



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.

w/e 21.6.24	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	94	96	96	97	97	96	89	93
No of lates	6	0	1	1	1	1	1	1

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!



Dolphins – Theo and Sophia

Seal – Charlotte

Sea Otters – Hugo

Seahorse – Harry





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 – all of pufferfish

Dolphin – Mysha, Theo, Josephine, Chessy

Penguins – Tom, Franklin, Justin, Alicia, Abel J

Seals – Lana, Ethan, Lydia, Ted

Sea Otters – Tia, Ivie, Jude, Yusha, Alfie W, Coast, Hugo, Alfie L, George, Demi, Niamh

Seahorses – Taylan, Cory, Harry, Poppy C, Lexi

Sharks – Lilia, Clemence, Eliza, Ruby, Carter, Olly, Riley, Eshal, Eliza, Olly, Carter, Lenny, Evie, Lilly

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
441	443	378	328



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY


Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Reading Challenge launch in all Portsmouth Libraries	See poster below for details
Wednesday 10 th July	Years R, 1 and 2 Sports Morning 9–10.30am – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend Details below
Wednesday 10 th July	End of Year Reports go home	
Thursday 11 th July	Years 3 and 4 Sports Morning 9–10.30am – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend Details below
Thursday 11 th July	Years 5 and 6 sports afternoon 1.30–3pm	Parents welcome to attend Details below
Friday 12 th July	Year 5 Exit Point 2.30	Parents welcome
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 to ALNS – performing arts taster session 9–10.45am	Details sent
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>We have had a fantastic week in Pufferfish class this week, the children have adjusted brilliantly to the different adults they have had supporting them. Mrs Newton would be very proud!</p> <p>Pufferfish were lucky enough to get to spend two days getting to know their new Y1 teacher Miss Chapman, she was so impressed with their fantastic phonics knowledge and beautiful handwriting.</p> <p>In music this week we looked at "the big band", the children used claves to send the "beat" around the circle. We had a class treat of fruit tasting and enjoyed trying some fruits some of us had never tried before, such as pomegranate and mango.</p> <p>The children were excited to choose the theme of their Play Project this week, the children all agreed on the theme of Jungle's. We have had some beautiful artwork of Jungle animals, binoculars to look for leopards and tigers, we even had a baby sloth house ready to hold some sleepy sloth's and a secret code to tell us all about slippery snakes.</p>
Year 1	<p>In RE, Dolphins have made a special book which has included pictures of things dear to them. In History, we have continued investigating holidays and comparing Victorian activities to those of today. In Computing, we have been creating sprites and programming them to draw letters using lines. In Science, although some of our cress plants have been affected by the sun, our sunflower is still growing. We looked at different deciduous and evergreen trees.</p>
Year 2	<p>Penguins have had an amazing week this week.</p> <p>In maths we have begun looking at the relationship between different multiples and facts that can help us to remember them. At the start of the week, we had our independent write where we wrote a newspaper report of the events that happened in Flat Stanley and have now started our new text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' where we wrote predictions on what might happen in the story. Geography this week has looked at identify where coastlines are in the UK and what human and physical features we would find along a coastline.</p>
Year 3	<p>In English this week, Year 3 have begun writing their diary entries as a character in our story, using a range of conjunctions and sentence types to add effect for our reader. In Maths, we have nearly completed our learning on shape. We are now able to recognise and draw a range of angles, name and draw different types of lines and use that knowledge to accurately draw 2D shapes. In computing, we have enjoyed playing on Scratch. This is a free website that you can access at home. The children are able to create a</p>

	<p>project and debug it to solve problems. Finally, in Music we have composed a rehearsed a short rhythm on the tabla to showcase to you at our upcoming exit point. There were lots of positive comments after transition day, they are really looking forward to Year 4 with Miss Hathway.</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Sea Otters have started preparing for their last piece of writing of the year. They have been exploring how writers engage their audiences through setting description and how a range of language features paint an image in the audiences' minds. In maths, they have been interpreting data in both bar charts and line graphs and picking apart problems to create line graphs of their own. We have also enjoyed a twist on rounders - using tennis equipment - where the children have been showing some great teamwork skills! It sounded like the children had a great time on transition day getting to know both Miss Snook and Mrs Ford.</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>What a busy week we have had in Year 5! We had a fantastic trip to Tuppenny Barn where we explored the polytunnels and sampled some of the organic crops (edible flowers were a class favourite!) before using our Design Technology skills to bake some delicious pizza rolls. Building on our life cycle work, the class found pond dipping fascinating, especially inspecting newts up close in the magnifying pots. We had a go at painting using natural dyes such as beetroot and squeezed in some wild flower seed bomb making too! We learnt about how important insects are as pollinators and were surprised to learn that although self-pollinating, tomatoes grow bigger and are tastier if they are pollinated by insects! To finish off the day, we made plant pots and brought some seedlings back to add to our gardens at home and school. Back at school, inspired by our farm to fork knowledge of organic produce on this trip and our trip a few weeks ago to Goodwood Organic Dairy Farm, the class designed their own savoury scones. Working in groups, the children baked using Goodwood butter and cheese, herbs grown in our vegetable beds at school and some children even grated courgette into their scones which we had grown from seed in gardening club. Great team work and collaboration by all. A wholesome organic week of fun! (And irresistible learning too!)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>

	
Year 6	<p>After a successful couple of transition days (from what we hear), the children have come back excited about their transition to their secondary schools. We have been straight back into rehearsals and have managed a full run-through without the use of scripts which has allowed the children to begin to act and express themselves as their characters more so. Just a reminder, costumes can start to be brought in in a named carrier bag which we can keep safe as use during dress rehearsals. In PSHE and Science we have been looking at puberty and reproduction- so far, the children have done this maturely and with a sense of curiosity.</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>Well done to everyone who has taken part in transition this week – there certainly was an exciting buzz around school. We are now fully underway with preparations for September to ensure a smooth start to the new academic year.</p> <p>Children of Pufferfish and Seahorses have been informed of their teachers absence and I am sure you join me in wishing Mrs Newton and Mr Upfield a full speedy recovery. I am as always grateful to the Westover staff team for going above and beyond to ensure we have consistency and stability for our pupils.</p>

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

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.

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

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

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

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. 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).

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Fun Pompey

The booking link for our Summer Holiday Camps, held at St Pauls School, Arundel Court School and Westover School are now live.

See links below:

<https://bookings.sport4kids.biz/sportsmanagement//courses/courses.htm?clientCode=Camps-MACTV-STPA-9>- St Pauls

<https://bookings.sport4kids.biz/sportsmanagement//courses/courses.htm?clientCode=Camps-MACTV-Arun-11>- Arundel

<https://bookings.sport4kids.biz/sportsmanagement//courses/courses.htm?clientCode=Camps-MACTV-West-17>- Westover

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)

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!

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.



Carers Centre
117 Orchard Road
Southsea
PO4 0AD

Telephone: 023 9285 1864
Email: carerscentre@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Website: 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

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

Website
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
facebook.com/portsmouthcarerscentre

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

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

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 - Official -	FINAL																		
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