



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.

Last week	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	95	98	98	90	91	96	96	94
No of lates	12	0	0	4	2	4	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 – Theodor

Penguins – Lilia

Seal – Tom

Sea Otter – Freddie

Sharks – Jet

Turtles – Ronny



Photo by Poppy C

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.



Pufferfish –

Dolphins – Kayla-Lily Theodor Finley

Penguins – Theo Rayyan Willow Teddy Arthur Charlie Josephine Jackson Harry

Seals – Franklin George Sofia Harper Abel J Abel R Harper C Harper W Amelia Alicia Olive

Sea Otters – Leighton Leo Ted Isla Ronnie Arabella Rosie Esme Avana Ethan Rosie Bella-Rose

Savana

Sharks – Niamh Zuzanna Flo George Tia Carys



Turtles – Owen Morgan Harry Remy Poppy Kiitan Daisy Sophia Mabel Libby Harrison Ralphie Dexter

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
248	294	214	228

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**2024/25**

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents evening	Booking details below
Friday 25 th October	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term	
Tuesday 5 th November	Bonfire Night Change of School Dinner Menu	Details to follow
Thursday 7 th November	Spooks and Sparkles PTA Disco	See Poster below
Friday 8 th November	PTA Bring a bottle for Christmas Faye	Details to follow
Monday 11 th November	Inset Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 2 trip to New Theatre Royal	Details sent
Monday 18 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination	
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 Bikeability	Details will follow
Friday 29 th November	PTA Christmas Shop	Details to follow
Thursday 5 th December	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Friday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre	Details to follow
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Holiday	
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>We've had such a fun filled week in Starfish class again that we have too many things to list. Here are a few of the things, our book this week was 'Oliver's Vegetables' and we talked about what vegetables we like and dislike, we then got to have a feel of the vegetables Grandpa grows in his garden and describe them. We then used those vegetables to print on pictures. The children got to use some scales this week in our maths area, looking at what happens when adding different objects. We have also been mixing different ingredients together to get lots of different textures. We are looking forward to our last week before half term with even more exciting activities to do!</p>
Year R	<p>This week we have been learning about harvest and what it means to 'harvest crops'. We then looked at some typical fruits and vegetables that we may harvest at this time of the year. We now know that most fruits and vegetable grow when it is warmer, they don't like to being too cold. The children really enjoyed peeling back the layers to reveal the corn. On Friday the little red hen sent us some flour and a recipe to make bread. We were able to follow the instruction to make bread, we then ate this as part of our snack for the day. We will put the recipe in the window if you want to have a go at home.</p> <p>We have now learnt our first three tricky words, these are 'I' 'is' and 'the'. Please practices these as much as you can at home.</p> <p>You will be pleased to know, we beat our last week's score for getting changed for PE. This week most of us were ready in under 8 minutes, we really are getting quicker. Thank you for all your hard work at home, they often tell us that they are getting themselves ready for school now.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in year 1 we have continued our work on our space factfiles in English and published them ready to put up around school! In Maths, we have begun to look at the composition of numbers within 20 and order them from smallest to greatest. In Geography, we created our own maps of the school grounds using resources from around the classroom. The children got very creative and made some fantastic maps of the school!</p> <p>Next week we will continue to look into the composition of numbers within 20 in Maths and begin to look into what verbs are in English.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week year 2 have been writing a retell of Traction Man using the present progressive tense, it's been tricky, but their resilience has been great! In Maths we are now experts of addition and subtraction and ready to answer some word problems next week. In science we wrote instruction to inform Pufferfish and Dolphins how to make a bug hotel. In music we've learnt a Ghanaian call and response song and can play along using various untuned percussion to perform rhythms. 1 more week!! We can do it!!</p>

Year 3	<p>Year 3 have been busy writing instructions this week about how to make Stone Age paint. Everybody has worked hard to include time adverbials followed by a comma. The children are very good at using their bossy imperative verbs! In maths we have started a unit about data handling. We are currently exploring how to read pictograms and how to use them to display our data. In science we have been exploring soil. We have made our own mini compost bins and had great fun chopping up leaves and fruit scraps. In French, we started a new unit about colours. Ask them about Léon the Chameleon! In History, we are working through the Stone Age, to bronze age and iron age. The children have enjoyed looking at artefacts and working out how Early Man lived.</p>
Year 4	<p>What a wonderful penultimate week for Year 4. As always, the children have been working hard. We have concluded our addition and subtraction unit this week and will be beginning our multiplication and division unit from Monday. In English, we have finished reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. The children seemed very touched by the 'full circle' ending. This week, they have been planning and writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the book's key characters, exploring their thoughts and emotions by using a range of features. This afternoon, we produced our final pieces of artwork inspired by street artists: Banksy and My Dog Sighs. It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening yesterday. It really is a great opportunity for us to discuss how your child is doing and how we can support them and their learning together.</p>
Year 5	<p>This week in Year 5, we have focussed heavily on Maths as multiples and factors have been an area that the children have struggled with having needed to practise times tables fluency. In Art, the children have learnt about Friedrich Hundertwasser and his designs around architecture then produced their own double page spread which showcase his work as well as information about him. After finishing our parachutes, we tested them this week and found that the larger the surface area, the slower the fall. It has been lovely to see those of you who came to parents' evening this week. There is still time to sign up electronically on MCAS for next Tuesday's appointments.</p>
Year 6	<p>A busy one again in Y6! In Maths, we have worked on the pace and efficiency of children's chosen methods, looking at rounding for estimation, BIDMAS and using known facts.</p> <p>In English, we have started a new unit based on a film clip 'Little Freak' this has been based on differences, acceptance and belonging. We have based our reading lessons around the circus, which links in with our English. We have looked at lots of new vocabulary to improve the children's understanding of new words. The children also started their final pieces in art this week, showcasing all of their skills based on Picasso! In PE, we did some challenges involving balance, agility and reactions.</p>

