40 P.M.
2ND SHOWING: 2:30 P.M.

STARRING:
MISS WARD'S CLASS
MISS HERFIELD'S CLASS

What a wonderful show KS1 put on this week! We were so proud of the children as they all stepped up and performed like the stars they are. Thank you so much to all of you who provided such splendid costumes and who came in to watch and support. It was amazing to see how much the children have learned and to watch them shine as they showed it off.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter and a very restful break.



Year 3/4

This week Yr 3/4 showcased their artwork about their learning on rainforests. They were very proud to show off their wonderful work to their parents and carers. Thank you so much to all those who were able to attend.

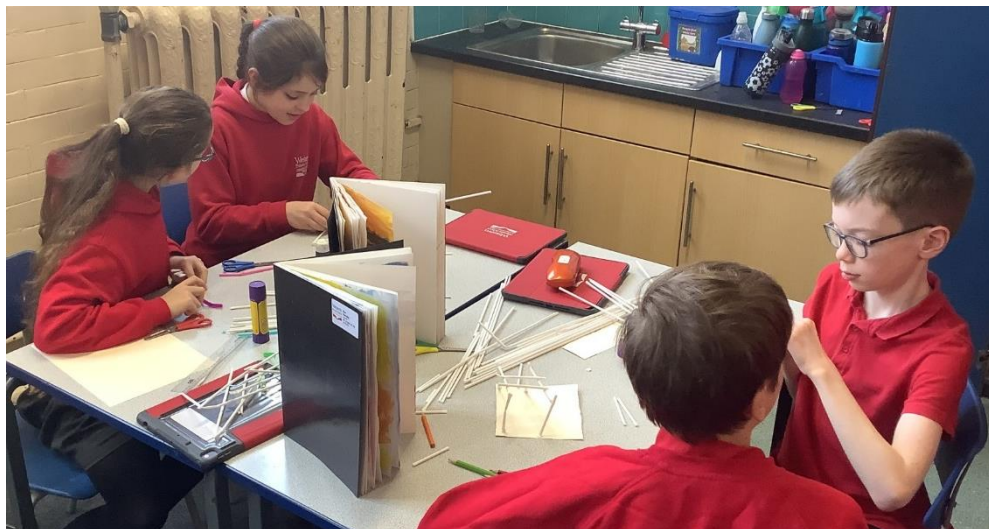
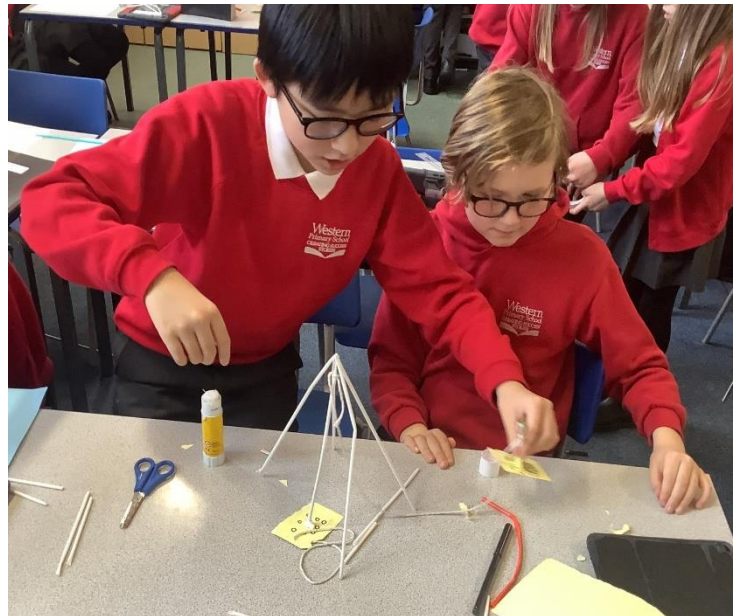
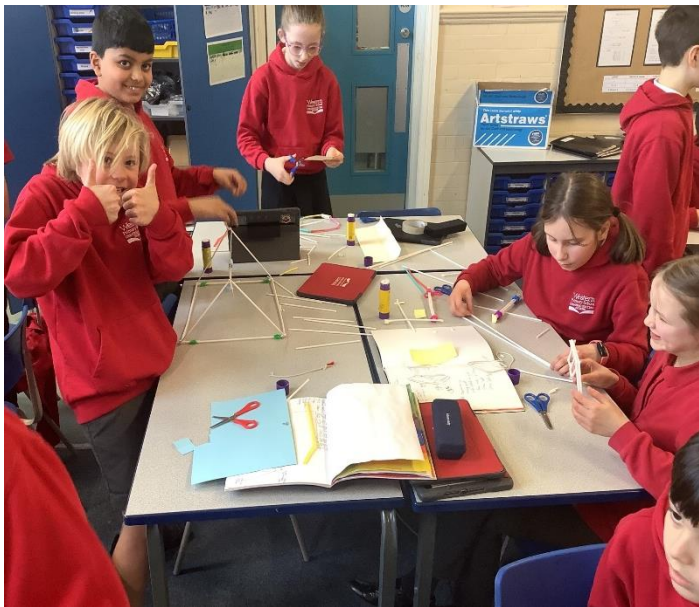


