



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 | Whole school | Year R | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| 24.5.24 | | | | | | | | |
| % | 97 | 99 | 97 | 97 | 99 | 97 | 95 | 96 |
| No of lates | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

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 – Lozan
- Penguins – Susie
- Seals – Arabella
- Sea Otters – Zuzanna
- Seahorses – Cory
- Turtles – Roman
- Sharks – Eshal



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** – Sara, Tyler, Arla, Mabel
- Dolphin** – Lilia, George, Charlie, Youstina, Alisi, Noah, Willow
- Sea Otters** – Elias, Demi-Mae, Syra, William, Cory, Tia, Charlie
- Seahorses** – Hallie,
- Sharks** – Carter, Ruby, Ollie, Seb, Lilia, Tallulah, Vinnie

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 |
|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 291 | 268 | 232 | 315 |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event | Information |
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| 2023-24 | | |
| Tuesday 11 th June | Year 2 Trip to Marwell | Details sent |
| Thursday 13 th June | Year 5 Trip to Goodwood Farm | Details sent |
| Friday 14 th June | PTA Fathers Day shop | See poster below |
| Monday 17-Friday 21 June | Year 6 Residential | Details sent |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | School Nurse Parent Clinic | Contact the school office to book an appointment |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Year 5 trip to Tuppeny Barn | Details sent |
| Wednesday 10 th July | Years R, 1 and 2 Sports Morning 9-10.30am – weather permitting | Parents welcome to attend Details below |
| 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 |
| 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 will be sent nearer the time |
| 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 will be sent nearer the time |
| 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 | |
| Wednesday 24 th July | Last day of term school finishes at 3.10 as normal | |
| Monday 2 nd September | Inset Day | School closed to children |
| 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

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| Year R | <p>We have had a fantastic first week back. When we arrived at school we noticed that there were dinosaur fossils in the sand, then we found a note to say that the dinosaurs had lost their eggs. We were quick to respond with some question about what their eggs look like. I'm sure we can help to find them. We now know that Mary Anning found dinosaur fossils on the beach. Did you know that she would sell these for money!</p> <p>in Maths we have been looking at numbers up to 50! We have been using our grouping skills to recognise groups of 10, we then went onto count up to 40 in 10's! I hope they are feeling really proud of their achievements.</p> |
| Year 1 | <p>We have had a great start back to the last term in Year 1. The children have been working on poetry looking at finger rhymes - which we are excited to show you during our Exit point. In maths, we have begun to look at addition and subtraction with 2 digit numbers; we are continuing to practise our number bonds to both 10 and 20! In Science, we have been looking at what plants need to grow, getting ready for planting our cress seeds next week. In History, we have started investigating holidays and how they were in Victorian times. In PSHE, we have recapped what we need to do to keep healthy - ask your child, they will tell you! In Computing, we have been very excited to start coding using Scratch Jr on iPads. It is free to download onto a tablet at home. We can make a cat move and spin! It's been a great first week back for Dolphins for this last summer term of Year 1.</p> |
| Year 2 | <p>Penguins have had a good first week back. In spelling we have looked at the alternative grapheme for the 'sh' sound and that it can also be spelt 'ti' in some words, the children have been very good at practicing this. We have also looked at particular skills we can use in our recount which we are writing about our trip to Marwell on Wednesday. Penguins have been practicing reading words problems in maths and choosing an effective strategy to solve these problems, they were very tricky but the children showed resilience in giving them a go! In music the children learnt about the story of St. George and the dragon and creating similar stories by clapping out the syllables they would hear.</p> |
| Year 3 | <p>Year 3 have made a fantastic start to our final half term! Monday started with a circus experience where we fully immersed ourselves in the magical world and generated descriptive vocabulary ready for our setting descriptions. In Maths, we have been looking at duration (the time taken to do a task). Please continue to practise telling the time at home as this will further support their work in school. We began our new Science unit on forces and magnets and have started learning how to use Scratch on the computers. this is a free website so you can access it at home to practise further...see if you can become Scratch experts!</p> |

