



Parent queries can be emailed in to [parents@westoverprimary.co.uk](mailto: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.

w/e	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
24.5.24								
%	90	88	94	90	96	82	90	89
No of lates	6	0	2	2	1	0	1	0

## 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 - Parker  
Dolphins - Josephine  
Penguins - Thomas  
Seals - Freddie  
Turtles - Sienna  
Sharks - Donovan



Photograph by Oscar and Evie

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** – Eden, Ruby, Spencer, Rosie, Gracie, Parker, Matilda, Arlo, Clara, Flossie, Mabel, Jude, Kayla-Lily, Patsy, Meira, Hattie, Mariana, Finley, Arla

**Dolphin** – Lozan, Theo

**Penguins** - Amelia

**Seals** – Leo, Lana, Nifemi, Maddison, Jasmine, Ronni, Charlotte, Ted, Freddie, Dexter, Rosie, Arabella, Savanna, Liddy,

**Sea Otters** – Raphael, Harry

**Seahorses** – Abbie, Daisy, Taylan, Isobel

**Sharks** – Eliza, Dottie, Freddie, Lilly S

**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. w/e 24.5.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
330	278	281	308


**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Date	Event	Information
<b>2023-24</b>		
Monday 17-Friday 21 June	Year 6 Residential	Details sent
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Tuck Shop – after school	See poster below
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Tuck Shop – after school	See poster below
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 trip to Tuppeny Barn	Details sent
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Reading Challenge launch in all Portsmouth Libraries	See poster below for details
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Years R, 1 and 2 Sports Morning 9–10.30am – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend Details below
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 3 and 4 Sports Morning 9–10.30am – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend Details below
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 sports afternoon 1.30–3pm	Parents welcome to attend Details below
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Exit Point 2.30	Parents welcome
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year R Exit Point 2pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 end of school production 2pm @ Admiral School	Details will be sent nearer the time
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Exit Point 2.40pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 end of school production 5.30pm @Admiral School (children to arrive at 5pm)	Details will be sent nearer the time
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 West Fest	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term school finishes at 3.10 as normal	



Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Inset Day	School closed to children
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day	School closed to children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Inset Day	School closed to children
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day	School closed to children

## LEARNING UPDATE

Year R	<p>We have had another fantastic week in Pufferfish. This week we have been exploring money, we have looked at the 1p, 2p and 5p coin. We have been able to buy our own snack and buy toys! If you have any pennies at home I'm sure Pufferfish will be able to show you.</p> <p>Our exploration of light and dark led us to the solar system this week, the children were really excited to see the planets move around the sun. Today we invited Mr Upfield to come and look at our amazing books. We created our own fact books, Mr Upfield was shocked to see our fantastic handwriting and sentence structure.</p>
Year 1	<p>Within English we have been learning the story of the Three Little Pigs, trying to memorise it with actions, it is coming along really nicely. The children have been challenged in memorising both the actions and the story. We have continued to extend our knowledge in Maths and have been practising our number bonds, applying them to addition and subtraction sums. In PSHE, we have been looking at how we grow up and learn to do different things from when we were babies (like riding a bike and learning to walk). In History, we have detected clues to work out how we know if photographs of seaside holidays were Victorian or current. In Science, we started our new experiment - we sewed cress seeds on wet kitchen roll! We placed them in different parts of the classroom (in a cupboard, under a table, on the windowsill) to see if this makes a difference to the results. In Music, we learned how to use our bodies as percussive instruments to create rain and thunder. In RE, we discussed the idea of special books, eg. which books are special to us and why.</p>
Year 2	<p>What a week we've had in Penguins class! At the start of the week we had our trip to Marwell zoo which the children and adults thoroughly enjoyed, we saw lots of different animals but a favourite for most of the children was the Red Panda. When we came back to school we wrote a diary telling each other what our three favourite things we saw were (picking three was a struggle for all of us!) Maths this week has looked at adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using column method and we have begun</p>

