



Year 5
Transfer Day
2026



Vision Statement

At Westacre Middle School, individuality is valued and all children are encouraged to meet and exceed expectations. In partnership with parents and the wider community, we foster an atmosphere of inspiration, challenge and achievement underpinned by our learning and living values.





6R Learning Values

During lessons, children are encouraged to demonstrate independent learning behaviours. These are rewarded with R merits, which are recorded in pupils' Learning Journals.

Children work towards their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards and points from these contribute to their House team totals.



Clubs & Pupil Voice

We want our children to take advantage of all the opportunities available in and outside of the classroom. We believe that trying something new, or developing a skill or interest you already have, helps to nurture both confidence and valuable life skills. There are lots of pupil voice opportunities such as: Westacre Pupil Parliament, Wellbeing Champions, Eco Warriors, Computing Ambassadors, World Watchers, Librarians and many others. There are also lots of lunch and after-school extracurricular clubs ranging from sports clubs, music to art and crafts – we encourage everyone to try at least one in their first year.



Term dates

2026-2027

	School closes 2.55pm	School opens 8.25am
Term begins		Thursday 3 rd September 2026
October half-term	Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2026	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
February half-term	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Easter	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
Whitsun half-term	Friday 28 th May 2027	Tuesday 8 th June 2027
Summer	Wednesday 21 st July 2027	

Teacher Education Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

Bank Holidays

Monday 3rd May 2027



The School Day

Timings are subject to change	
7:45	Breakfast Club opens
8:15	Doors open
8:25	Registration / morning session
8:40	Guided Reading
9:10	Lesson 1
10:00	RAP Maths (Retrieval / Arithmetic / Practice)
10:15	Break time
10:35	Lesson 2
11:25	Lesson 3
12:15	Lunchtime
1:00	Registration & Well-Being
1:15	Lesson 4
2:05	Lesson 5
2:55	End of school day

Punctuality and Attendance

Pupils can arrive at school from 8.15am (no earlier please) ready for an 8.25am start, when the bell is rung to start the day. In the event of an illness, as a safeguarding precaution, parents must telephone the school before 8.30am on each day of the absence and leave a message with the school office, giving the child's name, class and reason. If an absence is known in advance, e.g. medical appointment, prior notice should be given where possible.

The school's Attendance Policy states that no absence will be authorised for family holidays taken during term time.



One of our primary methods of communication between home and school is via the Arbor system.

By now, you will have received an email with instructions on how to log in and set up your account. If you already have a child at Westacre, or if your child's current first school uses Arbor, your login details will remain the same. Once your Arbor account is set up, you will be able to access important information and complete forms specific to Westacre.

We kindly ask that you **complete the following forms on Arbor** as soon as possible to help us prepare for your child's smooth transition to Westacre in September:

- pupil information and parent/carer contact details
- biometric information and consent
- local off-site visits permission
- consent for the use of images.

You will also find additional guidance on how to order school uniform from SWI on Arbor.

If you have any questions or require any help in accessing Arbor, please contact the school office on 01905 772795 or, visit the 'Parents' section of our website and select 'Arbor'.



Additional Information

Location

This year there will be five Year 5 classes, all situated on the ground floor of Westacre around the library. Each class will be made up of children from different first schools.

Teaching Arrangements

Pupils are taught in a flexible combination of classes and groups to ensure that we best address the needs of all pupils. Pupils will remain with their class teacher as much as possible, however they will access our specialist rooms (e.g. music and science) as part of the weekly timetable.

Learning Journals

At the start of the school year, every pupil is given a Learning Journal by their class teacher. This contains lots of useful information for pupils to refer to both in lessons and at home. If you wish to make your child's teacher aware of something that doesn't require a phone call to school, please write it in their Learning Journal and remind your child to show their class teacher at the start of the school day. Teachers may communicate with you too via this method.

As well as Learning Journals, parents can communicate with school via our school office (phone number: 01905 772795 or email address: office@westacre.worcs.sch.uk).

Healthy drinks and snacks

Please can we remind you that break time snacks should only consist of either a piece of fruit or a plain biscuit, in accordance with Healthy Schools recommendations. During lesson times, pupils are allowed still, plain water in the classrooms however at lunchtimes other healthy drinks can be consumed (either kept in their lunchbox or purchased when in school).

