



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
21.6.24								
%	93.8	n/a	96	91	91	96	95	93
No of lates	2	n/a	0	1	1	0	0	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!



Dolphins - Tyler
Penguins - Gabby
Sea Otters - Frankie
Sharks - Alfie W
Turtles - Rafael



SILVER AWARD

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!



These children will be celebrated in assembly each Monday.

Starfish - Sophia, Izsaak, Rhodey, Noelani

Dolphins - Marnie, Logan, Bea, Meira, Rosie

Penguins - Henry, Chessy, Theo, Arthur, Jackson, Teddy, Aayah, Lilia, Noah, Willow, Alisi, Lozan

Seals - Hunter, Jessica, Iustin, Ralph, Bear, Sofia

Sea Otters - Dylan, Bella, Ethan, Hudson, Ethan, Primrose, Leighton, Charlotte, Isla, Maddison

Sharks - Flo, Zuzanna, Raphael, Alfie L, George, Coast, Alfie W, Demi, Charlie, Freddie, Mia,

Naylaq, Elias, Niamh, Carys,

Turtles - Kiitan, Taylan, Mariam, Ronny, Lucca, Harrison



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 28.3.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
195	194	157	160

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024/25

Date	Event	Information
Monday 16 th September	Year 5 Wild Beach School	Details sent
Monday 16 th September	Year 4 Sea Otters Meet the Teacher 3.10pm – 3.40pm	Find out about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 4 Wild Beach School	Details sent
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 6 Turtles Meet the Teacher 3.10pm – 3.40pm	Find out about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead
Wednesday 18 th September	Year 6 Wild Beach School	Details sent
Thursday 19 th September	Year 1 Wild Beach School	Details sent
Thursday 19 th September	Year 5 Sharks Meek the Teacher 3.10pm – 3.40pm	Find out about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead
Tuesday 24 th September	Tangier Road partial closure	Just for information
Tuesday 24 th September	Year R Pufferfish Meet the Teacher 3.10pm – 3.40pm	Find out about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead
Thursday 3 rd October	Census Day Change of school dinner menu	See poster below
Thursday 3 rd October	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Tuesday 15 th October	Pupil individual photos	
Friday 25 th October	Inset Day	School closed to children

Monday 11 th November	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 18 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination	
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 Bikeability	Details will follow
Friday 20 th September	Year 1 Dolphins Meet the Teacher 3.10pm – 3.40pm	Find out about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead
Monday 23 rd September	Year 2 Penguins Meet the Teacher 3.10pm – 3.40pm	Find out about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead
Thursday 26 th September	Year 3 Seals Meet the Teacher 3.10pm – 3.40pm	Find out about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead
Thursday 3 rd October	Change of	
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

Pre-School	<p>Starfish have been amazing this week settling into their new class! We have been practising some of our rhymes and they have been brilliant at reciting it without any adult help. We have explored different activities around our book of the week 'Owl Babies', the children particularly enjoyed the tray where they got to retell the story. The children have also shown off their counting skills to all the adults coming into Starfish class practicing counting to 5 and recognising the numbers. Well done Starfish Class.</p>
Year R	<p>It has been a very busy first week in Pufferfish. The children have settled very quickly, I hope they are all proud of themselves. We have been able to follow our new routine, explore new resources and experienced our very first PE lesson. It has been a joy listening to their stories and learning about your family life. This week Pufferfish will bring home a library book ,this is for you to share with them at home. At Westover, we try and promote the love of reading, so we encourage you to read as many time as you can. Please write in their yellow book every time they read to you.</p> <p>When talking to the children, they said their favourite times of the day are snack and Discover and do. Mrs Fuller and I are really excited to spend the next year with your children. Please can you remember to label all of your children's belongings, there was lots of confusion after PE.</p> <p>Next week we will start Phonics.</p>