	<p>regrouping using column method too. In Music this week we have looked at St. George and the Dragon and the children were very good at creating phrases around the story by clapping out the syllables.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have produced some beautiful writing in English, publishing our circus setting descriptions. In Maths, we have finished our unit of time. We are now able to read an analogue clock to the nearest minute, read a digital clock and work out the duration of time in minutes from a start and end time. Please keep practising this at home ready for next year. We have carried out an experiment in Science to test which material creates the most friction. We spent a whole morning using the laptops: to practise our times-tables, to explore different fonts and sizes and then work on Scratch...again you could practise this at home as the website is free!!</p> 
Year 4	<p>Sea Otters are becoming shape experts! They have been looking at different types of triangles and quadrilaterals, identifying their properties and classifying them. They have also learnt about what makes a shape a polygon and have investigated whether these shapes are regular or irregular. They have shown resilience when applying their shape knowledge to problem solving and reasoning. This resilience has also been evident in their english where they have enjoyed using rule of three and exaggeration to persuade. Their creativity is unmatched! A polite reminder that all children need to ensure that they are following all school rules at playtimes to ensure they are setting an example and are able to have fun!</p>
Year 5	<p>Year 5 have had the best time on their school trip exploring Goodwood farm! Highlights included cooing over a newborn calf, running through wild meadows with the challenge of avoiding cow pats (with about a 50% success rate), spotting ancient oaks in the woodland and sampling the delicious butter which we made ourselves. We also loved tasting the fresh milk and Goodwood cheese. We were very impressed with how quiet, calm and orderly the cows were as they lined up to be milked- we have taken away some tips! Well done to the class for their enthusiasm and politeness throughout the day.</p>



	 
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Another busy week in Year 6! Rehearsals are well underway for both Matilda and the leavers’ assembly and the children have blown us away with their positive attitude towards this - they have really come together as a year group which is lovely for us to see. We have been busy completing dance choreography and props to go alongside this so it’s all coming together nicely! We also started our maths project this week (planning our own holidays) where the children have been interpreting data, calculating costs and working with different units of measure. On Thursday, children who are going to ALNS in September, were given a talk by the transition lead, Mrs Brown. They were able to ask questions about secondary school during this- which they did so maturely. All children who were there have been given an envelope with lots of information in it- please read through this and sign all papers that will need to go back on induction days.</p>
<p>Senior Team Update</p>	<p>A busy but great week. We had Local Authority moderators in to judge our year 6 writing. The visit was incredibly successful and they were very complimentary about our children's writing and how much they enjoy it. All of our judgements were agreed which is the best outcome. We also had an unannounced drop in for the Year 1 Phonic Screen, which again was all signed off and fulfilled statutory guidelines. Next week we are busy recruiting a class teacher and once we have confirmed an appointment we will let you know about classes and staffing next year.</p>



**Little Wandle Reading Books YR, 1 and 2**

Please could you check at home and return any Little Wandle books you may have as soon as possible.

**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.

**Sports Days**

Children are to wear their team's coloured shirt

Warrior = red

Spinnaker = green

Mary Rose = blue

Victory = yellow

This can be any t-shirt but must be the correct colour.

If they do not have a suitable t-shirt, plain white is fine and we will provide them with a bib on the day.

Parents are welcome to come and watch, you will be encouraged to follow your child around; however, there will be designated viewing areas for each station, so we ask that they stay within these.

**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](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/SEMHguidance)

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

We have been really impressed with just how green-fingered our Westover children are! With gardening club proving to be so popular, we thought some of you might like to enter 'Baffins in Bloom'. Free to enter, the event is designed to encourage people to plant more and help brighten up our community whilst helping out pollinators and the environment. We are entering the school category but there are categories for houses, flats, balconies and businesses too.

Email: [jennydobson5@aol.com](mailto:jennydobson5@aol.com) for more information and an application form.



### Uniform

Just for information Penelope Ann uniform shop on Tangier Road is offering 10% discount on all uniform orders placed in June. You can of course buy your uniform elsewhere but as they say, every little helps.

### Barnardo's free cooking classes

Free cooking classes for children and young people (aged 10+) run from 4pm - 6pm each Wednesday at Pompey in the community (term time only). It is completely free; you don't need to bring anything other than yourselves.

The aim is to cook something different each week, giving the young people opportunities to learn different cooking skills. So far they have made a tuna pasta bake, a sausage casserole and an apple pudding. Everybody gets a portion to take home with them that evening.

