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**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
%	98	94	98	98	96	98	100	98
No of lates	13	0	0	3	2	2	3	3

## 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 – Patsy  
Penguins – Willow W  
Sea Otter – Hudson  
Sharks – Tia  
Turtles – Remy



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 – Callum, Louis  
Dolphins – Theo, Mabel, Isabelle, Mariana, Finley  
Penguins – Chessy, Lilia, Henry  
Seals – Ralph, Ella, Harper W, Amelia, Hunter, Justin, Jenson, Bear, Abel J  
Sea Otters – Leo, Liddy, Esme, Primrose, Savana,  
Sharks – Frank, Raphael  
Turtles – Taylan, Lucca, Mariam



**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
239	280	281	244


**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****2024/25**

Date	Event	Information
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 trip to New Theatre Royal	Details sent
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccination	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 5 Bikeability	Details sent
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Shop	Details to follow
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre	Details to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 2 & 4 Christmas Carols at the Guildhall	Details to follow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-School Christmas Stay and Play 2pm – 3pm	Details to follow
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Years R & 1 Nativity Performance 2pm	Details to follow
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Years R & 1 Nativity Performance 9am	Details to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	Details to follow
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holiday	School closed
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term Holiday	School closed
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day	School closed to children

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holiday	School closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holiday	School closed
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Term	Finish normal time 3.10pm

### LEARNING UPDATE

Pre-School	<p>What an amazing first week starfish have had! Over this week we have sung all our nursery rhymes we have learnt so far and the children were brilliant at remembering them all. We have also begun learning sounds and this week has been the 'S' sound. I wonder if the children can find things at home with the 'S' sound in it! We've also been lucky enough to have Mrs Unitt in to teach us PE, they all thoroughly enjoyed it! Some things we've explored in the classroom have been; a construction site where we got to build different towers and bridges, the stage area has been a hit for performing songs and the sparkly slime has been brilliant for encouraging the children to use different vocabulary.</p>
Year R	<p>It's been a joy welcoming Pufferfish back this week. They have been full of exciting stories to share. Some of their best moments include cuddling on the sofa with a hot chocolate, collecting their pumpkin and of course eating lots of sweets.</p> <p>We started our week by learning about Diwali which is the festival of light. We were able to identify similarities to some celebrations that we have previously celebrated such as Christmas and birthdays. This week we have been reading our new text 'Whatever next!' - from this text we have drawn pictures, created space rockets with the large bricks and helped to change the role play area into a space station. During PE this week, we used the wall bars- we challenged ourselves to climb a little higher and balance across a narrow beam. We will continue to use the wall bars this term, we will start to jump from a higher height and land correctly.</p> <p>Today we spoke about remembrance day- the children used a range of resources to make their own poppy. The children were very knowledgeable about remembrance day.</p> <p>Have a fantastic weekend!</p>
Year 1	<p>Dolphins have had a super first week back after half term! We have begun to explore our new text 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. The children have produced some really creative and detailed story maps of the book too! In Maths, we have been looking at known facts and how to use known facts to solve problems with trickier numbers. The children have worked hard to</p>

	<p>show off their skills to the adults and their peers. In D&amp;T, children had the opportunity to create moving pictures using a slider mechanism. They were so inspired that lots of children have made their own moving pictures during Discover and Do later in the week!</p>
Year 2	<p>Year 2 have made a great start to the new half term. We've been using a poem called Witch, Witch to create our own poems based on a character of our choice. In maths, we have been using bar models to solve equations. We have been consolidating our gymnastics knowledge by using the wall bars and apparatus. We've begun to learn Christmas songs ready for our Christmas Carol performance.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have had a great first week back, looking at newspaper articles in English and starting our new unit of addition and subtraction in Maths. In Science, we have started investigating light. In Computing, our focus this term is on stop-motion animation. In French, we have begun to look at describing shapes with colours and sizes. The children all had so much fun at the disco on Thursday too!</p>
Year 4	<p>We have thoroughly enjoyed our first week back from half term! In English, we have started to explore the narrative poem, 'There's a Ran-Tang in my Bedroom' which has drawn on our knowledge of endangered species and habitats from our science unit from last half term. We have also begun reading 'Journey to the River Sea' in our guided reading. Both class texts link to our Geography learning of South America. We have enjoyed applying our knowledge of the Amazon rainforest and understanding of deforestation to our predictions and inferences of both texts.</p> <p>On Tuesday afternoon, we went to City Life Church to pack shoeboxes and make Christmas cards for children in the world who need it most. It was lovely to hear how much the children appreciate what they've got and understand how lucky they are. Lucy Swales, a school governor who accompanied us, spoke very highly of all who attended. Those that stayed at school, due to Rocksteady, thoroughly enjoyed becoming fitness experts to the Year 3s and joining in with their computing session. Miss Stacey complimented how excellent they were! Well done Year 4, a fantastic start to the half term!</p> 
Year 5	<p>It's been an amazing first week back for Year 5! Behaviour has been exemplary and the effort that's been put into work has picked up exactly where we left off! In Maths, we finished our multiplication and division unit by learning efficient methods for multiplying and dividing my multiples of</p>

