

West Park Post



WE MADE IT!

Well done everyone!! Pupils, families, teachers, teaching assistants and office staff – everyone deserves a thank you for all the hard work, resilience, smiles and support, that have got us through a very challenging school year.

The children have done us all proud and we hope you have read your child's annual report and visible learning sheet – this charts their progress over assessments through the year. We compare outcomes with primary schools across the city – our attainment and progress is excellent 😊

All staff wish our phenomenal year 6 class all the very best for the next stage of their education. Be the best you can be!

Beat the Street materials have been sent out – please take part and put West Park at the top of the city's leader board! As well as keeping active!

Finally, stay safe over the holidays; this includes **keeping your child safe online** and on all devices including phones. We have had a rising number of issues regarding WhatsApp and Snapchat. Please monitor your child and make sure they behave as responsibly on devices as they would in face to face interactions. For more information: [Staying safe online in the summer holidays | Safer Internet Centre](#) and <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

For this year's challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes' which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards, and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live. With exclusive incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. The Challenge is available in libraries across the UK this summer. Children can also take part online through the official digital Challenge platform wildworldheroes.org.uk.

Please support your child in maintaining their reading over the holidays – this is key to making sure they transition well into their next class.

COVID 19 - PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

A vital thing that EVERYONE can do is get a **vaccine** when they are offered. This will support safety for the whole community. For more useful facts and to dispel myths about vaccinations look here: [Covid-19 Vaccine | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

Government Covid roadmap

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information/covid-alert>

Your best way to keep yourself and family healthy is to get a vaccine. Details of walk in clinics are here:

[Walk-in vaccinations | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

Please have a safe summer holiday everyone

Safeguarding concerns?

Remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – for adults as well as children. If you are concerned about any families or neighbours over the Easter holiday, then call the police on 101 or social care on 01902 555392.

There is a lot of useful information on the following links:

www.wolverhamptionsafeguarding.org.uk

<https://www.westparkprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding>



**WOLVERHAMPTON
SAFEGUARDING
TOGETHER**

STAFFING

Year 3 teacher Miss Jones is leaving us this term; we wish her all the very best in her future teaching career.

UNIFORM SWAP

St Columba's URC church are having a uniform swap shop event over the summer holidays where parents and families can come along and choose uniform ready for their children ready for the new term. The uniform shop will be open each Sunday from 25th July - 5th September from 12:00pm - 2:30pm.

They cannot guarantee they will have specific branded uniform, but they do have generic items available in most of the regular school colours. Everyone is welcome to come and choose free preloved school uniform - you don't need to bring uniform to swap but donations are always appreciated. If you have any uniform to donate that would be gratefully received too. Follow link: [Forthcoming events](#)

Governing Body parent vacancies

There are currently vacancies on the Governing Body for parents or carers of children currently at West Park Primary. If you have an interest in education, or particular skills e.g. finance, then please email

westparkprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk



TACKLING ROBBERY OFFENCES IN WOLVERHAMPTON

We would like to make you aware there have been a **small increase** in the number of robberies across the city
[Top Tips for Keeping Safe](#)

Electronic items such as mobile phones and ipods are regular targets for street robbers. Keep valuable items out of sight whenever possible.

Try and stick to well-lit areas when walking alone and always remain aware of your surroundings. If you don't feel safe, stride confidently to deter robbers and quickly move away from the area.

If your mobile phone is stolen, call your network immediately or ring 08701 123123 to get it blocked. Make a note of the IMEI number of your phone. You can find this printed under the battery of most devices.

Never wear gold chains or necklaces over the top of clothing. Thieves can snatch this from around your neck and make a quick getaway.

Walk with a friend where possible. Always let someone know where you are going and what time you will return.

Carry any bags securely. Put the strap across your body and make sure any fasteners or zips are closed and facing towards your body.

If you use a cash point, try to do so during daylight. Wherever possible, use cash machines inside banks or building societies. If you have to use a cash point at night, go with a friend and stay alert at all times. Don't let your mobile or headphones restrict your ability to notice traffic, strangers or potential trouble.

We have increased patrols and will be actively targeting thieves using a number of police tactics.

Wolverhampton is one of the safest cities in the UK. By following this advice, you can further decrease the chances of becoming a victim of robbery.