The sessions are open to all young people aged 10 and over.

A flyer with more information can be found [here](#).





**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](mailto: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.

**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).

**PE Day reminder – Please ensure your child has a kit on these days otherwise they may not be able to join in for health and safety reasons.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dolphins (1)	Seals (3)	Sea Otters (4)	Dolphins (1)	Pufferfish (YR)
Sharks (6)	Penguins (2)	Seahorses (5)	Penguins (2)	Sharks (6)
Turtles (6)	Sea Otters (4)	Pufferfish (YR)	Turtles (6)	Seals (3)
	Seahorses (5)		Pufferfish (YR)	

**Library Days**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sea otter (4)	Dolphin (1)	Penguin (2)	Pufferfish (R)	Sharks (6)
	Seahorses (5)		Turtles (6)	Seals (3)



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If you'd like us to contact you please complete the following information and send it to

Carers Centre  
117 Orchard Road  
Southsea  
PO4 0AD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time & contact method \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information i.e. who you look after and/ or specific needs:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**How we use your information**

Your details will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 or other appropriate legislation. If information you have provided is personal, as defined under the GDPR, we will only use it for the purpose for which you provided it. We only share your personal data with a third party if we are required to do so by law or if we need to in order to provide the service you requested.



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Website: [www.portsmouthcarersservice.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthcarersservice.co.uk)

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# DO YOU LOOK AFTER SOMEONE?

If so, the Carers Service is here to help

[www.portsmouthcarersservice.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthcarersservice.co.uk)

## Looking after someone is important but many people who care for someone don't recognise themselves as carers.

A carer is anyone who supports someone, unpaid, where that person could not cope without that support.

It doesn't matter who you're caring for and why they need that support.

It could be a child with additional needs, an older relative or a friend - the Carers Service is here to support all carers.



Carers often find it useful to get:

- information and advice
- support to have a break
- help with planning for an emergency
- a listening ear



Call us on: 023 92 851 864 or pop into the Carers Centre

**Opening Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm  
Friday 9am - 4.30pm

**Out of hours opening**

If you need to speak to us outside of our usual opening times just let us know.

**Email us**  
[carerscentre@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:carerscentre@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

**Website**  
[www.portsmouthcarersservice.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthcarersservice.co.uk)

You can drop in, call, e-mail or use Facebook Messenger - whatever is most convenient. Social events take place on a regular basis, contact us for details.

Follow us on Facebook  
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Being a carer is priceless but comes at a price for me the carer. The Carers Centre is somewhere I can be me and be with people like me.

Vanessa Salter




It is comforting to know there is somewhere to go for advice and support. The staff are friendly and the carers centre gives me a bit of 'me' time.

Nicola Williams



Portsmouth City Council  
**Library and Archive Service**  
Portsmouth Central Library  
Guildhall Square  
Portsmouth  
PO1 2DX



Summer Reading Challenge 2024  
Delivered in partnership with libraries  
**Marvellous Makers**  
READERS Celebrating diversity CREATE!

Date: June 2024

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to invite your child to take part in **Marvellous Makers**, this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which launches in all Portsmouth Libraries from **Saturday 6 July**.

Please encourage your child to visit the library and see the difference the Challenge makes to their reading and confidence. It is also a really fun way to spend time together during the holidays as all our libraries will be offering lots of activities during the summer.


It is **FREE** to join the library and take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and there are **NO FINES** or reservation charges for books borrowed by children or adults!

Children can also register online: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Every child taking part in the Challenge will receive stickers and other incentives to encourage them to reach their reading target. When they complete the Challenge, they will be given a special certificate and invited to the very popular winners' event to receive a medal and take part in lots of fun activities. This will take place at **Southsea Castle** on **Sunday 29 September**.

Our staff look forward to welcoming you and your child to your local library this summer.

Yours sincerely



**David Percival**  
Library and Archive Service Manager

195 DAYS	TERM DATES 2024 - 2025	FINAL																		
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<b>PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL</b> Programme of school term and holiday dates for LA and controlled schools for the academic year: 2024/2025 The School Year																				
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