



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
%	97	96	96	98	99	99	96	96
No of lates	21	0	0	8	5	4	0	4

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 – Clara
Penguins – Willow
Seals – Alani
Sea Otter – Esme-Jayne
Sharks – Harry
Turtles – Mariam, Hallie



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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.



Penguins – Alana, Charlie, George, Willow, Heidi, Rayyan, Harry, Lozan, Isabella, Rio, Gabby
Seals – Jessica, Alicia, Harper C, Ralph, Kimberley, Delilah, Billie, Harper C, Amelia, Sofia
Sea Otters – Hudson, Leo, Liddy, Ray, Owen, Lydia, Maddison, Lana, Savana, Esme, Ethan, Xander,
Ronni, Isla, Avana
Sharks – Flo, Niamh,
Turtles – Lucca, Ronny, Libby, Isobel, Remy



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
287	282	235	256

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**2024/25**

Date	Event	Information
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 9 th December	Year 1 Exit Point	Parents welcome
Monday 9 th December	Years 2 & 4 Christmas Carols at the Guildhall	Details to follow
Tuesday 10 th December	Rocksteady Concert to Parents 2.20pm	Details sent from Rocksteady
Wednesday 11 th December	Pre-School Christmas Stay and Play 2pm – 3pm	Details to follow
Thursday 12 th December	Year 3 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Monday 16 th December	Year 4 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Tuesday 17 th December	2:30pm Years 2 & 3 Carols	Details in Newsletter
Wednesday 18 th December	Years R & 1 Nativity Performance 2pm	Details sent
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 6 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 19 th December	Years R & 1 Nativity Performance 9am	Details sent
Thursday 19 th December	Year 5 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner and wear Christmas clothes day	Details sent See poster below
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Holiday	School closed
Monday 6 th January	Inset Day	School closed to children
Thursday 16 th January	Census Day	See poster below

	Change of school dinner menu	
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term Holiday	School closed
Monday 24 th February	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday	School closed
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 23 rd May	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half Term Holiday	School closed
Friday 13 th June	Inset Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term	Finish normal time 3.10pm

LEARNING UPDATE

Pre-School	<p>Starfish have been amazing again this week. We have looked into our 'What's in the box?' and our sound was P. We had pictures of animals we'd find in the zoo or farm beginning with P and they were very good at naming these. The children explored pouring in the water tray and using key vocabulary such as full and empty to show how much was in their jugs. We have made family bracelets this week threading pasta onto string to represent who is in our family. The children have used magnets and found this that are magnetic and things that are not in our classroom. Some of the children have also enjoyed sharing all their wow moments, well done to those children. Remember if you do something amazing and would like to share them to bring your wow moments in for us to celebrate with you.</p>
Year R	<p>This week a pirate ship arrived in our classroom! Inside the pirate ship we found treasure!! We thought long and hard about who the treasure belonged to and why it had appeared in our classroom. This led us to drawing treasure maps, making pirates and creating our own treasure chest.</p> <p>In maths we have been learning how to use a part-part-whole model. We are now able to combine two groups of objects to find the whole number.</p> <p>We now know lots of tricky words- these are words we need to know by sight. You will find this weeks tricky words and diagraphs in your child's bag. Please keep practicing them at home, it really makes a difference to your child's confidence.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in Dolphins, we have been working super hard and learned lots of new things! In English, we have made missing posters to help us find Dogger, which are ready to put up around school for everyone to see! In Maths, we have continued our work on time, practising making o'clock and half past times on our mini clocks. In D and T, we have begun to make our moving storybooks, ready to share with Reception in a couple of weeks. We have also spent some time this week discussing our school rules, thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe around school and how we can show we are ready to learn. The children have also been very excited to continue learning our Christmas songs ready for our Nativity! Next week, we will start looking at a new book in English called 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy. We will also continue our work on o'clock and half past in Maths.</p>

