



Parent queries can be emailed in to parents@westoverprimary.co.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We will be cashless from September

Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful



Commander Kindness



Lady Resilience



Captain Creativity



Doctor Resourcefulness

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our target is **96%** or more for attendance. We aim for every child to arrive on time to help them settle and make the best progress. This is also less disruptive for the other children already in class.

Last Week	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	96	93	99	98	95	98	92	96
No of lates	17	0	8	3	0	1	2	3

AWARDS

GOLD AWARD

One child is chosen each week from every class for upholding our school values of resilience, kindness, creativity and resourcefulness. Well done to last week's Gold Award Winners!



Pufferfish - Lily
 Dolphins - Charlie
 Penguins - Dexter
 Seal - Lydia
 Sea Otters - William
 Seahorse - Ralphie
 Turtle - Charlie



Photograph by Lillie

We've seen lots of children this week who've popped in to share lovely work or good news! It's fantastic to see the work being shared from across all curriculum areas. Well done to everyone!

Pufferfish – Mabel, Lily

Dolphin – Rio, Arthur, Teddy, Florence, Sophia, Heidi

Penguins – Woody, Tom, Jenson, Abel J, Franklin, Amelia, Billie, Autumn, Olive, Abel R, Sofia, Dexter, Kimberley

Seals – Leo, Ted, Hudson, Nifemi, Xander, Savana, Liddy, Maddison

Sea Otters – Frank, Charlie

Sharks – Lily S, Olly, Eliza, Lenny O, Freddie, Karson, Carter

BRONZE AWARD


Children upholding our school rules and values and or putting effort into their learning receive house points. The table below shows how well house teams are doing.

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
451	368	398	391

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Tuesday 16 th July	Year R Exit Point 2pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 end of school production 2pm @ Admiral School	Details sent
Thursday 18 th July	Year 1 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 18 th July	Year 4 Exit Point 2.40pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 end of school production 5.30pm @Admiral School (children to arrive at 5pm)	Details sent
Friday 19 th July	Year 3 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Monday 22 nd July	Year 2 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 West Fest 3-5.30pm	Details sent
Wednesday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am Leavers Arch 2.50pm	Details sent
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term school finishes at 3.10 as normal	
2024/25		
Monday 2 nd September	Inset Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd September	Years 1-6 return to school	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Year R home visits start	
Friday 25 th October	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 11 th November	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 6 th January	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 24 th February	Inset Day	School closed to children
Friday 23 rd May	Inset Day	School closed to children
Friday 13 th June	Inset Day	School closed to children

LEARNING UPDATE

Year R	<p>Another busy week for Pufferfish class! We had a special visit from Pete the Pufferfish, his mummy had sent him to Westover find out what makes a good friend.</p> <p>We read him our new drawing club book, Sharing a Shell.</p> <p>And shared with him all the things that we thought made us good friends. He was so impressed with how kind we are in Pufferfish class!</p> <p>On Wednesday we took part in our very first Westover sports day, the children had a fantastic morning thanks to the year 6 team and their amazing children. We had so many wonderful comments about how well we showed our school values.</p> <p>We ended the week with a fantastic music workshop from Rock Steady, we were buzzing with excitement afterwards and haven't stopped singing since.</p> <p>We were very excited to find out that Mrs Newton will be back with us on Monday, we are looking forward to seeing her.</p> 
Year 1	<p>In maths, we finished our unit on money and started looking at arrays for multiplication and division. In English, we have been writing character descriptions for the Big Bad Wolf and creating a Wanted poster for him, using statements, questions and commands. In Computing, we started designing our own space race project on Scratch Jr. In PSHE we learned about the difference between nice surprises we can keep secret, and secrets that make us feel uncomfortable. This week, Year 6 invited us to watch a dress rehearsal of their end of year production. Dolphins did themselves proud. They were the perfect audience and showed all of our school values while watching. KS1 enjoyed a brilliant sports day on Wednesday, organised by the fantastic Year 6 children. Everyone had great fun scoring points for their house. Thank you to all the parents and families able to come and watch.</p>
Year 2	<p>What a fantastic week we've had in Penguin Class! In English we looked at the text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and written a setting description on a village in Kenya and even created a call and response song on what has happened in the story which were amazing. In maths we have looked at the</p>

