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Dates for the diary

June

25th - Team Jak Football Festival
26th - Non Uniform Day - Final Day!

Summer holidays are coming!

Please note that this will be our final Snippets of the summer term.

We wish all our young people and families a safe and relaxing summer break. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Wednesday 12th August.

SCHOOL'S
OUT FOR
SUMMER

Uniform Purchasing and School Badging

We have held two very successful Uniform Purchase Evenings in recent weeks. Pupils, Parents and Carers can purchase uniform from our school office at any time during the school day. In addition, **our school office will be open on Tuesday 11th August (inservice day) for any last minute purchases.**

We offer a badging service in school. We will shortly announce times this can be accessed before the summer holidays and we will run this daily in August.

You can purchase West Calder Uniforms, including blazers at any time via the BE Uniforms Website: <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/west-calder-high-school>

Parent Council Meeting - Looking for new members

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place in the new academic year in August. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in finding out more, please come along on the evening and have your voice heard to contribute towards school improvement.

Następne spotkanie Rady Rodziców odbędzie się w nowym roku szkolnym w sierpniu. Zawsze szukamy nowych członków. Jeśli chcesz dowiedzieć się więcej, przyjdź wieczorem i wyraż swoje zdanie, aby przyczynić się do poprawy szkoły.

下一次家長委員會會議會係新學年八月舉行。我哋一直都搵搵新成員。如果你有興趣想了解更多啲，歡迎你個晚嚟參加，發表你嘅意見，一齊幫手改善學校。



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Dress Code for session 2026 - 27

As we move into the summer holidays, we know that parents and carers will now be considering uniform and clothing for next session. We have posted below a reminder of our guidance and would appreciate support where possible to continue the promotion of our strategy on Inclusion and Equity. If you require support with uniform, we are here to help! Please contact Alison Shields directly at alison.shields@westlothian.org.uk



Our Uniform Rationale

At West Calder High School, we pride ourselves on being a forward thinking school which is preparing our young people for the world of work. Our stakeholders have told us that a school dress code should be comfortable, modern and appreciative of the Cost of the School Day.

As such, we have put together a range of options which are stylish, comfortable and will give pupils an identity when they come to school, whilst at the same time allowing us to maintain security within our building.



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DRESS CODE

Our Dress Code

Our dress code is simple, comfortable and cost effective in S1 - S5:

Black or Red Branded WCHS top (WCHS Hoodies £15 and T-Shirts £7 in school)

Black bottoms (WCHS Joggers £10 in school)

Footwear non specific, however, it must be safe for undertaking PE or other school activities. As such, footwear such as Crocs, Ugg Boots, Sandals are not permitted.

S6:

White shirt with WCHS Tie

Black Bottoms

WCHS Blazer

If you require any support with School Uniform, please contact your Wellbeing Support Teacher or Miss Shields. We offer a re-use and recycle scheme which facilitates a pre-loved, good quality uniform free of charge. For further details, speak to any of our Wellbeing Team. We are always here to support!

What you can and can't wear

Yes



WCHS Branded Black T- Shirt or Polo Shirt.

WCHS Branded Black/ Red Hoodie, Sweatshirt, Cardigan, Body Warmer.

WCHS Branded Black bottoms.

Non Branded Black bottoms with no labels

White Shirt and WCHS school tie

WCHS Blazer

No



Branded tops (other than WCHS). Tops must be appropriate in length to cover full torso/ upper body.

No Crop tops or tops with visible straps

Crocs and Ugg Boot style footwear.

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Track and Field Success

On Wednesday a group of pupils from S1-6 took part in the track and field championships at Craigswood. A phenomenal effort and performance from all pupils despite the weather coming away with 10 medals;

Bella - Silver in 100m and Gold in Long Jump

Isla - Bronze in shot put.

S1/2 Relay team Bronze - Lucy, Bella, Ella and Libby

Finlay Bronze in 800m

Alfie - Silver in Javelin

Matthew - Gold in Javelin

Cayla- Silver in 100m

Laura - Bronze in Javelin

S3 Girls Relay team Silver- Jaymin , Cayla, Laura and Lauren.

A great performance from all pupils.



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Fashion trip to Paris

Last week, we had a group of pupils and staff visiting Paris through our Fashion department. The group took in activities including Disneyland, sightseeing tours, fashion exhibitions, shows and of course shopping! Mrs Townsley and the team said the pupils were a real credit to our school!



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Pupils leading learning at WCHS

We're working hard to shape our learning and teaching at WCHS around pupil voice.

All our S2 and S3 pupils have been taking part in our pupil pedagogy sessions where they are developing their understanding of our learning policy 'PACED' and engaging in 'what makes a very good lesson?'

Young people were also provided the opportunity to sign up for our pupil pedagogy team next year.

Well done to all pupils for taking part



Edinburgh and Lothian Schools Film Competition

Big congratulations to some of our S1's for winning Best Performance at the Edinburgh and Lothians Schools film competition! 4 nominations across 8 categories and a win for our first time entering. We are very proud of them!

We are currently in discussions with the team to allow us to publish the video on our social media, so watch this space!



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Dip into the WCHS Summer Activity Programme 2026



We are delighted to be able to offer a range of free activities this summer including: Multisports; Crafts and more. If your son/daughter is interested please apply for a place using the link which has been emailed to you. Applications will close on **Friday 19 June**. We will then confirm places by email.