Year 2	<p>This week, Year 2 have been completing our end of term assessments and worked really hard. This will help inform future planning as we move into the new year. We are excited to begin using TTRS to practise our multiplication and division at home. We have nearly finished our History unit on the Great Fire of London and have a fire safety talk on Monday to discuss how we keep safe from fire in the modern day. We are working really hard on our handwriting and then using this to publish our writing neatly, please do use the handwriting paper in the spelling homework to practise this, making sure the letters are the same size, ascenders are tall and descenders are going down under the line. We are enjoying practising our Christmas songs ready for the carols and the Guildhall and working on smiling during the singing!</p>
Year 3	<p>What a talented bunch of authors we have in Year 3! This week we have been busy independently writing narratives based upon the Iron Man. The children have designed their own unusual characters to visit a setting of their choice. We will be editing and sharing our stories with each other on Monday. We can't wait to read the finished narratives. In Maths we have started learning how to use column method for subtraction. We have been using concrete resources to regroup. We will continue with this learning next week.</p> <p>We have began to build our pneumatic mechanism toys. Many thanks for all the box donations. We do not need anymore boxes but would still appreciate a little more tinfoil if possible. In Geography we have been comparing our temperate climate to that of tropical Brazil. We have been thinking about where we would rather live. It was interesting to hear a lot of the children are happy with the UK and appreciate our four seasons!</p> <p>Seals showed their resilience this week by tacking all their assessments with resilience and effort. Well done to everyone! In French, we looked at Matisse and his block colour shape animal paintings. In PSHE, we looked at different family members and our relationships with them. In PE we have been working with our PE expert Mrs Unitt, doing fitness. This week, we practised doing two different things at the same time. For example the tree pose, where we balance and move our legs. The children have really loved the fitness topic.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week was assessment week and Year 4 really did themselves proud! They completed a maths, reading and SPaG paper in which progress was made across the board by all! It's always great to see them apply new learning!</p> <p>We used our SPaG papers to help us respond to feedback from our persuasive letters to the Prime Minister (which were also fantastic)! We understand that SPaG is a vital part of our writing, and we should be applying it to all pieces consistently. We have been incredibly resilient when learning the short multiplication method for solving calculations with and without regrouping! We have also enjoyed investigating the digestive system and the journey of food through our bodies. Our knowledge of South America is ever growing in our English, geography, and music lessons where we composed our own samba using a range of instruments!</p>
Year 5	<p>Just like the rest of the school, Year 5 have taken part in their assessments this week. These are a great indicator for us with how to adapt the learning going forward. In a couple of weeks, your children will have these sent home with them so that you can see their strengths and weaknesses for yourselves. The number of homework we are getting back is dipping again; please ensure this is being completed- it is always a</p>

	slightly easier version of what we have learnt that week. New homework comes out on a Friday and is due in on a Wednesday. In our afternoons, we have started to make our pop-up books in DT which we are taking our care and time over, they are already looking amazing!
Year 6	<p>This week in Year 6, we have been super creative planning and writing our own portal stories. The children took inspiration from Coraline (our current class text) and put their own spin on it.</p> <p>In Maths, we finished our second lot of fractions (multiplying, dividing and finding fractions of amounts) and have now moved onto fractions, decimals and percentages.</p> <p>In PSHE, we have done lots of work on kindness and respect, recognising differences and that we are all unique and in French with Mrs Slevin, the children have been learning about family.</p> <p>Although the homework is still coming in, we seem to be only getting around half of the children completing it - please could we make sure that these are being completed weekly as these are tailored to what the children need based on recent assessments.</p>
Senior Team Update	This week we were able to welcome other teachers from Gatcombe Park Primary school to look at each others' English Books. I was lovely to be able to show other teachers the wonderful writing our children have already done this year.

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)

Year 2 and 3 Carols

We are delighted to let you know the final arrangements for our Year 2 and 3 Carols. This year we want all children in Penguins and Seals to take part so we will be inviting parents to join us at 2:30pm in the school hall for this festive celebration. This means we will be able to sing whatever the weather! Please enter the hall through reception at 2:30pm 🎄

Parking outside school – Drop off and Pick up

In order to keep every child safe at busy times, please be mindful of where you stop to drop off or pick up your children, especially in bad weather when visibility may be poor. Kindly refrain from parking on the zig-zags between 8am and 4pm.

Below is the PCC site for raising any concerns about parking/dropping off on restricted road use areas, such as our zig zag lines.