	<p>multiplicative thinking and the relationships between the 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables. In PSHE we have looked at how we feel when we loose someone and how we feel when we see them again, they came up with some lovely vocabulary. We also had our KS1 sports day Wednesday and have been given some nice comments from other adults about the children and how well they worked with others. Today we had Rocksteady come in and have a workshop with us, the children have thoroughly enjoyed it. Eight more days to go Penguins, you are smashing it!</p>
Year 3	<p>This week, Year 3 have completed their diary writing in character to retell the story of the Place Between. We have enjoyed reading more of the Wreck of the Zanzibar then discussing and answering questions about the text. Our Maths learning is centred around graphs and how to read data using different scales. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be consolidating our timestables learning so we are confident in the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10s ready for Year 4. In the afternoons, we have enjoyed preparing fruit and vegetables to make a rainbow pasta salad. We thoroughly enjoyed sports day yesterday and a special music assembly this morning. There's lots going on and lots to be excited about.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week, Year 4 have been describing and plotting coordinates in maths as part of their position and direction unit. They have thoroughly enjoyed solving problems involving coordinates and have been incredibly resilient. Their creativity has shone through during their writing this week as they've described the different senses on a farm with phrases like 'the trickling of the meandering stream' and 'the overpowering stench of manure'. On Thursday, the children showed fantastic team spirit during their sports morning. It was fantastic to see so many of you supporting your children - it definitely spurred them on! We look forward to seeing you all at our exit point next week!</p>
Year 5	<p>Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their sports day this week and it was great to hear so many encouraging comments towards one another. Great team work. Thank you for coming to cheer us on! In the classroom the children have finished their recent maths measurement block 'converting units' and will be moving on to learn about volume next week. The children are enjoying writing some Viking themed pieces in English and we have been impressed with the vocabulary choices in some of the atmospheric setting descriptions. The class have started to learn about puberty in PSHE - we will build upon this lesson next week.</p>
Year 6	<p>Year 6 have absolutely shone this week in everything that they have done! To start with our performance, the children have given it their all, which has resulted in their best ever showing of it so far! They even received a surprise visit from Year R and 1 during their Wednesday rehearsal - their first</p>

	<p>experience of a live audience! The children and staff members who watched were blown away by the talent that was shown!</p> <p>Then, we have sports days! The children really took it upon themselves to show the rest of the school and its community how amazing they are by running both sports days for the younger year groups and received many compliments about their maturity, sportsmanship and general loveliness!</p> <p>Finally, this morning, the children were given the opportunity to take part in a workshop of their choice at ALNS: dance, drama or music. They loved experiencing the different sessions and it gave the children a glimpse of the secondary performing arts curriculum!</p> <p>To top off an already amazing week, we had the pleasure of sharing with the children their fantastic SATs results - each and every child should be incredibly proud of their hard work and commitment, which has led to great results all round. Well done Year 6!</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>A big thank you to Year 6 for helping to run the 3 sport day events. We have received so many wonderful comments – thank you.</p> <p>It has been lovely welcoming our new families in over the last couple of weeks as our new year R children have come for stay and play sessions. Mr Breen has been working hard in our pre-school painting and decorating and adding some safety features. It is all starting to take shape. Our EYFS team are starting to put together the classroom and taking in lots of new and exciting deliveries.</p> <p>We would also like to welcome Paul Keeping who has joined our Governing Body and attended his first meeting this week. Whilst we do not have space for any more parent governors currently if you do know of anyone in the local community who would like to be involved in our school please ask them to email us at admin@westoverprimary.co.uk</p>

Self-Care Summer Toolkit:

The summer holidays can be a time to relax, recharge and take a break. However, school staff can find it difficult to switch off during summer, while young people may struggle with the loss of structure and not seeing their friends every day. It's important that the children and staff at Westover look after their mental wellbeing during the break. The summer can also be a great time to develop good self-care habits, so that when term starts again, you have techniques you can turn to in stressful times. This toolkit contains activities, teaching materials and guidance to

help support and boost mental wellbeing over the summer and beyond. It is divided into resources to use with students and staff.

