



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	91	97	97	95	94	99	95
No of lates	16	0	0	8	3	1	1	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 – Jude
Penguins – Jackson
Seals – Harper C
Sea Otter – Charlotte
Sharks – Zuzanna
Turtles – Alexis



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 – Roman, Ryan, Ernie, Mia, Wyatt, Hudson, Bodhi, Henry, Olivia

Penguins – Theo, Charlie, Lozan, Sophia, Florence, Alana, Chessy, Gabby, Alisi

Seals – Woody, Billie, Haper W, Jackson, Lilia, Harper C, Sofia, George, Jessica, Ella,

Sea Otters – Leo, Bella, Esme-Jayne, Jasmine, Ray, Lydia, Dexter, Ted, Owen, Primrose, Charlotte,

Xander, Avana

Sharks – Medina, Zuzanna, Elias,

Turtles – Remy, Dexter, Rafael, Mariam, Abbie, Lexi



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
390	442	401	464

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**2024/25**

Date	Event	Information
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Monday 9 th December	Years 2 & 4 Christmas Carols at the Guildhall	Details sent
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	Years 2 & 3 Carols 2:30pm	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	Orders for dinners now closed
Friday 20 th December	Wear Christmas clothes day	
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 had a visit this week from an Elf called Star who has set us challenges like showing kindness and drawing portraits of themselves for Santa. Our what's in the box sound has been 'i' and they have brilliant at naming things beginning with 'i' and remembering them during games. We have continued looking at shapes and their names in activities in class and around the school. Outside we have had assault courses, pouring of sand into different containers and role playing stories in the houses. Next week we will have lots more Christmasy activities out which all the adults in class are very excited to show the children.</p>
Year R	<p>This week we began our new story, Naughty Bus. He is extremely cheeky and finds himself in all sorts of trouble. He arrived by making a road in the classroom. Today we arrived at school to find he had covered our bathroom sinks in toothpaste! We hope he doesn't stay with us for too long.</p> <p>We had another fun filled Pe lesson on Thursday. We are working really hard with climbing up the wall bars and balancing along the narrow bench. All these activities are focused on developing our core strength.</p> <p>This week in maths we have been focussing on subtraction. This can be tricky, however using the part-part whole we were able to do so.</p> <p>As part of our understanding of the world strand we have been looking at our toddler photos and identifying what has changed, this was a lovely opportunity for lots of talk. Thank you for sending these pictures in. We have also been looking at maps and where we live. We walked around our outside area and then created a 'birds eye view' map. These will be coming home with Pufferfish today.</p>



Year 1	<p>This week, Dolphins have had a very busy week. In English, we have begun looking at our new book 'The Tear Thief' and spent time familiarising ourselves with the story. We have also created story maps to help us retell the story to others. In Maths, we have continued our work on time using o'clock and half past and have begun to discuss when different things happen in our day, including when we wake up and what time we come to school. In PSHE, we have looked at what fair and unfair means and how we can tell if something is fair. The class were very confident telling others when something was unfair and unkind and came up with solutions to make things fair and kind. This week, Dolphins and Pufferfish did their first practise of the Nativity together and they sounded amazing! Lots of Dolphins have already learned their lines off by heart too!</p>
Year 2	<p>This week Year 2 have been writing a diary in the role of a cat during the Great fire of London. We've worked hard to include suffix words and adjectives to describe what the cat would see, hear, smell, touch and taste during the fire. In Maths, we are becoming experts at division through using grouping or sharing. Keep practising on TTRS to get even more fluent at your timestables. We enjoyed a fantastic afternoon on Tuesday sewing our pouches using the running stitch. After designing the front, we then decorated the pouch with a Christmassy theme. These will be coming home soon ready for your children to share.</p>
Year 3	<p>Seals had another great week this week. We have been learning about conjunctions in English. We have also had a go at writing a formal letter to the character in our new book, the King Who Banned the Dark. In Maths, we have worked so hard on subtracting three digit numbers from three digit number, regrouping into the hundreds. The children have been amazing at using concrete resources to model the regrouping process. We have also tried so hard at 'regrouping to regroup', where we find a zero in the tens column. This week's homework is based upon subtraction so your child should be able to talk you through the process! In French we finished our unit of greetings. In PE, we continued to learn fitness moves with Mrs Unitt, developing core strength. We have also continued to practise our football skills, focusing on marking and ball control. In Computing, we filmed our stop motion animations ready to view next week. We are finishing off our DT pneumatic mechanisms and have been so impressed with the problem solving conversations. Well done Yr 3.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week, Year 4 have begun our discrete and continuous data unit where we have interpreted tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. In English, we have started our character descriptions of animals from the Amazon Rainforest. We have been explicit in explaining our word choices and the purpose of the skills we are using. In Science, we have concluded our learning of the digestive system where we have written about the journeys of our favourite foods! We are very much looking forward to lots of music next week, including the Carol Service at Guildhall and next week's Rocksteady concert!</p> <p>Please continue to encourage your children to log onto TTRS, practise their spellings and complete weekly homework. Thank you!</p>