Senior Team Update	Thank you to those parents that came to parents evening Thursday, it has been lovely sharing your child's successes with you. We still have next Tuesday evening to complete these. We have also been busy showing perspective parents to Pre-school and Year R around and have received so many lovely comments about the learning environment and ethos of the school. Thank you everyone.
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PE Day reminder

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

Library Day reminder

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

Parents' Evenings YR - Y6

Parents' evening is Tuesday 22nd October. Please book your appointment via the My Child At School App (MCAS) or contact the school office if you have any difficulties with this.

Packed lunches

[No nuts or nut products to be sent into school.](#) We have several children and adults with life threatening allergies. A reminder that this includes **hazelnut chocolate spreads such as Nutella.** Thank you for your support.

Change of contact details

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

Collecting Children at the end of the Day

Please let the office/class teacher know if someone else will be picking your child up so we can keep everyone safe. As excited as they may be, we cannot take a child's word that they are going to a friends' house for tea. If we haven't been told by a parent/carer who is picking up, we cannot let them go.

Low cost and free activities this October

There's a bumper selection of low-cost and FREE activities and events in Portsmouth this October. Including: Love Southsea Market – Palmerston Road Precinct; (Half term) Halloween fun at the Fort, Fort Nelson, Portsdown Hill Road; Waterside Market, Port Solent and much more... See link below

[Low-cost activities and entertainment - Portsmouth City Council](#)

Nasal Flu Spray

The School Aged Immunisation Service will shortly be offering the annual nasal flu vaccination in school. Please see the attached Flu Immunisation Leaflet.

Please find the link below for the online consent form:

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-flu>

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your internet browser.

You will require your school's LEA Code which is: 142602

The consent will close **3 days prior** to the school session on **Monday 18th November 2024**. If you submit consent after this time, your child will be unable to be given the vaccination in school, but you will receive an email to book into a community clinic appointment.

If there is a change in your child's medical status in the 14 days before the session, please email parents@westoverprimary.co.uk or contact the school office. This is very important as the immunisation team require current health status of pupils within this time frame in order to ensure they remain eligible to receive the vaccination.

Please complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine.

For any queries, please email the immunisation team on Portsmouth.SAI@solent.nhs.uk

