



Westacre Pupil Voice

2024 -2025 Mid-year round up

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Westacre, we work hard to ensure there are lots of opportunities for our children to have a voice in school life and develop the confidence they will need in later life to be active citizens and express their own views. Please find below just a small sample of some of the fantastic work our pupil voice groups have carried out so far, this academic year. They have done a fantastic job, and we want to say a huge thank you for all their hard work and contributions to school life.

Librarians

The school librarians have once again been a great asset to the library. Each class has a librarian who helps Mrs Burton one day a week. The jobs include stamping, covering and moving books to the correct place. They also help other children find books that may interest them. Book Fair is a busy time for the librarians who help with the cataloguing of the new books which were bought with rewards earned from Book Fair sales. £515.42 was raised from the autumn Book Fair to buy books!



Pupil Parliament

Our Westacre MPs have an incredibly important job of representing their class voice with any suggestions of what we can do to improve our school. We regularly meet at lunchtimes to discuss questions or issues that have been raised by class members and come up with potential solutions. These have included recommendations to help with road safety, suggestions for break time activities, ideas for house names and learning walks with senior leaders around school to improve our classroom environment.

The MPs had a fantastic opportunity of visiting the Houses of Parliament earlier this year where they learned in more detail about how democracy informs important decisions to be made for our country and how we replicate this process in school. Whilst visiting the Houses of Parliament, our MPs also met Nigel Huddleston, our local MP, who discussed the role of an MP.

Trip to Parliament!



Weekly MP meeting



Prefects

The prefects have already been very busy! They have given guided tours at open evening as well as supporting with assembly set up and clearing away the lunch hall. They are most proud of their aprons that they designed and wear at lunchtimes. The prefects have regularly read with the year 5 children and they have supported the poppy appeal by selling merchandise at break and lunch times. They are excellent role models for the school! Well done to all the prefects.



Music Ambassadors

So far...

This year, our talented Music Ambassadors have been working behind the scenes to make our school assemblies full of music, by compiling a list of musicians from across the school, ensuring that our assemblies are filled with inspiring performances. We hope to inspire other children to perform in assemblies and maybe even learn an instrument. Back in December, it was a pleasure to have the hard work of the Music Ambassadors supporting our Christmas production auditions. Music Ambassadors will also have a key role when it comes to the auditions for Eisteddfod, which will put their musical and organisational skills to the test! We are looking forward to all things music as we continue in the school year!



Healthy School Ambassadors

Our Healthy School Ambassadors have held several meetings this year to discuss various ways to enhance the health and well-being of our school community.

One of their key initiatives was improving our playground provision. They conducted surveys with their peers to gather feedback on the types of equipment students would like, and as a result, we've recently purchased a variety of new play items for break and lunchtime.

Football Activators

After being inspired by previous award-winning role models over the past two years, our Football Activators have officially started their training. They are excited to kick off the Let Girls Play campaign and are currently planning and organising a Girls' Football Festival. This event will be delivered to Year 5 and 6 students with the goal of encouraging them to get active and, hopefully, join the football club. The activators are eager to inspire more girls to take part in football and promote the benefits of staying active.

Eco-warriors Making a Difference!

Our dedicated Eco Warriors have been hard at work making our school greener and more sustainable! They recently completed an environmental review to identify areas where we can improve and have taken action to make a real difference.

As part of the Trees Call to Action Project, they teamed up with the inspiring Heart of England Forest charity to plant fruit trees, contributing to an incredible 4,685 acres of new woodland across Warwickshire and Worcestershire!

In response to our review – and the enthusiasm from our pupils – we have invested in new litter-picking equipment. To make things even more exciting, we have launched a house competition to name our new litter pickers! We can't wait to see the creative suggestions and reveal the winning names soon.

A huge well done to our Eco Warriors for their fantastic work in making our school and community more eco-friendly

Eco-warriors out and about!



Sports Leaders

The Sports Leaders have attended training sessions and have taken part in festivals for Football, Multi-sports and Gymnastics so far this year already!

We have been impressed with the encouragement, patience and support that our Year 7 children have shown the younger pupils from local visiting schools. We have had lots of positive comments from visiting staff too!

Computing Ambassadors

Our wonderful Computing Ambassadors started the year by reviewing our school's class e-safety charter before sharing it with their classes. These were signed by all children in school and are displayed on classroom walls to remind everyone about how we keep ourselves safe online when in school.

More recently, the children have met with Mr Barber and Mrs Houlst. They discussed ways of keeping our school IT hardware safe and have come up with some of their own creative ideas for displays in the Computing Suite that will help everyone with their learning during Computing lessons. Watch this space to find out more!



World Watchers

As a part of being a World Watcher, the children meet each Monday lunch time. During this time, they watch Newsround and discuss which news they would like to share with the rest of their year group. The children create a PowerPoint of their chosen news, which is presented in the year group assembly. There have been some excellent examples this year of the children supporting each other with their computing skills across the year groups. Keep up the good work World Watchers!

Wellbeing Champions

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have been wonderful to work with this year. The children worked well together putting on an assembly for Children's Mental Health Week. They spoke enthusiastically about different emotions, how they are validated and strategies and grounding techniques we can use to help us when we are finding things tricky. The children have been given an added responsibility of overseeing the sensory boxes in their classrooms, updating when we need more resources and encouraging the children to use the items responsibly.

Westacre Good Citizen Award

We are thrilled to share the fantastic progress of the children taking part in the Westacre Good Citizen Award! So far, three cohorts have successfully completed their Bronze Award, and one cohort has achieved their Silver Award, with another currently underway.

Throughout the program, children have gained invaluable life skills, including knowing when and how to call for an ambulance, placing someone in the recovery position, and developing essential digital skills such as formatting documents in Word and typing with two hands. They have also learned vital road safety awareness and how to confidently catch a bus.

Beyond learning, the children have been sharing their skills with others—leading wellbeing sessions in their classes, helping at home with washing up and making hot drinks, and making meaningful connections with residents at Dorset House Residential Home. Reading, playing games, and engaging with the residents has been a highlight for all involved!

We were also delighted to welcome Councillor Richard Morris to present the certificates and badges to the children in recognition of their fantastic achievements. We are incredibly grateful for all the support received in making this program such a success.

We look forward to supporting our first group as they strive for their Gold Awards this summer. Well done to all our young good citizens!

