

Westacre Middle School



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WELCOME



Westacre Middle is a vibrant school that offers an exciting and inspiring primary ethos for learning within the excellent specialist facilities of a middle school. We are a welcoming, happy, caring and lively school where individuality is valued and all our children are encouraged to achieve their full potential for life. Our school vision, **'Inspire, Challenge, Achieve'**, coupled with our bespoke learning curriculum is how we encourage our children to meet and exceed expectations every day.

We pride ourselves on the relationships that we build with our children and value the partnerships that we have with our parents. We rightly believe that for our children to thrive at school, they need to feel happy and secure with teachers whom they trust and respect alongside their friends whose company they enjoy. We encourage our children to develop Living and Learning Values for Life and see our school as a safe, cohesive and supportive learning community, somewhere to learn and somewhere to grow.

Our prospectus is only a glimpse into life at Westacre, so if you would like to find out more information then please take us up on an open invitation to come and visit us and find out what we really have to offer you and your child. You may also wish to browse our school website at <https://www.westacre-middle-school.co.uk/> to find out even more about our school.

Donna Evans, Headteacher



On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to Westacre Middle School.

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make. We hope that our prospectus will help you to discover more about our school and all that we can offer your child.

I have found Westacre has gone above and beyond for my son this year. I couldn't be more grateful. To be able to trust a school completely with your child just shows how amazing they have been! Westacre is a wonderful school!



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



We are proud to be part of the Droitwich Family of schools and believe that by working together we can enrich the learning journey of our children.

Our children join Westacre from all the Droitwich first schools and that includes the surrounding villages, this helps to create a lively and vibrant atmosphere in our school.

We recognise that it is important to provide a smooth and efficient transition from your child's first school. Transition is the key to ensure that all our new children are aware of our high expectations for learning and behaviour. At Westacre, we also value the importance of our parents in the transition process. Communication with our parents

is vital and we place in high regard the partnerships we have to secure the best possible outcomes for our children. Our Parent Partnership Programme regularly welcomes parents into school through invitations to classroom learning and curriculum showcases. This helps to develop confidence and self-esteem in our children and to establish a strong working relationship with our parents early on.

All staff in their values and expectations emphasise high standards at all times as this helps to ensure a calm, caring and harmonious working atmosphere. Our children are encouraged to be involved in the everyday life of school by making a positive contribution inside and outside of the classroom. The pastoral team ably support children who may find aspects of school life challenging.

"Lovely school, always well informed."

"Friendly staff members. Communication is good. My son is very happy at this school. "

My son's first year at Westacre has been fantastic. Rishi has settled in really well, and any small concerns we had were addressed promptly and professionally. I also have to say that the office staff have always been incredibly helpful, friendly, and extremely knowledgeable, making every interaction a positive one. Overall, Westacre is a great school, and we've been very happy with our experience this year.





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CURRICULUM



We foster an atmosphere of **inspiration, challenge and achievement** that helps our children be successful learners and citizens.

Our English and Maths Curriculum is rigorous and responsive to the needs of our learners. Engaging and practical Science lessons take place in our laboratory where key skills are developed using a range of specialist equipment. Through a combination of adapted, inspiring and challenging teaching, our children are taught at a level best matched to enable excellent academic progress to be made.

Our foundation curriculum has been developed in-house by our enthusiastic, knowledgeable staff, who have created a bespoke curriculum that matches the needs of our pupils within our ever-changing community. Our curriculum drivers Aspirations, Communication and Diversity shape our curriculum breadth. They are used to ensure we give our children appropriate and ambitious curriculum opportunities. Our commitment to the Social, Spiritual, Moral and Cultural wellbeing of our pupils is fostered through opportunities that give our children the chance to reflect on the world in which they live. This includes weekly Religion & Worldviews lessons, PSHE lessons, our shared Value of the Month, regular in-school House events, including Sports Competitions and our annual Eisteddfod Creative Arts Festival.



At Westacre Middle School we pride ourselves on our provision of a child-centred, flexible curriculum that combines creative and stimulating experiences with a rigorous focus on key skills.