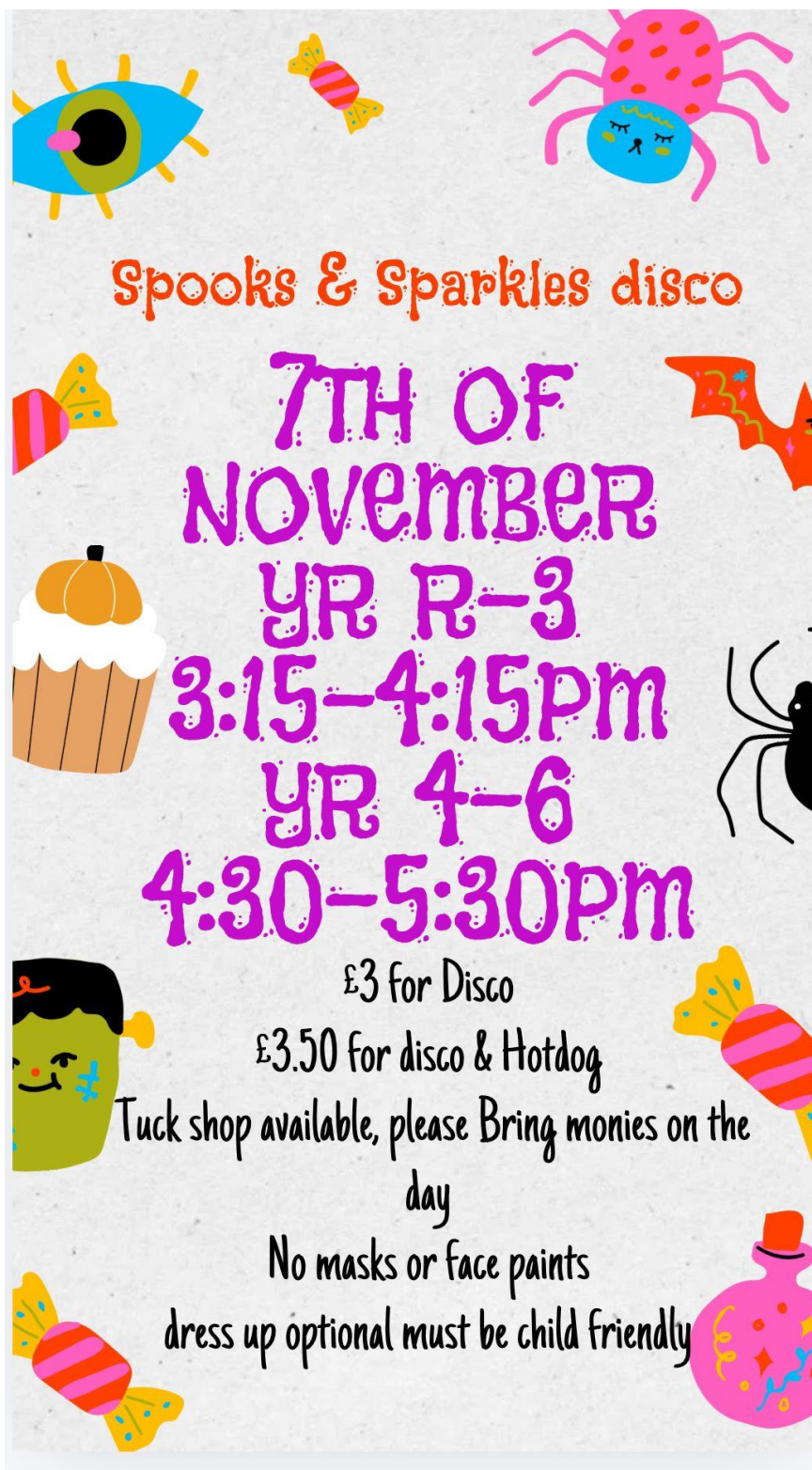
If you have any problems with the link, please contact the school office.

Wrap around care

Our breakfast and after school club are for Years R-6 providing care 7.30-6.00. Please book via MCAS App. 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. We will be looking to employ additional staff so we can increase numbers.

The Breakfast and After School Club policies are on our website. We require at least 24 hours notice to cancel a place or you will be charged the full cost of the space.

Please note we are now a cashless school.

A vertical poster with a light grey background. It features several colorful illustrations: a blue eye with a black pupil and yellow rays at the top left; a yellow and red striped candy at the top center; a pink spider with a blue face and closed eyes at the top right; a yellow and red striped candy at the middle left; a pumpkin cupcake with white frosting at the middle left; a black bat at the middle right; a black spider at the middle right; a green witch's face with black hair and blue face paint at the bottom left; a yellow and red striped candy at the bottom left; and a pink potion bottle with a red stopper and yellow and blue sparkles at the bottom right. The text is centered and reads:

Spooks & Sparkles disco

7TH OF
NOVEMBER
YR R-3
3:15-4:15PM
YR 4-6
4:30-5:30PM



£3 for Disco
£3.50 for disco & Hotdog
Tuck shop available, please Bring monies on the
day
No masks or face paints
dress up optional must be child friendly

Reading Rewards




A big thank you to all parents, carers and children for reading so much at home. It is really helping pupils make great progress in class. We have some amazing readers at Westover, so much so that we have had to look again at reading rewards as so many children are getting lots of badges and jumpers are getting weighed down!

Good reading practice is reading for about a 15 minute session in EYFS and KS1, up to 20 minutes in KS2. For some early readers this could involve reading a number of different books at a time. From now on, we will be logging reading sessions to go towards our reading totals, rather than the amount of books read. So, in an evening, it's likely a child will have 'one read'. Your child's reads will be added to their current totals and we have added some extra rewards for children achieving top reading scores. For children achieving 800, 900 and 1000 reads they will receive bronze, silver and gold certificates respectively and these will be celebrated in a Monday assembly too. After that, children will then have the opportunity to read towards second, third, fourth and fifth bronze, silver and gold badges. Remember that reading totals span your child's entire primary school career, with totals being added to year on year.

WESTOVER - READING REWARDS

Number of Reads	Badge awarded
50	
100	
200	
300	
400	
500	
600	
700	

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Number of Reads	Certificate awarded
800	
900	
1000	

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Number of Reads	Badge awarded
1250	
1500	
1750	
2000	
2250	
2500	
2750	
3000	
3250	
3500	
3750	
4000	



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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.



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

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