Year 5	<p>It's been a jam-packed week in Year 5. We have continued our fractions learning, moving onto adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators, different denominators as well as starting addition of mixed numbers which will continue into the harder concept of subtracting them next week. In English, we have put our 'formal heads' on and are writing a letter from a 'bank' (actually a spy agency) to Alex Rider based on our book 'Stormbreaker'. In Science we have continued our space and Earth learning. The children are itching to start their double page spreads about all of their knowledge, gained from their Science lessons, next week! On Wednesday, the children came home with their papers - please take the time to sit down with them and celebrate the successes. They all did brilliantly! Reading came out as our area of weakness so please continue to read at home as it really is the gateway to everything. Thank you!</p>
Year 6	<p>Another busy one in Year 6 as we approach the end of term! We have focused on some key English skills this week, looking specifically at formal language and the voice that comes through within their writing. In Maths, we are looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have so far been understanding this really well and able to link their knowledge of fractions - some even applying their new knowledge to more challenging, open-ended problem-solving tasks!</p> <p>In Science, we are looking at shadows and we started by creating our own shadow puppets (which we linked to our class text, Coraline), creating a scene from shadows. Earlier in the week, we had Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in to talk to the children about safety around fire.</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>Massive thank you to our PTA for organising the Christmas Fayre, and to everyone who attended. It was a huge success!</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)

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/>

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.



The poster features a blue background with a festive border of green holly leaves, red berries, and gold garlands. At the top center is the 'POMPEY IN THE COMMUNITY' logo, which includes a star and crescent moon and the year '2009'. Below the logo, the text 'POMPEY CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG' is written in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'FRATTON PARK' in smaller white text. On the left, there is a photograph of Santa Claus. On the right, there is a photograph of a group of children in school uniforms. The event details are listed in the center: 'Wednesday 11th December' at '5:30pm arrival', '6:00pm sing-a-long', 'FREE entry (pre-book)', and 'Christmas Fayre open 2-6pm'. A list of activities includes 'Food available to purchase', 'Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas', 'Entertainment and special guests', 'Pompey Xmas hats', and 'Christmas gift fayre'. A tagline at the bottom left reads 'A festive night to remember!'.



The poster has a red background decorated with white snowflakes, green holly leaves, and red and white striped candy canes. At the top center is the 'FUNKIDZ' logo with the tagline 'CONFIDENCE THROUGH PERFORMANCE'. Below the logo, the text 'CHRISTMAS Party' is written in large, white, stylized letters. A circular badge on the left contains the address: '62 High St Cosham Portsmouth PO6 3AJ'. A green banner across the middle reads 'CRAFTS . DANCING . GAMES'. At the bottom, the date '23RD DEC' is shown next to the price '£20' and the time '9-2'. Below this, it says 'BOOK NOW!' and provides the website 'WWW.FUNKODANCE.CO.UK' and email 'FUNKDANCELIMITED@HOTMAIL.COM'. A small illustration of a Christmas tree is positioned above the banner.



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>

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big differences.





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For School-Aged Children

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Dealing with Teen emotions

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

Dealing with Disobedience

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

Hassel - free Shopping

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

Getting Teens to Co-operate

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

Managing Fighting and Aggression

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

Building Teenagers Survival Skills

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

Developing A Bedtime Routine

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

Reducing Family Conflict

Tuesday 10th 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