Mobile Phones

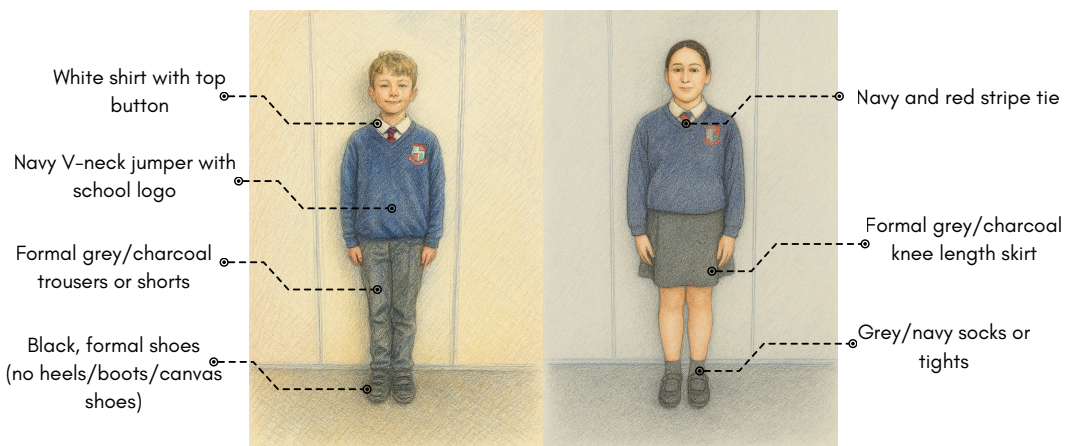
Children are allowed to bring mobile phones into school however they must ensure that they are switched off on entry into school and placed into their bags for the duration of the school day. Any use of mobile phones during the school day will result in them being confiscated and parents will be asked to collect them. As a school we are not able to take responsibility for any phones.



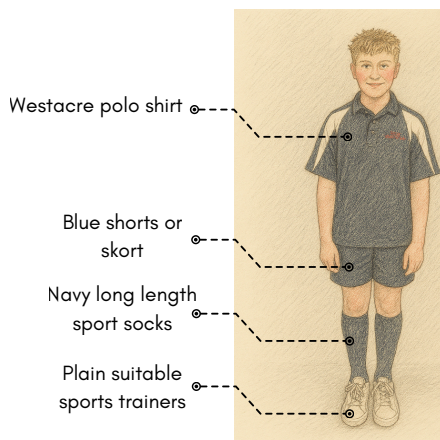
Uniform

At Westacre, we take great pride in our school uniform, which reflects our high expectations and helps pupils feel part of our school community. For September please ensure that all clothing and equipment is labelled with your child's name either with a label or permanent pen.

School Uniform



Essential PE kit



Additional PE kit



Essential Uniform	Additional Uniform
• Navy V-Neck jumper with school logo – Junior size £17.50, Senior Size £19.00 • White shirt with top button • Navy and red stripe tie – £7.00 • Formal grey / charcoal grey trousers (not tight-fitting) or skirt (knee length and not tight-fitting/tube-style) • Black, formal shoes (no heels /no boots/no canvas shoes) • Grey/navy tights (not leggings)/socks	• Formal grey/charcoal grey shorts (knee length)

Essential PE Kit	Additional PE Kit
• Polo shirt – Junior £16.50, Senior £17.50 • Shorts – Junior size £13.00, Senior size £15.00 • Navy long length sport socks – Junior Size £4.00, Senior size £4.50 • Plain suitable sport trainers – available from any retailer	• Westacre full zip training top – £20.50 • Skort (can be used instead of shorts) – Junior size £17.50, Senior size £20.50

Additional Uniform Information

- Black trousers or skirts are not the colour of our school uniform and are therefore not permitted. Trousers, skirts, shorts and shirts can be purchased from any retailer.
- Children with pierced ears may wear one plain stud in each lobe and must be removed (not taped) for PE as per national PE guidance. No other piercings are allowed.
- Other than a watch (no smart watches), children are not allowed to wear bracelets, rings or other jewellery items in school.
- Inappropriate hair styles are not allowed (this includes shaved patterns/lines, 'skinheads'/extreme fades). Pupils' hair should be of a natural colour only. Hair dyes in non-natural or extreme colours are not permitted.
- Hair accessories should be discrete.
- Make up and nail varnish is not permitted and children will be asked to remove it.
- Further details on our school uniform can be located on our school website under the 'Parents' tab and then 'School Uniform and PE Kit'.

Ordering Westacre uniform

Westacre uniform and PE kit is supplied by SWI Direct to parents and is available to purchase, either via their website, phone or post. Payment is made directly to SWI when ordering, and they request that all orders are placed by **Sunday 16th August 2026** to guarantee delivery for September. Free delivery into school is also available during term time only and is subject to the following:

- The sale is between you the parent/carer and SWI direct. Westacre Middle School will hold no responsibility for the order or delivery and returns need to be done directly with SWI.
- Orders delivered to school must be collected by a parent, we are unable to give orders to pupils.
- If an order is delivered to school it can only be collected from the office, between the hours of 09:00 – 14:00.

Some of our school uniform is also available to purchase from Ace Supplies, located on Droitwich High Street.

Pre-loved uniform

We have a very well-stocked pre-loved uniform shop which is available to all parents and carers. The shop holds all items of uniform (dependent on stock levels) which are of good quality and priced from £1-£3. The pre-loved uniform shop will soon be available on-line, however in the meantime please contact the school office should you require any uniform.

Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals: this could save households up to £495 per year per child on school lunches.

If you believe that you are eligible for Free School Meals, **you are required to apply online** through Worcestershire County Council using this QR code.





Stationery

For September, your children will need the equipment listed below to support them with their learning. Being **ready** for learning and taking **responsibility** for their own equipment are two of our 6Rs, and this is a great opportunity for pupils to start demonstrating these values and earning their R Merits from the very beginning.

