

# WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th March 2023



### 26th March 2023



**clocks are going  
forward this Sunday**

It was fantastic to hear the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 singing on Monday, thank you to everyone who came to support them!

We are really proud of how the singing has developed at West Acton and look forward to our younger pupils Easter singing events next week.

Many of our families have started to observe the holy month of Ramadan – we wish them a very special time.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend, Miss Kondo

**Year 3 and 4 Spring Sing - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am**

**Year 5 and 6 Spring Sing - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2.40pm**

**Reception Easter Bonnet – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.40pm**

**Year 1 Easter Bonnet– Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am**

**Nursery Spring Celebration - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 2 Easter Bonnet– Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00am**

Parents/  
carers  
welcome  
Years R to 6



# Children's Multi-Activity **EASTER** Holiday Camps

**CHISWICK • EALING • FULHAM  
HAMMERSMITH • UXBRIDGE**

**3rd - 14th  
April 2023\***

\*Excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday

**7.45am-6pm  
& 9am-5pm**



For all camp dates, venues  
and to book your place please visit  
**[www.aktivacamps.com](http://www.aktivacamps.com)**



Aktiva Camps is an OFSTED outstanding registered children's day camp. Providing an extensive range of sports and activities for children to enjoy. Aktiva offers children between the ages of 4 and 12 a safe, fun and friendly holiday camp environment. We encourage children to try new things, building their confidence and broadening their experience™, each and every day. Our programmes are designed to be high energy, full of variety and most importantly fun! Your child(ren) will return home with memories, home-made souvenirs and having formed new friendships.

**Building confidence  
and broadening  
experience™**



**EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS AT:  
BRACKENBURY, BELMONT,  
MOUNT CARMEL, SOUTHFIELD,  
WEST ACTON, JOHN LOCKE**



**FULL WEEK SESSIONS**  
Full day: 7.45am to 6pm - £159  
Short Day: 9am to 5pm - £148

**DAY SESSIONS**  
Short day - £38 Long day - £45  
Childcare vouchers accepted

**Lots of fun and exciting sessions to  
keep children active and engaged.**  
Sports – Football, Netball, Hockey, Tennis, Dodge Ball  
Theatre and Performing Arts & Dance  
Creative Activities – Arts and Crafts, Science Themed  
Workshops, Junk Modelling, Clay Workshop, Basket Weaving,  
Stained Glass Lanterns, Marble Run Creation, Bubble Painting  
...plus much more

**Easy Online Booking:**

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Ealing Council is pleased to offer the Spring Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the Department for Education to provide free holiday activities for school-aged children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Children must be a resident of Ealing or attend an Ealing school to be eligible.

The Junior HAF programme is for children in Reception to Year 6 (Youth programme for Years 7-11 also available)



[www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)

For more information, to speak to someone or if you do not have access to the internet to book please contact:

**Ealing's HAF Team**  
HAF@ealing.gov.uk or call 020 8825 6331  
(lines open 9am - 1pm)

Visit our website for more activities and family support services information.

[www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)



Visit our Local Offer for advice and information for children and families with Special Educational Needs and / or a Disability (SEND).

[www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk)

Keep up-to-date with news and information for families in Ealing on Facebook.

 [www.facebook.com/ealingfis](https://www.facebook.com/ealingfis)  
[www.facebook.com/ealinglocaloffer](https://www.facebook.com/ealinglocaloffer)



## Free Spring 2023 Junior Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme



Fun activities - get creative, make new friends, and learn new things.

Children & Families



Ealing's Spring HAF programme brings you a range of free inclusive activities and a healthy meal daily.

Eligible children can attend for a maximum of four days over the Easter School holiday – you can attend multiple HAF provisions.

### Activities may include:

- Arts and crafts
- Sports
- Outdoor activities
- Film making
- Drama and music
- Inclusive or specialist SEND provision
- And much more ...



Ealing's Spring HAF programme runs  
**3rd - 6th April 2023**  
**11th - 14th April 2023**



Visit our website to find:

- More activity ideas and resources
- Information on healthy eating, cooking and maintaining a healthy weight.
- Details of key services i.e. employment, financial advice, family support.
- Services for families with children or young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and access to Ealing's Local Offer.

To book your place or to find out what is available please visit [www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk). You will need your school code from the front of this leaflet to book your place.

Spaces are limited so if you are unable to attend a session, please cancel or amend your booking to enable another family the opportunity to book a place.



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***MESSAGE from Mrs Ahmad, School Therapist***

**You are your child's first role model**

Through learning and wanting to do the right thing, children are developing their 'inner compass' every day. They learn what they live, primarily by the example you set and the family culture that you create.

How can parents/carers help?

The most powerful way to teach a child a skill is to model it. When you treat others (including your child) with respect, when you apologise and when you regulate your emotions- then your child learns to do the same. Their inner compass will take shape from yours. In addition, your child constantly needs to make difficult choices, so instead of telling them off and shaming them for making a "poor" choice, use it as an opportunity to develop that compass: help them reflect on how they feel and explain that we are all tempted to take the easy way over the right way: we are not perfect but we can do better. In order to help your child WANT to do the right thing, make sure your limits are reasonable and age appropriate. Set them up for success so that they can feel good about being a person who does the right thing. Finally, help your child repair relationships following any damage and remember to stay connected. When your child feels you are on their side, they are more likely to WANT to follow your lead.

