



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.

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 – Matilda, Samuel, Chester, Abdullahi,

Dolphins – Kayla-Lily, Mabel, Lucas, Theo,

Penguins – Florence, Youstina, Sharon, Lilia

Seals – Dexter, George, Franklin, Billie, Alicia

Sea Otters – Bella, Jasmine, Maddison, Leighton, Primrose

Sharks – Noah, William, Freddie, Frank, Demi, Niamh, Carys, Tia, Jacob, Aflie W, Tia, George

Turtles – Morgan, Lucca, Taylan, Ivie, Reilly, Harrison, Poppy C,



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2024/25		
Monday 16 th September	Year 5 Wild Beach School	Details to follow
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 4 Wild Beach School	Details to follow
Thursday 19 th September	Year 1 Wild Beach School	Details to follow
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
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	Starfish class have had a lovely first week at Westover. We have had lots of fun getting to know our new environment. The children made some monsters in the playdoh giving them lots of googly eyes and wiggly arms. We have had fun matching pictures together, they were very good at helping Miss Gibson with this. They have also listened to lots of stories and rhymes.
Year R	Home visits this week. We are excited to see our new Pufferfish on Monday.
Year 1	Dolphins have settled in fabulously this week, impressing us all with their enthusiasm and positivity towards Year 1 life! In Maths this week, we have been looking at the composition of numbers within 10 and developing fluency of our number bonds within 10. In PSHE, we talked about what rules are and why we have them and came up with our own set of classroom rules together. We also began to look at our first core text of the half term – ‘The snail and the Whale’, and even created our own collage whales in art!
Year 2	Year 2 have made a fantastic start to Penguin Class. This week we have been discussing and writing about our Summer holidays using past tense

	<p>verbs. The children have been practising their handwriting and using their segmenting fingers to spell accurately. In Maths, we've been looking at the value of digits in 2-digit numbers and the children are great at identifying the tens and ones in each number and are now able to draw these using pictorial representations of base ten. We've had some lovely lessons in PSHE talking about our ideal classroom and how we'd like a quiet, calm, safe classroom to do our best learning. Finally, we've learnt a couple of songs about school life and how we can be our best. Well done Year 2!</p>
Year 3	<p>What a fantastic return from the summer holidays for Seal class! We have got straight on with our maths and started to look at number sense and different representations of numbers. In English, we made some very interesting predictions based on the cover of the book Stone Age Boy. We have enjoyed the story and have started to take a closer look at the main characters.</p> <p>We learned how to greet each other in French and played our first game of dodgeball in PE. We have started to learn about life in the Stone Age in History and have had a hands on session with some replica flint tools. Well done Year 3, a super start to the year!</p>
Year 4	<p>Sea Otters have had a lovely first week back! It has been great to see them all settle so quickly and feel comfortable in their new classroom with their new adults. We have been working hard to re-establish routines and present our work at Year 4 standard. The children have been incredibly resilient when exploring place value in maths and have enjoyed reading and exploring our class text, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'.</p>
Year 5	<p>What a fantastic starting week Year 5 have had! We have got straight back into the swing of learning with Roman numerals in Maths, inference of emotions in English and immersing ourselves in our new text, Skellig, in Reading. To start the year on a high, we have embedded the high expectations for presentation across all of our books which has earned us lots of house points and silver book visits! In PSHE, we tried out our team-building skills through building solid structures using marshmallows and spaghetti- some were more successful than others!</p>
Year 6	<p>What a lovely first week back Year 6 have had!</p> <p>We got straight into our learning and the children have really adapted to the new routines and settled into their new classrooms. In English, we are looking at the book 'Wonder' which is based around themes of friendship, kindness, change and differences. The children have showed such a mature and sensitive approach to this and we have begun some formal writing around settling into school. In Maths, we have looked at the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000. The children have worked so hard on the presentation of their books and the pride they are taking in their work is really lovely to see. During the afternoons, we have been doing some</p>

	<p>artwork. Whilst, the weather was dry we went outside and did some still-life drawings based on some objects from inside of our classroom. The children all have new library books which they were able to choose from the Year 6 section of the library, so be sure to ask your child what they are reading!</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>It's been a joy and a privilege to return to work this week. Your children have settled really well and we are delighted to welcome in our Pre-School children. Don't forget we now have a Child and Family Support Worker who can help with many issues and will be supporting our drive for excellent attendance. If you wish to contact Mrs Dalton please email parents@westoverprimary.co.uk</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)

We have had a fabulous gift today of a football kit from Sophia, who is one of our passionate footballers. Sophia and her Mum entered a design competition with Octopus Energy AND WON!!! Their design and justification focused not only on the importance of inclusivity in schools but also on the values of teamwork, collaboration and the empowerment of young girls in sports. Huge well done Sophia and Mum and thank you very much.



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.

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

Payments to school

Please be aware we are now 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.

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.

Change of contact details

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

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.

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.



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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."*

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