Pencil case

Blue handwriting pen (not biro or gel)

Red pen

Pencil

Pencil sharpener

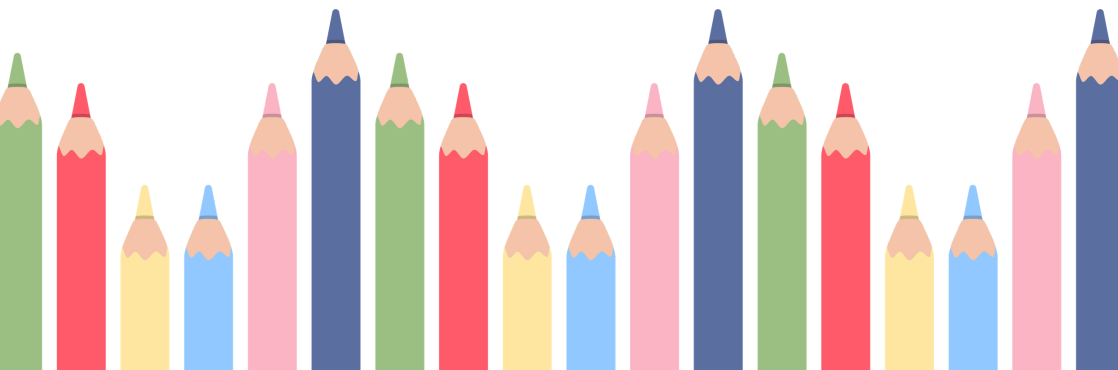
Eraser

Highlighter

Glue stick

30cm ruler

Water bottle





Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast Club 7:45 – 8:15

Breakfast Club is a very enjoyable beginning to a busy day at school. Children are encouraged to sit together at the tables and eat a substantial, healthy breakfast in a calm and welcoming setting. Bacon butties are a firm favourite, along with pancakes and cereal.

Westacre offers 30 minutes of free childcare from 7:45am to 8:15am, with a free selection of cereals, fruit, toast, and water available daily. Hot breakfast items remain available for purchase.

Please remember to inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements. Children do not have to book a place (and there is no charge to attend), .

Once breakfast is eaten, children then have the option of either joining a range of different sporting activities on the MUGA or in the sports hall to get their day off to an energetic start, or they can participate in a variety of board games and other activities in the main school hall.

Lunchtime

Food at Westacre is prepared on site by our professional caterers (AiP) where a wide range of freshly-prepared hot and cold items are available everyday. A main meal and dessert can currently be purchased for £2.61*. Water is available free of charge although other drinks can also be purchased (from 85p-£1.10*). Alternatively, pupils can bring a packed lunch in a named lunchbox and can choose each day whether to have a hot meal or packed lunch.

Parents will receive further information regarding paying for school meals through Arbor accounts in September. Pupil thumb prints will be taken in September, but cash payments will be taken until the electronic system is in place for a short period of time. Children will initially need to bring money for lunch in a named envelope, wallet or purse. For more information about catering at Westacre please visit <https://www.westacre-middle-school.co.uk/catering-1/> .

* Subject to change.





Transport

We appreciate that there are odd occasions when going home arrangements for children may change. It would be really helpful if parents could ensure that their children know how they are getting home each day, before they leave for school in the morning.

Cycle

If your child cycles/scoots to school, they are able to store their bike/scooter in the cycle shelter for the duration of the school day. We encourage children to wear helmets if they choose to ride to school. For safety reasons, please no mini-rocker bikes. Please provide a combination lock for use in the bike shed.

Bus

If your child travels to school by coach, they are dropped off and collected from the bus bay at the front of school. When travelling by bus, we expect all pupils to wear their Westacre badge with pride and to maintain high standards of behaviour.

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20045/sc-hool_and_college_transport



Car

In the morning only, parents are requested to use the turning circle/bus bay to drop off their children. Children can then walk along the path into school (please do not drive past the zig zag lines). At the end of the day, parents are advised to use the Leisure Centre overflow car park, where your children can either walk down to meet you, or you can walk up to the school gates to collect them.

Walking

Children who walk to school are encouraged to stay safe: remaining focused on road safety and ensuring sensible behaviour near any bridges or when walking close to the canal.

May I ask for your support with these arrangements as they are there for the safety of all of our children.



Homework

Pupils will be encouraged to record their weekly homework, along with any other activities, in their Learning Journal.

Core subject homework

Pupils should complete the following pieces of homework each week:

- Reading or discussing their book four times a week
- Online Maths practice (such as Century Tech, EdShed or Times Tables Rock Stars)
- Spellings will be given to practise

Foundation subject homework

Homework across all other subjects of the National Curriculum will be based on our termly topics and it is to be completed each term. These could include research, written tasks, design and model making or problems to solve. It is expected that pupils present their work to the best of their ability. Information about homework will be shared on the school website.



Social Media

We would encourage all parents to regularly visit our **Facebook** or **Instagram** page as we update them regularly with information and photos about school life as part of our communication with parents and carers.

You can follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/westacremiddleschool/> or <https://www.instagram.com/westacremiddle/> with the same posts being

shared across both platforms.





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