This programme is open to all pupils who will attend WCHS in S1 & S2 in August 2026

If you have any questions please contact laura.quilter@westlothian.org.uk

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TEAM JAK

FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

**FUNDRAISING STALLS
50P**



**S2-S6 FOOTBALL
TOURNAMENT**

RAISING AWARENESS



HAVING FUN



**BURGERS AND JUICE
£1.50**



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WL SUMMER VIBES

Your Vibe. Your Summer. Your Tribe.

Sign Up



All activities start from
101 Youth Project, The
Centre, Livingston,
EH54 6HR

Monday 1 - 5pm	Tuesday 6 - 9pm	Wednesday 1 - 5pm	Thursday 16+ 6 - 9pm
6 th July Drop in & Chill	7th July Beach BBQ	8th July Beecraigs	9th July Game Changers
13th July World Cup Challenge	14th July Worlds Food Challenge	15th July Lost Shore Swim	16th July Beach BBQ
20 th July Drop in & Cook	21st July Beach BBQ	22nd July Boat Trip	23rd July Escape Room
27 th July Drop in & Create	28th July Art Project	29th July Time Capsule	30th July Beach BBQ

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The Young Harburn Players - Summer Show

The Young Harburn Players present:



SUMMER SHOW!

Join us at HARBURN HALL (5 min drive from West Calder) for our one act summer showcase, performed by a cast of 8-16 year olds, including:

- Songs from ages past and present**
- A dark local tale of witchcraft**
- Comedy in the community centre**
- What happens in the Vet's after dark**

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE
3.30PM AND 6PM

Tickets £5 via cast/team members or email theharburnplayers@hotmail.com

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Support for families



**Do you have a child at school?
 Make sure you claim your benefits**



If you are in receipt of;

- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit where monthly earned income does not exceed £1,851
- Council Tax Reduction (not discount)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

.....you could get a school clothing grant



If you are in receipt of;

- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit where monthly earned income does not exceed £995
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

.....you could get a free school meals/milk

Apply using the link below

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/mealsandclothing>

School Canteen

Can we please ask that all pupils bring their card for the school canteen. We are unable to take cash at the counter which is causing difficulties for the serving purposes at lunchtime.

Can Parents/ Carers please ensure that cards are pre loaded with finance in advance. This can be done via <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/mgslp?Bref=NLC>

We are liaising with West Lothian Council as we have been made aware there is a current difficulty issuing new lunch cards. If you have any concerns around your child getting lunch, please contact your Wellbeing Teacher.

We have listed the weekly menus below for you which work on a rotation basis. The star signifies which menu is on for the week ahead and shows the rotation for following weeks.

Week 1	Starter	Choice of Main Course	Sweet
Monday	Lentil Soup Bread roll	6" Jumbo Sausage Roll Chips and Beans	Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Sweetcorn and mixed salad Muller Yoghurt/Apple
Tuesday	Broccoli Soup Bread roll	Breaded Haddock, Chips and Peas	Vegan Meatballs, Mashed Potato, Carrot/Turnip and Gravy Raspberry Chocolate Slice and Custard/Pear
Wednesday	Cream of Vegetable Bread roll	Jambalaya & Pitta Bread	Baked Potato with Cheese and Coleslaw Banana and Muller Yoghurt
Thursday	Scotch Broth Bread roll	Roast Chicken, Boiled Potatoes and Brussel Sprouts with Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne and Mixed Salad Apple and Blueberry Sponge/Satsuma
Friday		Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo Sandwich Mixed Salad & Cucumber Sticks	Banana, Pop Oats

Week 2	Starter	Choice of Main Course	Sweet
Monday	Carrot and Lentil Soup Bread Roll	Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Peas	Baked Potato Cheese & Beans Banana
Tuesday	Yellow Split Pea Soup Bread Roll	Gammon Steak with New Potatoes and Cauliflower Cheese	Loaded Curry Wedges with Pitta Bread and Sweetcorn Pear
Wednesday	Tomato & Noodle Soup Bread Roll	Roast Beef, Boiled Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Baby Carrots and Gravy	Thai Veggie Noodles with Green Beans (Quorn) Grapes and Muller Yoghurt
Thursday	Scotch broth	Chicken Sausage, Mashed Potatoes and Peas	Bean Hot Pot with Broccoli & Garlic Bread Apple Crumble and Custard/Satsuma
Friday	Bread roll	Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo Sandwich Mixed Salad & Cucumber Sticks	Banana, Pop Oats

Week 3	Starter	Choice of Main Course	Sweet
Monday	Leek and Potato Soup Bread Roll	Burger, Chips and Mixed Salad	Sweet n Sour Quorn Dippers, with Potato <i>Rice + Cornots</i> Apple and Blueberry Sponge
Tuesday	Broccoli Soup Bread Roll	Chicken Curry, Rice, Carrots, Chapati	Bean Enchiladas <i>Wedges e Salad</i> Apple and Muller Yoghurt
Wednesday	Lentil Soup Bread Roll	Steak Pie, Mashed Potato and Turnip	Vegetarian Spicy Pasta and Sweetcorn Cob Satsuma and Shortbread
Thursday	Cream of Tomato Soup Bread Roll	Chicken Casserole, Yorkshire Pudding, Boiled Potatoes and Carrot, Green Bean, Baby Corn Medley	Cheesy Pasta and Boiled Potatoes Peas Banana and Muller Yoghurt
Friday		Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo Sandwich Mixed Salad & Cucumber Sticks	Banana, Pop Oats





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School Calendar



June

- 25th - Team Jak Football Festival
- 26th - Non Uniform Day/ Final day

August

- 10th - Staff Inservice Day
- 12th - Pupil Return