For any further advice, please contact your local police station or visit our website at www.west-midlands.police.uk

Attendance news

Here is a summary of attendance this year:

Class	% attendance	
YRBC	96.7%	😊
Y1	96.6%	😊
Y2	96.3%	😊
Y3	97.3%	😊😊😊😊😊
Y4SS	97.5%	😊😊😊😊😊
Y4RD	97.6%	😊😊😊😊😊
Y5SA	96.5%	😊
Y5JD	97.2%	😊😊😊😊😊
Y6	97.8%	😊😊😊😊😊
School total	91.1%	



Target for school
is 97%

Attendance has been a bit odd this year as children off due to self-isolation or covid testing have received an X mark on the register and this has not counted towards attendance figures. This makes it hard to compare attendance with previous years. At West Park though we are happy to say that we are really pleased with attendance this year and have met our 97% target. Well done everyone. 😊

Well done to **Year 6** for topping the attendance charts for this year! A big well done to **Years 3, 4SS, 4RD and 5JD** for also getting over 97% attendance. **This is fabulous news!**

Please stay safe and well over the summer holiday and we will see you in September – hopefully to have another great year attendance wise. Children being here and on time is the first step towards great learning. 😊

A few things to remember for September:

- If your child is unwell and not coming to school then you must ring (558238) before 9am to let us know why they will not be in, otherwise you could have a home visit from school staff, our Education Welfare Officer or even the police if we are worried about your child's safety.
- When your child started school you signed an agreement that you would ensure good attendance – please stick to this and support their learning.
- We do give medicine in school if arranged by an adult at the office.
- Leave of Absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances (never for a holiday or if not requested 4 weeks before the leave is taken) and unauthorised absence may incur a fine from the Local Authority.

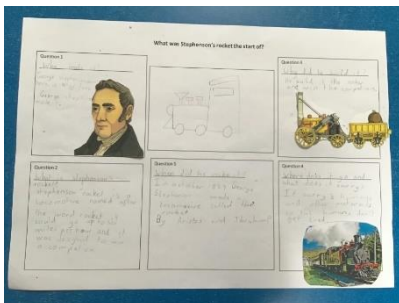
History Day Summer Term

This half term West Park have put aside our everyday learning to become historians, learning all about an invention that has had an impact on our lives today. Each year group were given a starting point and then were encouraged to use their **enquiry skills** to create their own questions. Children worked collaboratively to find the answers to their own research questions and have presented their findings in very creative ways.



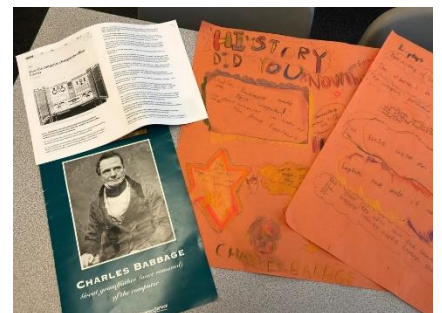
Reception explored the invention of the wheel and how it has impacted our lives today.

Year 1 have been learning about the beginning of vaccines and injections. They learnt that Edward Jenner created the first vaccine to cure smallpox, and that his discoveries have had a huge impact on Science and Medicine, all the way to us today!



Year 2 have discovered that Stephenson's rocket was not actually the name of a rocket but was the name of a train! The rocket was entered into a competition in 1829. Although the rocket was not the first steam train, it brought together lots of things from different trains and became the template for lots of other steam trains in the next 150 years to come.

Year 3 learnt about how computers have changed since they were first invented. The children were amazed about the size of the first computers! They explored how computers were used to begin with and looked at how their use has changed over time. They also considered a quote from Ken Olsen, co-founder of a major computing company: "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." They investigated all the ways