Year 1	This week in Dolphins we have been very busy! In English, we have been discussing and using adjectives in our writing to describe the characters in 'The Snail and the Whale'. In Maths, we have been looking at doubling and halving numbers, and began comparing numbers using 'greater than' and 'less than'. The class also really enjoyed painting in art this week and painted colour wheels showing the primary and secondary colours.
Year 2	This week, Year 2 have started our new text: Jim and the Beanstalk. We've been using our knowledge of Jack and the Beanstalk to make some predictions and enjoyed generating words that rhyme to create sentences. In Maths, we've been learning how to partition 2-digit numbers into tens and ones and using these to create equations and fact families. In RE, we've begun our new unit on celebrations focusing on Harvest. In Science, we used our knowledge of living things to identify living and dead things in our playground. We've worked really hard and earned lots of housepoints with many children heading to the silver book which is lovely to see.
Year 3	Seals continued their great start to the new school year with an amazing diary entry written from the perspective of the Stone Age Boy! In Maths, we have been hands-on using the cuisenaire rods to show what number bonds can look like. In French, we learned how to greet people at different times of the day. We also met our class teddy, Nounours. In Computing, we learned about how weak passwords can be worked out and that strong passwords can take a billion years! In PSHE, we discussed the reasons for our class and school rules and what would happen if we didn't have any rules. Seals have made a good start with their Little Wandle reading and spelling lessons this week, along with Numbersense where we recapped making 10 to help us add one digit numbers bridging 10. In Science we are looking at the differences between sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock.
Year 4	Another hard working week for Year 4! We have spent time this week focusing on handwriting and spelling in the afternoons. The children have all really taken on board the high expectations, which we look forward to seeing evidenced in their writing as we work towards our first assessed piece. In maths, the children have been incredibly resilient when tackling the rounding of 4-digit numbers to the nearest ten, 100 and 1,000. It has been lovely to hear the children use high level vocabulary to explain their reasonings. We are looking forward to Wild Beach School at Hayling Island next week!
Year 5	This week, Year 5 have started to practise skills which we will need to write a house advertisement for, such as expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases, in English. In Maths, our place value learning has continued with reading and writing numbers up to 1,000,000. In Art, we were able to make the most of the short amount of sunshine and go and to use pencils for an observational drawing of a house. We are really looking forward to our second beach school trip (having done one two years ago too!)

Year 6	<p>This week, Year 6 have been working hard to make sure that they are keeping up with the new learning and routines. We were super impressed with how keen they have been, having almost every child's homework back in and therefore, scoring highly on their first spelling test! In Maths, we have continued to look at the place value of numbers, really working on that mathematical language and reasoning. We have covered number lines, negative numbers and rounding. In English, we are working towards writing an instructional guide for 'Surviving School' aimed at the protagonist - August Pullman - in our book 'Wonder' to support him in the changes that come with starting a new school. We have focused on punctuation and language to really nail those basics. In reading, it has been lovely to hear so many of the children read aloud and their confidence in this is already growing. Mrs Slevin even allocated character roles to the children, focusing on the voice, volume and intonation they use when they read. In PE this week, we set up stations outside for multi-skills. The children worked on skills such as coordination, balance and speed in activities such as speed bounce and relays. We finished the week with some calming artwork, using paints and glitters in preparation for our Christmas cards!</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>We welcomed our new Year R children this week and it has been lovely having everyone in school. We are working really hard on ensuring our three rules Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful are adhered to and your children are doing really well. Mr Upfield led an assembly on safety for years 1-6 and Starfish and Pufferfish will be having these conversations in class. During October we shall be practising fire drills and lock downs. We sensitively explain to the children that in an emergency situation sometimes we are safer out of the building and other times we need to be in the building – examples we use are fire, animal on the playground, funny smells e.g. chemical leaks etc. We also practise these within our breakfast and after school clubs.</p>

PE Day reminder

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

Packed lunches

No nuts or nut products to be sent into school. We have several children and adults with life threatening allergies. Thank you for your support.

Birthdays

Children are allowed to wear non-uniform on their birthday as a special treat. If their birthday falls on a weekend or holiday they can choose a day. If your child has already had their birthday this year they can choose a day. Please just check the calendar to ensure there are no photo days etc.

On occasions some children wish to give their class a treat on their birthday. We kindly ask that parents hand these out on the playground direct to parents due to allergies etc. Please note that staff are not permitted to do this. Many thanks for your support.

School uniform

Please label all clothes, especially jumpers and cardigans as we have a lot of lost property un-named so we are unable to return it. *(We have a new logo but children can wear uniform with old logo until you need to replace)*

In addition to this, please label water bottles and lunch boxes as we are eating outside when the weather is nice.

Uniform is white or blue polo tops, grey/black school trousers, grey/black school shorts, blue checked dress, grey/black dress or skirt, fleece, cardigan or jumper in blue. All black trainers can be worn everyday or school shoes sensible for play/lunchtime and trim trail.