[Contact us - Portsmouth City Council - Contact reason - My Portsmouth](#)

A Note on Dangerous Gifts - Child Accident Prevention Trust

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year. If interested please follow the link below. It's always important to remember that prevention is always better than repairing.

<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>

Message from Pompey in the Community

Pompey Women have been drawn at home for their FA Cup fixture on Sunday, 8 December, against either Stevenage or Luton Town. This will be played at Westleigh Park, with the kick-off time to be confirmed soon.

Under-18 tickets are available for just £1!

Mascot and flagwaver packages are also at a reduced price for this game in case any teams or individuals would be interested in those, mascots are £25 and a team of flagwavers is £100, link to the website page is below.

<https://www.portsmouthfc.co.uk/pompey-women/mascot-flagwaver-packages>

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.**

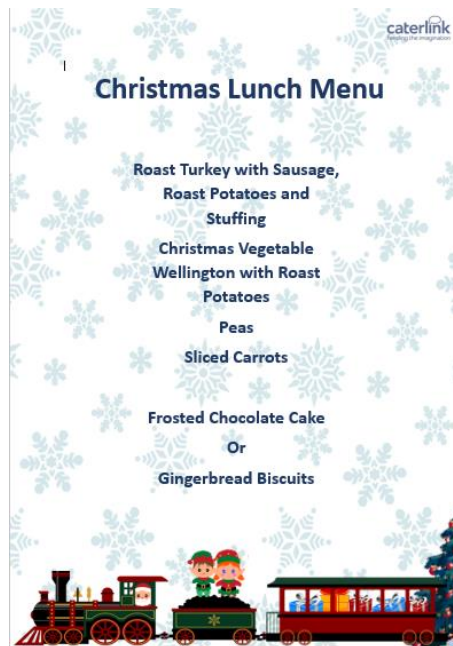
Thank you for your support.

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.



POMPEY IN THE COMMUNITY
2010

POMPEY CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

FRATTON PARK

Wednesday 11th December

Food available to purchase
Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas
Entertainment and special guests
Pompey Xmas hats
Christmas gift fayre

5:30pm arrival
6:00pm sing-a-long
FREE entry (pre-book)
Christmas Fayre open 2-6pm

A festive night to remember!

The poster has a dark blue background with a decorative border of green holly leaves, red berries, and gold garlands at the top. It features a photograph of Santa Claus on the left and a group of children in red school uniforms on the right. The Pompey in the Community logo is at the top center.



Census Day Carnival Menu
16th January

Crispy Chicken fillet served
with chips

Veggie dippers served with
chips



Baked beans
Sweetcorn



Mini doughnuts and fruit

Jacket potatoes with also be
available





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

Or visit
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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big differences.





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<p>Dealing with Teen emotions</p> <p>Tuesday 5th November 10:00am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road</p> <p>Paulsgrove PO6 3PL</p>	<p>Dealing with Disobedience</p> <p>Tuesday 19th November 11:30 - 2:00</p> <p>Milton Park Family Hub, Perth Road</p> <p>Southsea PO4 8EU</p>	<p>Hassel - free Shopping</p> <p>Wednesday 11th December 12:00 - 2:30</p> <p>Buckland Family Hub, Turner Road</p> <p>Portsmouth PO1 4PN</p>
<p>Getting Teens to Co-operate</p> <p>Tuesday 5th November 10:00 - 12:30</p> <p>Somerstown Family Hub, Omega Street</p> <p>Southsea PO5 4LP</p>	<p>Managing Fighting and Aggression</p> <p>Friday 6th December 9:30 - 12:00 Paulsgrove</p> <p>Family Hub, Cheltenham Road Paulsgrove</p> <p>PO6 3PL</p>	<p>Building Teenagers Survival Skills</p> <p>Tuesday 17th December 10:00 - 12:30</p> <p>Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road</p> <p>Paulsgrove PO6 3PL</p>
<p>Developing A Bedtime Routine</p> <p>Wednesday 13th November 10:00 - 12:30</p> <p>Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road</p> <p>Paulsgrove PO6 3PL</p>	<p>Reducing Family Conflict</p> <p>Tuesday 10th December 10:00 - 12:30</p> <p>Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road</p> <p>Paulsgrove PO6 3PL</p>	



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