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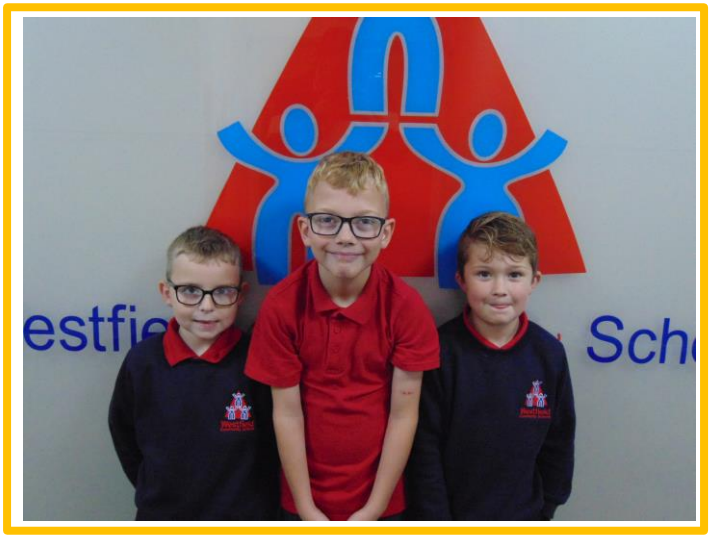
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The nominees for pupil of the week are:

1F	Maja
1W	Isabella
2F	Ellie
2W	Archie
3F	Jaxon
3W	Jovi
4F	Shahd
4W	Myla-Mae
5F	Kaylan
5W	Andrew
6F	Scarlett
6W	Savannah
POD 1	Mark
POD 2	Thomas
POD 3	Hugo

and our winners are…..





RW	**92%**
RF	**83%**
1W	**92%**
1F	**90%**
2W	**98%**
2F	**97%**
3W	**96%**
3F	**97%**
4W	**93%**
4F	**96%**
5W	**96%**
5F	**84%**
6W	**93%**
6F	**95%**

2W will be wearing their own clothes next Friday for achieving the highest attendance

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Maja 1F
For her superb 'Fred talking' and spelling in Read Write Inc. Maja shows us such fantastic reading and so much enthusiasm every single day. Keep it up Maja!

Isabella 1W
For good RWI, practicing her letter formation and always working hard

Ellie 2F
For giving great answers during our rail safety discussion. You demonstrated excellent oracy skills and was knowledgeable about the topic

Archie 2W
For his wonderful story based on Zog. You remembered your full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and even included ideas from Zog! Well done!

Jaxon 3F
For impressing all his teachers this week with his enthusiasm and for being an absolute superstar. Jaxon 'wowed' teachers with his French skills, made fantastic progress in maths and always gives 110% effort to everything he does. He should be so proud of himself!

Jovi 3W
For going the extra mile at home to make sure he achieved his spelling badge

Mark POD 1
For being a superstar in Yoga, with Dr Helen, and in rhyme time this week

Thomas POD 2
For his enthusiasm and progress in his SALT. He knows his routine and is ready to try his best. Keep it up Thomas!

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Shahd 4F
For a wonderful first week at Westfield, Already made friends and has fit into our class well. Welcome to year 4

Myla-Mae 4W
For being a great year 4 pupil . We are going to miss her when she moves to her new school

Kaylan 5F
For always being polite, kind and hardworking. He consistently makes the right choices. His positive attitude and thoughtful actions set an excellent example to everyone around him. A dream to teach!

Andrew 5W
For showing resilience and perseverance during Maths lessons this week. You showed a 'never give up' towards your tasks all week and even asked for extra challenges! Keep up the excellent work

Scarlett 6F
For excellent effort in maths this week, applying multiplication and division facts to word problems. Keep it up!

Savannah 6W
For sharing an accurate explanation of refraction using precise language

Hugo POD 3
For making an effort to come to school on time everyday this week!

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Y4 had a fantastic morning learning all about railway safety and different rail related careers.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We have a selection of items available from the **Royal British Legion** to purchase from the school office before and after school hours.
Price list available at the office.

Please bring correct money if possible.

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Care Quality Commission Ofsted raising standards improving lives

Area SEND inspection for Wigan Local Area Partnership

Hello

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting your area to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

The inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get. You can tell us by filling in a survey below. What you tell us will be treated in confidence.

The surveys will close at 9am on Wednesday 14 October 2026.