PE Kit – Plain black shorts, jogging bottom, leggings or cycling shorts, plain white t shirt or house coloured t-shirt (Plain) black plimsoles and or trainers.

No Jewellery please

Change of contact details

Please let the School know ASAP if you have changed address or contact number.

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. These are becoming very popular so it is important you book and pay for your child's session as soon as you know you will need a space. We cannot guarantee a space will be available for last minute bookings.

Please note we are now 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.

First Aid Forms

As we have a few parents who are new to the school, we thought we would just go over the different first aid forms we use.

The forms with **red** writing are for minor head injuries (anything bumped or hurt above the neck). These forms are emailed to parents/carers. If we were at all concerned, we would of course ring you.

The forms with the **black** writing are for all other minor injuries (bumped knees, grazes etc). These forms are sent home with the child at the end of the day.

Anything major or something we think needs checking by someone other than a first aider we will always ring parents/carers.

Any queries please call 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.

Lost Monkey

Mrs Llewellyn has had a friend to play for the last couple of days. Although she will be sad to see him go, if he is yours please call into the office so he can be reunited with his family.





**WESTOVER PRIMARY AND
PRE-SCHOOL**

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RECEPTION '25 WESTOVER WELCOME TOURS

*"Pupils thrive
at Westover"*

OFSTED 2022

Is your child due to start school in
September 2025?
We are doing welcome tours this half-term.

Applications through Portsmouth City
Council from the 4th November 2024.

WELCOME TOURS

Please contact the school office to
arrange a tour with a member of the
Senior Leadership Team.



Contact Us:


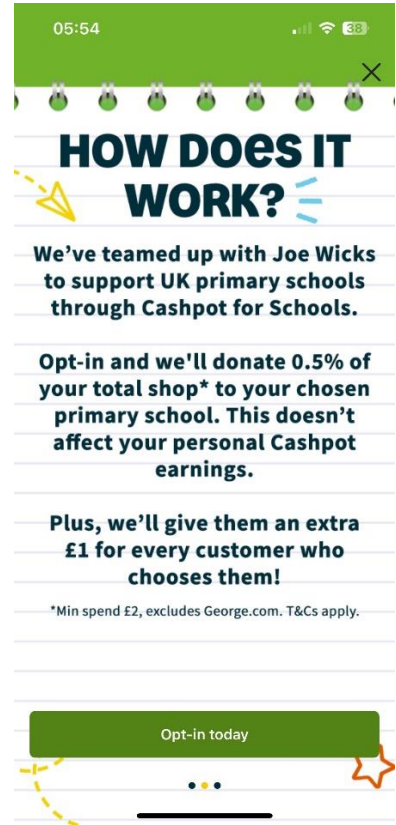
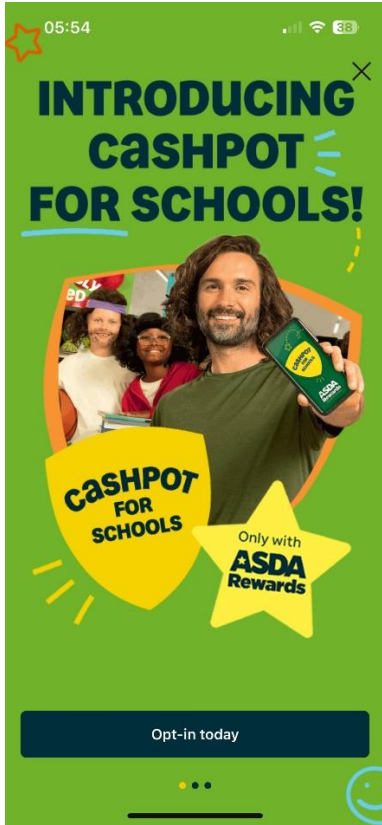
Telephone: 023 9266 0178

Email: admin@westoverprimary.co.uk

*"Pupils, including children in
early years, are absorbed in
their learning."*

OFSTED 2022

If you shop at Asda you could earn money for Westover! See below to find out how.



caterlink
feeding the imagination
25th Anniversary

Census Day Menu

3rd October 2024

Build a Beef Burger
or
Build a Vegan Burger

Served with Chips
Baked beans and Sweetcorn

Vanilla Shortbread Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potatoes with be available