

## **Westleigh Youth Club report 2025-6**

We have had another fantastic and fun-filled year at Westleigh Youth Club.

As with every year, we said a sad goodbye in September to a few of our long-standing children as they left primary school and became “too old” for Youth Club. However, they couldn’t keep away for long, as a couple of them have since returned as amazing volunteer helpers. This is always wonderful to see and really shows how much they love our youth club. We have also welcomed some new younger children, who are now enjoying all the fun of our Friday evenings.

Our usual attendance on a Friday is around 13–14 children. We have children attending from Westleigh, Burlescombe, and even Holcombe Rogus. Over the year, we have enjoyed a wide range of activities, including baking, crafts, team games, a talent show, and movie nights.

We have also worked really hard on our display boards and have received many lovely comments from members of Westleigh URC, who have enjoyed seeing the children’s work displayed during their events.

As the evenings have become lighter, we have been fortunate to have some dry Fridays, allowing us to take the youth club out to the play park. The children especially love the summer Friday evenings, when they can enjoy both the park equipment and our outdoor games and activities. They particularly enjoy using the bats and balls, skipping ropes, and playing football together. We are always looking for ways to refresh our outdoor equipment to keep up with the children’s interests.

The children pay £1.50 per session, with an additional £1 for a sibling. This covers their snack and drink, as well as helping us purchase new equipment, baking ingredients, and craft supplies. The remaining funds are saved so that we can make a donation to the hall for the use of the space, as well as put money aside for a summer treat. We also save towards our Christmas party, where every child receives a gift bag filled with festive goodies.

We will also be holding a summer BBQ/picnic, where we invite all the families to join us for a relaxed evening in the park, weather permitting.

We absolutely love our little Friday youth club, and we know it is enjoyed by many local children.