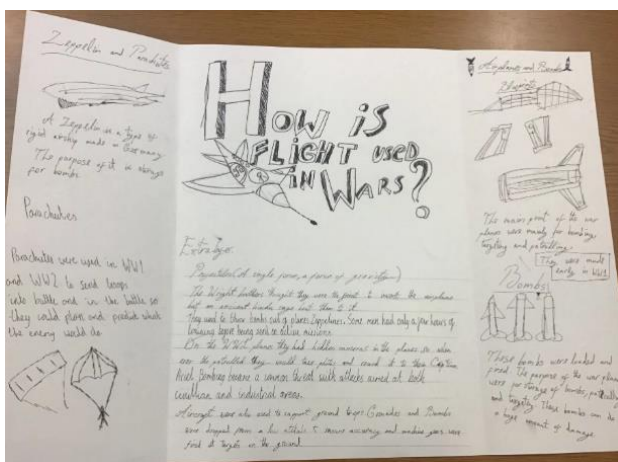
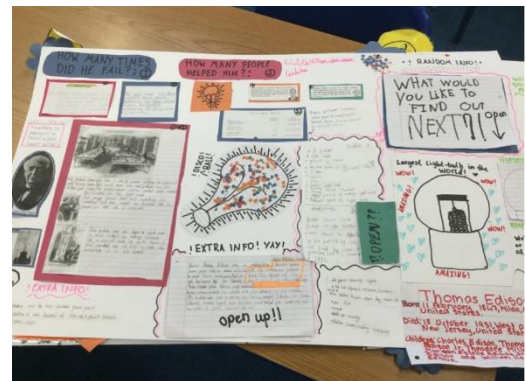
computers are used at home and in our daily lives and agreed that this quote no longer applies to modern times as there are lots of reasons why people have computers at home!



Year 4 have been exploring the Morse Code. Did you know that it was created by Samuel Morse after the news that his wife was sick arrived a month too late and he returned home to find that his wife had died! Morse created a series of dots and dashes – the Morse Code – to speed up communication over longer distances. We

learnt the international help signal SOS and used lights and buzzers to recreate the code.

Year 5 have researched the work of Thomas Edison, particularly his work on the Light bulb. A reporter asked Edison “How did it feel to fail a thousand times?” Edison replied “I didn’t fail a thousand times, the lightbulb was an invention with a thousand steps. Great success is built on failure, frustration and even catastrophe.”



Year 6 have chosen their own areas of flight to investigate and explore. Some of the children have explored hot air balloons, others have investigated significant people in the evolution of flight including the Wright Brothers, Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart. One group of children chose to look at the impact of flight during World War 2, and another investigation highlighted the space

race and how flight has taken us out of this world.

Dates

Friday 16th July – school closes to children at 3pm for the summer holidays

Monday 6th September – school reopens to children

Please look at the school website for other dates.

[Calendar | West Park Primary](#)
(westparkprimaryschool.co.uk)

The City of Wolverhampton website also has the term dates for the next three years.

[School term dates | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)



COMMUNITY FUND

Gloucester Street Community Centre

Are you 25+?
Long term unemployed?
Lone parent not in employment?
Need help with English?
Claiming benefits other than JSA?
Complex needs impacting your job prospects?
If you fall into one or more of these categories.

Get in touch!

Contact Gloucester Street Community Centre
Tel. no: 01902 686068
Mobile: 0784919988/07484919989/07983897280
Email: Bridges@gscommunitycentre.org
Twitter: [@GloucesterStCC](https://twitter.com/GloucesterStCC)
Facebook: facebook.com/GloucesterStCC
www.gscommunitycentre.org

BRIDGES
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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The council has taken a growing interest in conservation and environmental issues this term, so next academic year we are setting up an Eco- Committee.

We also started 'no-mow' areas of the grounds to support wildlife and biodiversity, and are trying to grow more flowers for bees and butterflies.

Watch this space!



Daily Doodle

Summer Challenge

You are invited to draw a doodle-a-day over the Summer holidays. You can draw on the front and back of this paper with a pen or pencil each day you are not in school if you print it out. Or use any paper you have!

Here are enough ideas for each day but you can think of your own instead if you want to:

Sunshine	Sunglasses	Suncream
Seashells	Pebbles	Seaweed
Bucket	Spade	Sandcastle
Donut	Lemonade	Icecream
Pineapple	Cherries	Watermelon
Fish	Starfish	Mermaid
Flowers	Palm tree	Cactus
Bee	Butterfly	Ladybird
Waves	Boat	Surfboard
Hotdog	Burger	Fries
Swimsuit	Goggles	Flippers
Clouds	Kite	Tree
Moon	Stars	Rocket
Music	Camera	Book
Flamingo	Toucan	Monkey
Lips	Eyes	Ears
Leaf	Grass	Frog

Return your doodles to Mrs Embrey by 10th September for a little prize. Keep drawing!