	10, 100 and 1000. In Reading, we have begun our new book Stormbreaker - a spy thriller - which already has us hooked! We are also super excited about our topics in Science (Earth and Space), History (Ancient Greeks), Computing (video production) and DT (making a pop-up book).
Year 6	<p>The children in Year 6 have had a fantastic first week back! They are engrossed in our new class text 'Coraline' and are showing such a willingness to read aloud. We have noticed a real improvement in their fluency and understanding. We continued our fractions unit from before half term, where the children have shown they have carried over that learnt knowledge and are flying through the lessons. We have worked on adding and subtracting a range of fractions this week. They are also improving in their weekly arithmetic scores!</p> <p>In PE, we have dance and football this term. In dance, we are looking at 'Stomp', where the children use their bodies to make sound (which they are especially good at!). We also started looking at Ancient China in History, studying the Shang Dynasty. It is lovely to see the children so excited about their learning!</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>Thank you to all staff and our very supportive PTA for a wonderful disco night. The children really enjoyed themselves and money was raised to support the school resourcing. The PTA have been ordering some items already for us as requested by staff. They are also looking into funding some new cushion seating for use by all in the library. We are very grateful. We had a visit from Rob Gale and behaviour specialist this week who commented on what a strong purposeful learning environment we have and how respectful our children are. We are all very proud.</p>

#### PE Day reminder

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

#### Library Day reminder

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

**Donations for the PTA Christmas Fayre**

WOW! Thank you to everyone who donated a bottle or chocolate to our collection. As you can see, we are going to have the best Tombola yet.

**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.

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Portsmouth.SAI@solent.nhs.uk)

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





## A little help caring for your little ones

Download the **Healthier Together app** for instant advice on common childhood illnesses.

It will guide you on how to look after your child at home when they're poorly and where to get help when you need it.

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Healthier Together

## Think Pharmacy First for minor illness



**Your local pharmacy can now treat, and offer prescription medication when needed, for seven common conditions:**

**Shingles** - 18 years and over

**Sore throat** - 5 years and over

**Infected insect bites** - 1 year and over

**Earaches in children** - 1 to 17 years

**Sinusitis** - 12 years and over

**Impetigo** - 1 year and over

**Uncomplicated urinary tract infection (UTI)** in women 16 to 64 years



**Triple P Discussion groups  
November—December 2024**

**Suitable for School-Aged Children**

Learn how to set boundaries and create routines that work for your family. All sessions will offer basic strategies and ideas for anyone who wants to help their child to be the best they can be.



For more information about parenting support Email

[ParentigService@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:ParentigService@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

Or visit

[WWW.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://WWW.portsmouth.gov.uk) and search

'Early help and prevention'

**Or contact your local Portsmouth Family Hub:**

Tel: 023 9288 2588

**Buckland Family Hub**  
Turner Road, Buckland, PO1 4PN

**Somerstown Family Hub**  
Omega Street, Southsea, PO5 4LP

**Milton Park Family Hub**  
Perth Road, Southsea, PO4 8EU

**Northern Parade Family Hub**  
Doyle Avenue, Hilsa, PO2 9NE

**Paulsgrove Family Hub**  
Cheltenham Road, Paulsgrove, PO6 3PL



An online portal to help parents and families access key information and support for all ages.

What is Family Assist?

What are the benefits of signing up?

- Access to online Solihull parenting courses for all ages and stages.
- Regular information by e-mail at the time it's important.
- Access to local information, advice and resources.
- Access the 'Ask a Question' email facility for non-urgent questions, responded to within 2 working days.
- Ability to invite family and friends to become members of your child's record so everyone around you and your family receives the same information.

How to sign up

Scan the QR code or visit the portal by using the link below to create an account. Be sure to create a record for each child to make the most of what Family Assist has to offer.

<https://www.solent.nhs.uk/familyassist>

Scan me



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For School-Aged Children**



Learn how to set boundaries and create routines that work for your family. All sessions will offer basic strategies and ideas for anyone who wants to help their child to be the best they can be.

**Dealing with Teen emotions**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am - 12:30pm  
Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road  
Paulsgrove PO6 3PL

**Dealing with Disobedience**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11:30 - 2:00  
Milton Park Family Hub, Perth Road  
Southsea PO4 8EU

**Hassel - free Shopping**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12:00 - 2:30  
Buckland Family Hub, Turner Road  
Portsmouth PO1 4PN

**Getting Teens to Co-operate**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 - 12:30  
Somerstown Family Hub, Omega Street  
Southsea PO5 4LP

**Managing Fighting and Aggression**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 - 12:00 Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road Paulsgrove PO6 3PL

**Building Teenagers Survival Skills**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 - 12:30  
Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road  
Paulsgrove PO6 3PL

**Developing A Bedtime Routine**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 - 12:30  
Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road  
Paulsgrove PO6 3PL

**Reducing Family Conflict**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 - 12:30  
Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road  
Paulsgrove PO6 3PL



To book a place call the Family Hub on 02392 88 25 88— Choose the hosting Family Hub from the menu



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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](mailto:admin@westoverprimary.co.uk)

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

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