



Westlands Primary School

A member of Swale Academies Trust



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I would like to start this letter by expressing my sincere thanks and gratitude to Miss Chant who led the school while I enjoyed my maternity leave. I was able to concentrate on my new baby, fully secure in the knowledge that Miss Chant was confidently leading the school.

The academic year has come to an end and the children can now look forward to their well-deserved break over the summer. The school has embraced another year full of change and development – with our significant building work completed and the children now using their new classrooms!

From August 2017 Year 6 will be using the main building (like all other classes). Please check our website for the classroom map to show you where all the classrooms will be situated.

Look out for the new club information to come out ready for the new academic year so that your children can take advantage of all the school has to offer with the wide range of extra-curricular clubs we run here at Westlands Primary School. I would like to thank all staff who have kindly given up their time to run clubs for the children, and particularly Mr Pettett who has organised this for us during the year. Mrs Francis will be taking this on for the new school year.

I am so proud of all the children in our school. Over the course of the school year the children have gone from strength to strength, fully embracing every challenge and not being worried about trying new things. We have seen this progress and achievement reflected in the end of year results.

A particular thanks to Year 6 who showed us how mature and responsible they are by keeping their cool during SATs week. We wish them the very best of luck as they move on to their new schools. It has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you.

Once again I would like to thank our Governors, PTFA and the ever growing group of volunteer adults who support the school in many ways – from running our successful Summer Fair to leading our reading programme. Thank you for your time, commitment and enthusiasm.

Learning and teaching remains at the very top of our priorities list and we are working all the time to ensure your children are receiving the very best education that we can provide. Please do speak to your child's teacher about their learning – whether you have a question, worry or would like to celebrate successes you've seen.

Westlands Primary School is a creative learning environment where all children are supported to achieve their best.

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Attendance at school is very important. 96% or above attendance is considered good. If children fail to attend school they may be at risk of becoming persistent absentees, and at risk of falling behind in their work. Please ensure your children attend school regularly and arrive on time. Children should be in class by 8:45 in the morning.

Did you know?

Attendance Percentage	School Days lost	Number of school weeks lost	Number of lessons lost
90%	19	4	100 lessons lost
80%	38	8	200 lessons lost
70%	57	11.5	290 lessons lost
65%	67	13.5	340 lessons lost

All children are entitled to an education – don't miss yours!

Finally, I would like to thank you, our parents, carers and most importantly our children for making Westlands Primary School a vibrant, exciting place to learn.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 30th August.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Hopkins
Headteacher