Survey Link: https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10445335

In **POD 1's** food therapy this week, we made tortilla and cheats pizzas. We were so proud all the children had a go at grating and sprinkling the cheese and using a knife to spread the tomato ketchup!
In continuous provision we carried on developing our cutlery skills, spreading shaving foam on the discs to build towers. We are also learning about ourselves and our bodies and created some fun face pictures!





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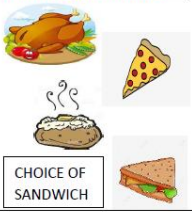
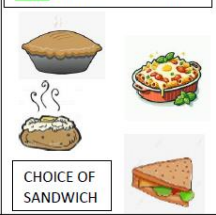
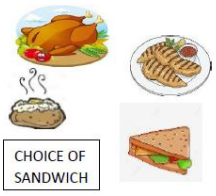
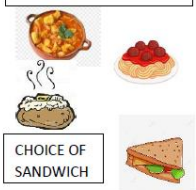
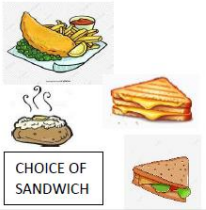
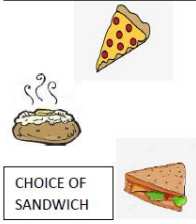
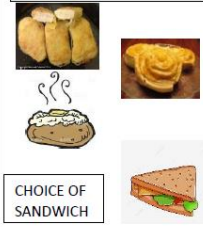
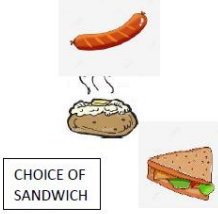
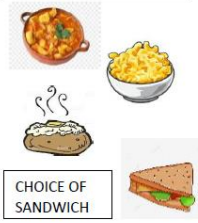
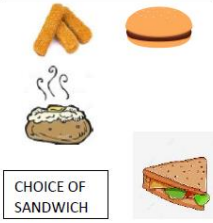
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If possible, could you please pre-order your child's lunch in advance via the Arbor Parent App.
Please select the Packed Lunch from home option if that is their preferred choice.
It is possible to pre-order for the coming week or more.

Thank you

Our current school lunch menu is displayed below. This is also available on the school website or alternatively, you can collect a copy from the school office.

WESTFIELD LUNCH MENU SEPTEMBER 2026

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	BBQ CHICKEN CALZONE PIZZA / CHEESE AND TOMATO CALZONE PIZZA  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	MINCED BEEF PIE / TOMATO AND HERB PASTA BAKE OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	CHICKEN WITH VEGETABLES / QUORN WITH VEGETABLES OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	MEATBALLS IN TOMATO SAUCE / SWEET POTATO AND CHICKPEA CURRY OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	BATTERED FISH / CHEESE PANINI OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH
2	MEAT FEAST PIZZA / MARGHERITA PIZZA OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	CHICKEN GOUJONS / CHEESE WHIRL OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	BAKED SAUSAGES / QUORN SAUSAGE OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	CHICKEN CURRY / MAC AND CHEESE OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	FISH FINGERS / QUORN MC SAUSAGE BURGER OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH

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CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?
CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?
- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information
Wayne Denner provides further information about the social side of CapCut including a comments section: https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleycls.org.uk/october-2026/

AI companions



What are AI companions?
AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.

Why are children using AI companions?
There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:
- To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
- They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
- Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?
- **Age restrictions:** it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.
- **Inappropriate content:** there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Emotional dependence:** AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.
- **Relationships:** repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.
- **Privacy and personal information:** children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?
- Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online. Ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information
https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai-chatbots-and-virtual-friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/

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Discord



Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people to chat to each other online. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The App store rates it as 17+.

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (rather than using the game's own chat facility). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:
https://discord.com/safety-family-center

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language. Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:
https://discord.com/safety-library

5 fun online activities



Whilst we must be aware of the negative aspects of the internet, it's also important to remember that it can also be a great place to have fun or learn something new as a family. Why not try the following?

1. Play a game together.
2. Take a family quiz – it could be around the topic of online safety (e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learn something new – explore BBC Bitesize, National Geographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Create something – make a digital drawing or video.
5. Read an Audio book.

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Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance, may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. The game is described as psychological horror. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it "is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."

Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look harmless because of its cartoon graphics, but the programme contains violence, death and blood. Clips of Happy Tree Friends are also circulating on social media platforms.

As above, we would recommend that you have set up appropriate parental controls to limit exposure to content like this. Also, chat to your child about what they are watching online and ensure they know that if they do see something online that upsets them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information:
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/website-reviews/happy-tree-friends

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