Please find the link to the toolkit here:

[primary_selfcare_toolkit.pdf \(mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk\)](https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/primary_selfcare_toolkit.pdf)

Sports Day Results

Year R/1/2

1st place - Victory - 1326
2nd place - Spinnaker - 1130
3rd place - Warrior - 1124
4th place - Mary Rose - 1123

Year 3/4

1st place - Spinnaker - 1205
2nd place - Mary Rose - 1079
3rd place - Warrior - 1016
4th place - Victory - 992

Year 5/6

1st place - Spinnaker - 1542
2nd place - Mary Rose - 1491
3rd place - Warrior - 1454
4th place - Victory - 1451

Overall

1st - Spinnaker - 3877
2nd - Victory - 3769
3rd - Mary Rose - 3693
4th - Warrior - 3594

Wrap around care

Our breakfast and after school club are for Years R-6 providing care 7.30-6.00. Please book via parents@westoverprimary.co.uk. From September please note we will be a cashless school.

Pre school wrap around care – unfortunately currently we do not have enough bookings to make this viable with only 4 children requesting some places. As the pre-school grows we will keep reviewing this situation as we are keen to provide this service. Please note that there are different qualification requirements when caring for pre school children.

School Dinner Price Increase

The meal price for the next academic year will increase to **£2.68** from the start of term in September. This price is in line with the terms agreed and communicated when the contract with Caterlink was extended. With high food inflation and increases to the living wage this has been unavoidable, however this still compares well to the meal price in most Hampshire CC schools of £3.00. The price of an adult meal in Portsmouth will increase to £2.78 + VAT

Social Media

We are in the process of updating our policies in line with the Trust. We are having an increasing number of pupils friend request staff so thought it was a good time to send a reminder. The extract below is from our policy

Safeguarding children and young people

- You must not communicate with pupils over social media sites
- You must never send a direct message to a pupil through a social media account
- Staff must not respond to any direct communication from a pupil
- Pupils' personal accounts should never be tagged in a social media post
- Staff must not accept any current pupil of any age as a follower or friend on any personal account (see addendum)
- Any communication received on a personal account from a pupil must be reported to the School Leader/Designated Safeguarding Leader
- You must block unwanted communications from pupils
- You should not interact with any ex-pupil of the Trust who is under 18
- Privacy settings should be set so that age restrictions are set at 13+. Children under 13 are not legally allowed to create social media accounts

Payments to school

Please be aware that from Sep 24, we will be a completely cashless school and all payments for trips, dinner money etc. will have to be made using the MCAS app. If you need help with using the app don't hesitate to ask in the office.

Mental health support for children and young people - message to parents and carers

We understand the importance of finding the right support at the right time for your child's mental health.

That's why key partners in Portsmouth have co-designed guidance with parents to describe where, how, and when to access support for children and young people's mental health problems.

The guidance explains the signs, symptoms, support available, and the steps to take. Knowing the signs and acting as early as possible, can improve the outcomes for the child, young person and their family.

The guidance has been split in two for:

- [Children aged 5-10](#)
- [Young people aged 11-16](#)

The full guidance is available here: www.portsmouth.gov.uk/SEMHguidance

Anyone aged 16+ can call [The Portsmouth Mental Health Hub](#) on 0300 123 6621.

Portsmouth Leisure Card

The link below gives information about Portsmouth Leisure Card which gives cheap and sometimes free access to Portsmouth attractions for families on low income.