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| Year 4 | <p>Sea Otters have been absolute superstars this week! We have begun reading our final class text of the year: 'Charlotte's Web'. The children have really enjoyed inferring details about the characters using evidence to support their points. On Thursday, they took part in their official multiplication tables check where they all approached it with resilience and a desire to succeed. The maturity shown by every single one of them was truly commendable! Since the start of the year, we have been preparing for this check daily. Whether that be a game of 'zap zap', number sense or practise checks on the laptops. There really is nothing more that they could have done! I could not be prouder of them all and they should feel proud of themselves too! We look forward to finding out the results. Those who were absent will complete the check next week. Well done Year 4!</p> |
| Year 5 | <p>Year 5 have loved getting to grips with our new class text, The Lost Thing. Excitingly, this is both a book and a short animated film and it's certainly captured our imaginations. In Maths, we have now finished our unit on decimals and will be looking forward to learning about negative numbers next week. We have really enjoyed getting out in the sunshine to practise our running and relay skills in athletics.</p> |
| Year 6 | <p>This week, Year 6 began to write How to Survive guides/letters. Some have chosen to write about Year 6, some have chosen SATs and others went further and focussed on the teaching side. Rehearsals have continued with two songs now having complete dance choreography to go alongside the already fantastic singing. The children also had the opportunity to take part in a science experiment, lead by ALNS. This gave them the chance to meet some students and teachers, dipping their toe into a bit of secondary science! Just a reminder- now that your children are older and it is beginning to increase in temperature, it is important they wash regularly, change clothing and use hygiene products.</p> |
| Senior Team Update | <p>It has been lovely to see the children all return this week for the last half of the summer term. Year 6 rehearsals for end of year performance are under way and we have been meeting new parents for those children starting year R in September.</p> <p>The children are continuing to enjoy having lunch outside in the warmer weather and the house captains are doing a good job and playtimes encouraging children to play games.</p> <p>Next week we have the local authority in looking at our year 6 writing as part of the moderation process and we look forward to showing them some fantastic writing covering a range of forms, purposes and audiences.</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

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 Eegu](#)) 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 |
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| Dolphins (1) Sharks (6) Turtles (6) | Seals (3) Penguins (2) Sea Otters (4) Seahorses (5) | Sea Otters (4) Seahorses (5) Pufferfish (YR) | Dolphins (1) Penguins (2) Turtles (6) Pufferfish (YR) | Pufferfish (YR) Sharks (6) Seals (3) |

Library Days

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



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| 195 DAYS | TERM DATES 2024 - 2025 - Official - | FINAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL Programme of school term and holiday dates for LA and controlled schools for the academic year 2024/2025 The School Year</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Autumn Term 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | September | October | November | December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Wednesday | 28 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thursday | 28 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Friday | 30 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25# 1 | 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20# 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday | 31 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring term 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | January | February | March | April | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Summer Term 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | May | June | July | August | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Bank and public holidays 2024/2025</p> <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td style="width:25%;">Christmas Day Holiday</td> <td style="width:25%;">25 December 2024</td> <td style="width:25%;">Easter Monday</td> <td style="width:25%;">21 April 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boxing Day Holiday</td> <td>26 December 2024</td> <td>May Day Holiday</td> <td>05 May 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Year's Day Holiday</td> <td>01 January 2025</td> <td>Spring Bank Holiday</td> <td>26 May 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Friday</td> <td>18 April 2025</td> <td>Summer Bank Holiday</td> <td>25 August 2025</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top:10px;"> School Holidays Bank holidays and national holidays </p> <p style="margin-top:10px;"> * First day after break # Last day before break </p> | | | | | Christmas Day Holiday | 25 December 2024 | Easter Monday | 21 April 2025 | Boxing Day Holiday | 26 December 2024 | May Day Holiday | 05 May 2025 | New Year's Day Holiday | 01 January 2025 | Spring Bank Holiday | 26 May 2025 | Good Friday | 18 April 2025 | Summer Bank Holiday | 25 August 2025 |
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