



# WBS - Working, Believing, Succeeding – A Wonderful Bridge to Success



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**Warwick Bridge Primary School**  
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### Attendance

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils in Wisteria have achieved the top attendance results again. Well done to you all.

	<u>Bluebell</u>	<u>Sunflower</u>	<u>Lavender</u>	<u>Tulip</u>	<u>Poppy</u>	<u>Wisteria</u>	<u>School</u>
<b>1.12.23</b>	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4/5	Y5/6	
	93.1%	85.8%	95.7%	88.4%	94%	95.7%	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	94.4%	91.3%	93.9%	93.2%	94.3%	96.2%	<b>94.4%</b>

### Early Years Open Morning

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we will be holding an Open Morning for parents and carers of children who are looking to come to Warwick Bridge School in September 2024. Applications for school places in Reception need to be in to the Local Authority by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 so this is an ideal opportunity to have a look at the Nursery and Reception classes and meet the staff who work there. We look forward to seeing many parents, carers and children at this Open Day.

### Ordering School Dinners

Please ensure that you are ordering school meals on School Hub in good time. We still have a number of children arriving at school who have not ordered their dinners. This means that staff are spending one of the busiest times of the day sorting out meals. This task is best done at home with your child so that you both know what there is on offer to eat and your child will choose something that they want to eat.

### Handwriting at Warwick Bridge

Staff at WBS are working hard to ensure the presentation skills of all pupils are of the best standard. To this end we are moving our morning assembly to 10.30am from 9am. We will then have the opportunity for all pupils to positively engage in handwriting exercises at the start of the day. (Friday Celebration Assemblies will still start at 9am). We also would like to ask all families to encourage neat presentation at home in any writing they do.

### Selection Box Raffle

We had a great time at the selection box raffle this afternoon. Lots of chocolate was won by a number of pupils. Thank you to everyone who donated a selection box for this.

### Eden Valley Hospice Reindeer Run 2023

All pupils from Warwick Bridge School took part in the Reindeer Run last week. Lee set up a 200m course at the back of school for the pupils. Thank you everyone for your donations. All parents, carers and families are invited to visit the fundraising page in order to donate. You can reach the page at:

<https://ema.gives/eden-valley-reindeer-run-2023/p/warwick-bridge> . Thank you in advance for all your donations.

### Snack at Warwick Bridge School

We are changing the way in which snack is administered at school. Pupils who receive snack from the school will be having the fresh fruit that is provided on a weekly basis. This means that staff will no longer prepare food for pupils. All fruit will be available from morning break in EY and Key Stage 1. Parents and carers can choose to give children a healthy snack from home to have at morning break. Staff will let families know of any change to these arrangements. Families of pupils in Key Stage 2 are also reminded that a healthy snack is allowed for the morning. **This must not be biscuits or a chocolate-based snack.** Healthy cereal bars and fruit should be given to children for this snack time.

### Support with Childcare Costs

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case you need to provide further information to support your application. To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time. There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where you can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

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### **Chat, Play and Read – activities for families during the festive season**

Festivals provide lots of exciting opportunities to chat with babies, toddlers and young children. The national Literacy Trust have a raft of fun activities to support families to Chat, Play and Read with their under 5s this Christmas. The activities can be tried at home and will support the development of children's communication skills. Click on the link below for more information.

[Early Years Christmas Activities | Words for Life](#)

### **WBS Christmas Extreme Reading Challenge**

Miss Hogarth has organised a Christmas Extreme Reading Challenge. Children (and adults!) could take part in the reading challenge over the Christmas holidays and then prizes could be given to a winner in each class. Find an extreme place to read a book, take a photo and then send it through to your class teacher. We look forward to receiving your pictures.

### **Family Action News**

The Family Action Team have produced a newsletter for winter and a list of events happening in the new year. These are available on the school website. For the Winter Newsletter go to:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1742/14. FA WINTER NEWSLETTER 2024 Jan - March Carlisle.pdf/>

For the January What's On guide go to:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1741/14. FA Carlisle Monthly Whats On JANUARY 2024.pdf/>

### **School Nurse Clinics**

The school Nurse has clinics that are open to parents and carers of school children. To access these clinics and sessions please see the poster which is on the school website at:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1739/12. Eschool nurse - POSTER.pdf/>

### **Norrie in the kitchen**

As the term ends we say goodbye to Norrie in the kitchen. He has been creating wonderful food for the children throughout his time here at WBS. We wish him well for the future.

### **Poppy Appeal 2023**

We are very pleased to report that the school raised the fantastic total of £286.50 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you everyone for your fantastic generosity.

### **Warwick Bridge School Lottery**

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport. Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck! Buying a ticket is easy. Simply visit

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/warwick-bridge-school>

### **Newsletters**

This is the last newsletter to be published weekly. From now on, newsletters will be sent out once each half-term. Please check the website for all information regarding the school.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. And don't forget that the pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick to see *The Little Princess* on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a very peaceful New Year.

Mr M Ashton