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/leisure/sports-and-activities/portsmouth-leisure-card/>

Low-Cost Activities and Entertainment

We have found this really good website that includes low-cost activities and entertainment in and around the Portsmouth area. It includes free museums, events and activities. It currently has events for the month of July and this will be updated for the month of August.

[Low-cost activities and entertainment - Portsmouth City Council](#)

There is also another brilliant website - [50 Things to Do | Portsmouth](#). This offers a menu of fun, affordable ideas for play and learning. It is aimed at 0-4 year olds but the activities can be adapted to suit older children if needed.

Transition Information for children with SEND

Portsmouth Local Offer:

The Local Offer currently features a [next steps after primary school](#) guide which has been developed to support the transition process from primary to secondary for children with SEND.

The page guides parents and carers through different steps to make the transition smoother, includes some top tips from teachers and some anonymous blogs from parents who give accounts of their experiences. Many of the tips include preparing early and doing lots of research, so this page could be useful to parents of children in years 4 and 5, as well as years 6 and 7.

You can access this page by clicking on this link:

www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org/nextsteps

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Fun Pompey

What is HAF?

In November 2020 the government announced the significant expansion of it's Holiday Activities and Food Programme. Portsmouth City Council registered to participate and were delighted to be allocated funding by the Department of Education (DfE). The programme is designed to provide healthy food and enriching activities during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays to children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

It offers valuable support to families on lower incomes, giving them the opportunity to access rewarding and active activities alongside healthy meals over the school holidays.

Families who are eligible for FSM will be able to book via the booking system ([via Eequ](#)) when the summer programme launches on **Monday 10 June 2024**. The slots fill up very quickly and are based on a first come first served system. Westover Primary School is one of the locations available to parents.

If you would like any further information or support, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Leslie (Inclusion Lead).

Rowans Hospice is excited to announce that we have launched our brand-new Shining Stars Walk!

This is a family-friendly walk that will take place on Saturday 21st September 2024. This fun evening is a 4 or 8 mile sponsored walk around Portsmouth and Southsea, with the registration and warm-up starting at 6:00pm at HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth, PO1 2HB. For more information please visit our website [Shining Stars Walk - Rowans Hospice](#)

The Hospice will be providing sessions for children and family members to come along and decorate candle bags which will then be placed on the HMS Warrior.

The sessions will take place on Friday 9th August 10am- 12pm and Friday 30th August 1pm-3pm, we would love to see you there!



The Mental Health Support Team

MHST SUMMER WORKSHOPS



MHST are offering an opportunity for parents/carers to learn CBT based skills to support young people's mental health and wellbeing. Each workshop is being delivered twice over the summer holidays.

All workshops are all being held online, delivered by practitioners from MHST.



These workshops have been developed for parents/carers of young people attending a school/college in either Portsmouth or Southampton.



Wednesday 31st July
11:00 - 12:00
or
Wednesday 28th August
14:00 - 15:00

SUPPORTING YOUR ADOLESCENT WITH LOW MOOD

This parent/carer workshop will cover: Understanding low mood and what keeps it going, acting outside-in, things we value in our lives, scheduling activities. It will include top tips to consider and skills to try when supporting your adolescent with their mood.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STEP UP TO SECONDARY

This parent/carer workshop will cover: The step up to secondary. We will consider common worries and how we can manage them, friendships and how to make new friends in a new environment, self-care and how we speak more positively to ourselves. It will include top tips and some skills for you to try at home with your young person.



Monday 5th August
15:00-16:00
or
Wednesday 21st August
10:00-11:00



Monday 5th August
09:30-10:30
or
Monday 19th August
14:00 - 15:00

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH WORRIES

This parent/carer workshop will cover: Understanding anxiety, when it is normal/a problem, what keeps it going, avoidance, reassurance, communication tips and additional strategies to manage worries.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

To register your place on a workshop, please email MHSTSouthampton@solent.nhs.uk clearly stating which workshop and date you would like to attend.

You will then receive a link to the online meeting.