They also enjoyed a fabulous night at the movies.



Year 5/6

We have had a busy week with our end of term presentations on volcanoes and earthquakes. Year 5/6 have created some impressively technical Keynotes, including animations, a glossary and an interactive contents page. Our DT projects (creating model adventure playgrounds) have begun to come together this week. We have really enjoyed seeing the creative ideas the children can come up with. Happy Easter everyone!





Irish Dancing



St Patrick's Day

The Western Irish dance Club danced in York and then in the Millenium Square in Leeds last weekend for the St Patrick's Day Celebrations.

The girls have worked really hard in preparation for this exciting event and it really showed as they shone! WELL DONE you superstars!



Y5/6 NETBALL CLUB

This week saw the last of our sessions with Group 2 and even Mrs Howes and I joined in with a match!

What an amazing bunch these guys have been - an absolute joy to teach! Our netball ninjas this week were Eliza and Charlotte M, who impressed us with their attacking and defending skills.



WATCH THIS SPACE

In the summer term, we are hoping to organise some Y6 matches for our netballers.

Thanks to everyone who has supported netball club this year - both pupils and parents alike. It has been our pleasure!

Miss Riddle and Mrs Howes

Western 10 Experiences

We would like to remind parents and carers about our Western 10 experiences. Each phase of the school has its own 10 experiences which may be opportunities they receive at school as part of the curriculum or may be activities/ events they share with their families.

We display photos of these experiences in our school hall on the 10 experiences display. Each child from Y1 to Y6 has access to a folder on Showbie called 10 experiences where they can add photos of any of the experiences they have had either at home or school. Children in Early Years can add their photos to Tapestry.

We would love to see some of the children's experiences over the Easter holidays. Please see the link below to see experiences for each phase!

[Western 10 experiences Poster \(westernps.co.uk\)](http://westernps.co.uk)