I am so glad Jayden studies at Westacre. All the the teachers are great and have such passion to teach.



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PERSONALISED LEARNING



At Westacre we aim to provide personalised learning for all children to ensure they fulfil their individual potential.

Our curriculum and teaching recognises and values the individuality of all of our children. Under the umbrella of Quality First Teaching, a blended approach of class and small group learning provides the appropriate support and challenge that meets the needs of all our pupils.

We ensure that the level of challenge and a mastery approach to teaching allows our children to deepen their learning. We recognise and develop the skills and knowledge of more able children in Maths and English, and across all areas of the school curriculum, such as Art, Music and Sport to name just a few.

We are committed to meeting the special educational needs of pupils and ensuring that they make progress. Individual needs will be identified with regards to the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice and through ongoing classroom assessment.

Our Curriculum and inclusive approach aims to deliver a world class education that will equip our children with the skills and knowledge required to be independent and responsible citizens. The curriculum matches our whole school vision, which fosters an atmosphere of inspiration, challenge and achievement.



Her class teacher has supported our daughter to settle in beautifully and grow such confidence and resilience during Year 5.



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Westacre Middle School offers a wealth of learning opportunities that extend beyond our traditional, vibrant classrooms, offering a range of specialist learning environments.

Our curriculum is regularly enriched with educational day and residential trips which inspire and challenge our children's learning. Previous visits include the Houses of Parliament, Young Voices, Walsall Art Gallery and The Commandery. Annual whole-school theatre trips are a highlight of the school calendar. Residential trips have seen our children camping at Blackwell Adventure Centre, as well as gorge scrambling and climbing in Snowdonia. These valuable visits are designed to endorse our 'Inspire. Challenge. Achieve' philosophy.

Active, outdoor learning is promoted by our on-site forest school. Forest school takes place in a woodland environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world, and has proven to be popular with our children.

We strongly believe in the value of activities that bring us closer to and support the communities to which we belong. Our school choir has delighted crowds in Droitwich and beyond. Fundraising initiatives, such as supporting our local foodbank, help our children recognise their role in the local community. We have welcomed our local first schools to a range of events, some of which include STEM and Gifted & Talented workshops.

Opportunities to get involved, achieve and excel are provided through a range of clubs led by our dedicated staff and visiting coaches. We have a range of extra curricular clubs available to meet the needs and interests of all our children from sport to drama to gardening.

*Love your communication about whole school events and the range of extra curricular clubs.
This has been wonderful.*





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PUPIL VOICE



Children are at the heart of our school and we seek ways to listen to their views and involve them in decision-making so that they are engaged as partners in the life of the school.

We teach pupils to value their own opinions and to respect and listen to those of others; preparing them for making important choices later in life.

Regular dialogue between pupils and staff gives the children an opportunity to voice their opinions and have a meaningful impact on school life. This is vital in maximising their potential and providing a learning environment to inspire, challenge and ensure achievement.

Our Pupil Parliament is made up of many groups including:

World Watcher *"I like getting involved and having some responsibility around school. I get to read out loud in assembly which has helped me overcome some of my fears and be more confident."* Hayley, Year 6

Eco-Warriors *"It feels good to help the environment. The Big Switch Off helped me feel like I made a difference."* Sophie, Year 5

Music Ambassadors *"Being a music ambassador has given me confidence to help organise events, such as the Eisteddfod Festival."* Regan, Year 7

Librarian *"I love being in the library so much because it is peaceful and calm. I enjoy sorting out all of the books because I'm a very organised person."* Leon, Year 6

House Captains *"Being a house captain has helped me to improve my leadership skills - I am more confident as a result."* Amelia, Year 7

Other important roles around school include: Head Boy / Girl, Prefect Team, Playground Leaders, and Sports Captains.



Nancy has had a great start to middle school. She has enjoyed making new friends and taking part in all extra curricular activities and teams too.



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'The school has been a great support to both my son and me, and we are very grateful for everything, so thank you.'

'All members of the Westacre team have been helpful and friendly and as a parent I feel communication has been fantastic & any matters have been dealt with appropriately and with care. Thanks very very much to all at Westacre!'

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