*The holidays are just around the corner, families are looking forward to spending a little bit more time together. Holidays bring lots of joy but they can also bring their own stresses, take some time for yourselves before the holidays begin...*





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24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police Service. This project is known as Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a notification system whereby the school are informed that there has been a police attended domestic incident that has occurred and there is a child (under 18) in the family. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

If you would like to find out more about what is considered to be a domestic incident please take a look at the guidance from the Met Police on their website: <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/>

This information is given in strict confidence to a specially trained member of the school staff, known as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). The DSL (Miss Sanusi) will use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the well-being of the child.

The school may also be able to make additional provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



Have you lost this Sonic Hedgehog?

Email the office at [admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk)



To celebrate science week, some KS2 children participated in a Science Club with Mrs Collins.

The children explored why oil and water didn't mix, what makes ice melt quickly, how we could launch paper rockets and explored the properties of balloons to create a balloon kebab!



We had fantastic workshops with Sublime Science. We looked at how different sciences connected, which is the theme of this year's British Science Week.



The children enjoyed coming up with their own hypotheses to different experiments being demonstrated. They learnt about air resistance and evidence of how sound travels through the air to reach our ears.





Miss Lee's KS1 Science Club involved many children having the opportunity to create their own lava lamps while exploring oil and water properties as well as states of matter.

The children also made 'rocket mice' and 'science spinners' to explore air resistance. Pupils also decided on their different designs of their spinners to manipulate air resistance by speeding it up or slowing it down.

The children also took turns to mix different solutions to make the volcano 'erupt'.

Spectacular at Science!

Children could share their science learning with their carers with special gold science wristbands being given out by teachers throughout science week.



Winners for the West Acton Science Map Competition will be announced next week now that all the entries have been handed in!



## Digi-Skipping Rope Challenge

Winners w/e:24/03/23:

Well done!!

Year 1 Katsura – Asma (159 skips)  
Year 1 Guava – Zain (120 skips)  
Year 1 Ash – Haruchika (53)  
Year 3 Rowan – Rumaysah (278)  
Year 4 Mulberry – Maho (199 skips)  
Year 5 Elder – Salahuddin (272)  
Year 5 Willow – Joud (237)  
Year 6 Tamarind – Parsa (38)



Please remember to hold the rope in your **right hand** and **press the black reset button**. The reading should never usually be higher than around 200.

Write the new date of that week in your notebooks clearly e.g. next week should begin 27.03.23.



School finishes for the end of  
term on  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at  
1.30pm.



# Would you like to understand more about county lines in Hillingdon, Ealing & Hounslow?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton  
CEO, Pace



Metropolitan  
Police



Sarah Pritchard  
Barnardos

Free webinar for parents & carers

4th April, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.



Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is



Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved



Learn how offenders groom and exploit children



Understand what is happening in your area

Register: [HillingdonEalingHsLowParentWebinars.eventbrite.com](https://HillingdonEalingHsLowParentWebinars.eventbrite.com)



## West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
<b>Acorn</b>	Mitsuki M	Emilia	Ibrahim
<b>Olive</b>	Tala	Ibrahim	Leen
<b>Fir</b>	Lina	Shota	Rosanna
<b>Banyan</b>	Derek	Emily	Robsan
<b>Ash</b>	Ayman	Itsuki	Amin
<b>Guava</b>	Leo	Olivia	Adea
<b>Katsura</b>	Asma	Bahaa	Kaichi
<b>Chestnut</b>	Ilyas	Saeed	Cassandra
<b>Damson</b>	tbc	tbc	tbc
<b>Juniper</b>	Emilie	Danny	Seiji
<b>Holly</b>	Sham	Younes	Mila
<b>Ivy</b>	Zenji	Miko	Angelin
<b>Rowan</b>	Maho	Anica	Miirō
<b>Mulberry</b>	Jimmy	Ritsu	Akshaya
<b>Pine</b>	Yuma	Jayden	Sham
<b>Sycamore</b>	Layla	Lucca	Gene
<b>Elder</b>	Keion	Simeon	Ruba
<b>Quince</b>	Jackson	Maha	Emilio
<b>Willow</b>	Mustafa	Rhana	Siarna
<b>Lime</b>	Easa	So	Elizabeth
<b>Tamarind</b>	Liseni	Shuma	Sam
<b>Zaytouna</b>	Simone	Nada	Zubaidah
<b>Woodlands</b>	tbc	tbc	tbc





So top 5 Bug Club reading classes for Spring 2 Weeks 3 and 4 .....

1 <sup>st</sup> 91% - Birch Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> 89% - Ivy Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> 87% - Damson Class
4 <sup>th</sup> 85% - Elder Class
5 <sup>th</sup> 76% - Juniper Class



.....and top 5 Bug Club readers across the school for Spring 2 Weeks 3 and 4 .....

**Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Kohei (Sycamore Class) and Nina (Willow Class) 26 books completed**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mizuka (Rowan Class) 24 books completed**

**4<sup>th</sup> Eita (Ivy Class) 21 books completed**

**5<sup>th</sup> Kansai (Guava Class) 20 books completed**



.....and top 5 Bug Club quizzers across the school for Spring 2 Weeks 3 and 4 .....

1 <sup>st</sup> Safa (Holly Class) 145 quizzes completed
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gene (Sycamore Class) 143 quizzes completed
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hanano (Rowan Class) 99 quizzes completed
4 <sup>th</sup> Iris (Willow Class) 92 quizzes completed
5 <sup>th</sup> Elza (Sycamore Class) 91 quizzes completed