Western 10 Experiences					
	Throughout	Early Years	K&1	y3/4	y5/6
Diversity 	~Visit a place of worship ~Listen to music from different countries	~Taste some food from a different country	~Visit a big city ~Go on public transport	~Have a pen pal in a different school or country ~Visit an art gallery	~Visit a mosque ~Visit an exhibition
Health and Well-Being 	~Sing for an audience ~Take part in a performance ~Practice mindfulness and breathing	~Take care of an animal ~Ride a bike without stabilisers	~Go roller skating or ice-skating ~Learn to tie own laces	~Cheer on a team at a sporting event ~Plan and cook a meal ~Learn some first aid	~Take part in a sponsored run/ walk in Valley Gardens
Natural World 	~Explore our local area ~Be pro-active in helping the environment	~Explore somewhere bare footed ~Hunt for bugs ~Go on a wetty wander and jump in puddles ~Build a snowman ~Go strawberry or blackberry picking	~Grow your own mini garden ~Get up early and watch the sunrise ~Pond-dipping	~Den building ~Tell ghost stories around a camp fire	~Canoe down a river ~Orienteer using a map ~Achieve the John Muir Award
Technology 	~Make a poster or presentation to raise awareness of an activity or issue	~Take a photo of someone you love	~Take some photos of nature and share them. ~Make a keynote to tell people something about yourself	~Create a piece of art on an i-pad and display in a gallery	~Hold a photography exhibition ~Learn how to manage a budget (enterprise)
Values 	~Raise money for charity ~Help the elderly	~Bake for somebody else	~Do something kind for a friend or neighbour	~Become a playground leader ~Make a product and run a stall to raise money for charity	~Write to an MP about a topic you care about ~Debate an issue you are passionate about

Red Nose Day



Comic Relief Assembly

On Friday 15th March we supported the Comic Relief Charity event by sporting our red noses! We held an assembly for KS2 children where we learnt about some of the amazing work that Comic Relief do. Each class also sent a representative to tell their best joke! Mr Broad chose the winners. Please can we say a huge thank you to all those who donated - we made £212.50!





Easter Eggs in the Garden



Along with three other Red Kite schools we have been working with RHS Garden Harlow Carr to decorate some giant Easter eggs which are on display from 23 March – 7 April as part of their Easter event. Families visiting the garden will get the chance to vote for their favourite egg, with the school with the most votes receiving some gardening equipment. If you're visiting Harlow Carr over Easter please vote for us as we would love some more kit for our school! Our Reception children and the children in the HIVE have been working hard on making ours particularly beautiful!

Every child taking part in the egg hunt will also get a delicious chocolatey treat from NOMO, which is dairy, gluten, nut and egg free so suitable for everyone.

Usual garden admissions apply for families visiting the garden; however, they currently have two promotions which offer reduced price entry to the garden.

Travel by bus to the garden:

The Harrogate Bus Company runs regular buses from Harrogate Bus Station in the town centre to RHS Garden Harlow Carr, reaching the garden in 15 minutes. Catch buses from the pick-up called 'Harlow Grange' on Otley Road, a short 4-minute walk to the garden entrance.

Fares are £2 maximum (single fare guaranteed) until the end of 2024 and visitors who travel by bus receive a discount of 30% on garden admission.

Visit the garden for £1:

Visitors who are in receipt of certain benefits can visit the garden for £1. More information can be found here [Visiting RHS Garden Harlow Carr in Harrogate, North Yorkshire / RHS Gardening](#)

P.T.A. news

Firstly, we hope all of our wonderful Western community has a wonderful Easter break!



When we come back, we're heading quite quickly into the Years 1&2 Party.

Here are the details you need to know;

- 🕒 Thursday 18 April 2024 3:30-5:00 pm
- 📍 Western School Hall
- 💷 £5 per child
- 🍷 A snack and drink will be included in the price, and a disco will be provided by;



If you'd like for your child to attend this event, please pay by bank transfer (Western Primary PTA, sort code 05-04-54, account number 16945047). Please use your child's name as the reference.

Name: _____ Class: _____



Easter **NUMBER SCAVENGER HUNT**

Walk around Harrogate to find the answers to these clues.

What number on Cold Bath Road is Tilly Peppers?	Western Primary Apple Distinguished School dates: 2021 - 20...	What is the speed limit for vehicles outside school?
What is the year shown on the Jubilee Memorial?	Library Gardens have been 'in bloom winners' since when?	What year was Harrogate's first library opened?
What is the year on the Tour de Yorkshire tree?	What year was Betty's established?	What is the year at the top of the Wesley Chapel?
What year did the Harrogate theatre open?	On the cenotaph, there are 4 dates - what are they?	When did the Royal Hall open?

**NITS!
PLEASE
HELP!**

We are currently battling
against NITS
at the moment almost
constantly – please, please
check your children over the
Easter holidays and treat them
if needed. It's the only way to
stop NITS going round and
round in school.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



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EYFS

Early Years have worked very well this half term initially showing creativity in dance when creating dance patterns using animal movements. They then showed amazing respect when following instructions and turn taking, whilst working together exploring ball games.

KS1

Year 2 have worked hard exploring and performing dances and gymnastics using simple movement patterns. They have developed their movements in cannon and unison as well as developing short routines and dances. In particular, they have shown respect and strong communication when providing feedback to each other on how they can develop and improve.

KS2

Handball and OAA have been the focus of this term for Year 3/4. Students have shown great understanding of team sports showing their transferable skills from football into handball. They have then shown a commitment to teamwork when taking part in teambuilding OAA activities. It has developed their understanding of the wider benefits of PE for example communication and encouragement. Year 5/6 have started to develop their strategy and tactics. They have focused on Hockey and Netball and how skills and tactics can be transferred between sports. Fantastic work by all children and staff!



EYFS and Year 2 have enjoyed exploring their dance moves!



Year 3/4 have loved playing Handball!



To find out more visit:
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 Harrogate and District Branch
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- Information on what we do; Girls Group, Youth Group, newly started Ladies Group
- Discuss Pathways, Support, Individual concerns, North Yorkshire Autism Strategy
- Cakes and drinks (cash only)
- Book stall (donations welcome)
- Art work



Easter Saturday 30th March 2024
10.00 am – 3.00 pm
 The Wesley Methodist Chapel, Oxford St, Harrogate, HG1 1PP



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Clip 'n Climb Ilkley - the many ways to help your school

- Schools PE sessions.** Bring your whole class for regular PE sessions. Maybe funded by your PE and Sports Premium. Climbing is now an Olympic sport so encourage that budding athlete. It is also good for those who aren't sporty because it is just you and the wall to build confidence. Book either a one-off session or a block.
- School trips.** Why not come to Clip 'n Climb Ilkley for your school trip this year? We can provide a picnic lunch for an extra cost, if required. Make a day of it and go on Ilkley Moor afterwards. We are located on the train/bus station (plus free car park) so we are easily accessible.
- SENds groups.** You may have a group of children you want to do something extra with. We welcome children with special educational needs (SENds) regularly and our staff are good at interacting with children of all physical and emotional abilities.
- Reward.** Some schools have brought groups of children as a reward for something, e.g. best academic improvement, most improved behaviour or best attendance.
- Staff team building.** If you need somewhere to come away from school for staff team building, then try something different (min 10 climbers).
- Wellbeing initiative.** Experience the mental and physical benefits of climbing for staff and for students (min 10 climbers).
- PTA fund raiser or PTA meetings.** Ask your PTA to try something new. With enough climbers we could help with your PTA fundraising. Or have your PTA meeting here whilst the children of the PTA committee climb.
- Staff or parents' nights out.** Have a staff night out here. With a group of 10 or more try something fun before your meal or drinks in Ilkley. We can provide food/nibbles, on request.

Discounts available for schools - please ask





Schools

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Easter Fun!

Starting Saturday 23rd March, step into the pages of Beatrix Potter's magical tales on our family-friendly trail.



Come along and see if you can spot Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher and other well-known characters surrounded by fun and imaginative scenes.

The trail will run from Saturday 23rd March to Monday 8th April.

Standard Entry applies. Trail sheets can be purchased on the day at an additional cost of £2.50 which includes a prize for all!

Just a kindly reminder that by pre-booking your day entry tickets via our website, you make a saving versus purchasing on the day www.thorpperrow.com - trail sheets can be bought on the day

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