



Parent queries can be emailed in to parents@westoverprimary.co.uk

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
%	92	92	91	93	93	92	95	92
No of lates	14	0	2	6	1	4	0	1

AWARDS

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 – Lenni, Martha, Rio

Dolphins – Finley, Patsy, Parker, Kayla-Lily, Arla, Meira, Tilly, Hattie, Flossie, Tyler, Logan, Theodor

Penguins – Noah, Arthur, Henry, Rufus, Rayyan, Heidi, Florence, Isabella, Willow W

Seals – Abel, Bear, Sofia, Jenson, George, Tom, Amelia

Sea Otter – Hudson, Leighton, Bella, Isla, Freddie

Sharks –

Turtles – Lucca, Reilly, Rafael, Lennon, Hallie

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
259	264	257	235

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024/25

Link to school calendar on the website [School Calendar - Westover Primary School](#)

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 14 th January	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Thursday 16 th January	Census Day Change of school dinner menu	See poster below
Tuesday 21 st January	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 28 th January	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 28 th January	YR have a visit from a dentist	

Tuesday 4 th February	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 4 th February	Year R Exit Point 2.15pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 6 th February	Y6 trip to D Day Museum	Details to follow
Thursday 6 th February	Whole School Boogie Bounce	Details to follow
Thursday 6 th February	Year 1 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Monday 10 th February	Year 4 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents Welcome
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 3 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 2 exit point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 6 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 13 th February	Year 5 Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term Holiday	School closed
Monday 24 th February	Inset Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 25 th February	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Monday 3 rd March	Scarf Workshops	Details to follow
Tuesday 4 th March	Scarf Workshops	Details to follow
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Wednesday 5 th March	Years 1 & 2 Infant Voices at Manor Infants – local trip	Details to follow
Tuesday 11 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Thursday 13 th March	Parents evening All classes 3.30-6.20	Appointments will be available nearer the time on MCAS
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 18 th March	Goals football for selected pupils 1.00- 4.00	Details to follow
Tuesday 18 th March	Parents evening all classes 3.30-6.20	Appointments will be available nearer the time on MCAS
Monday 24 th March	PTA Mother's day shop	Details to follow
Tuesday 25 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 25 th March	Goals football for selected pupils 1.00- 4.00	Details to follow
Wednesday 26 th March	Infant voices Guildhall Year 2	Details to follow
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Wednesday 2 nd April	Pre-school – Year 2 Easter parade 2.30	Children to make something linked to Spring/Easter to wear or parade with around the playground
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday	School closed
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed

Tuesday 20 th May	Year 1 Beach School	Details to follow
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 4 Beach School	Details to follow
Friday 23 rd May	Inset Day	School closed to children
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half Term Holiday	School closed
Thursday 12 th June	Year 3 Beach School	Details to follow
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

Please note that learning updates will now only be published on our website. You will find them within the news and events tabs from the home page or click link below.

[Class Blogs - Westover Primary School](#)

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)

OTHER INFORMATION

Year 5 Swimming

A requirement of the National Curriculum is that as many children as possible leave primary school able to swim at least 25 metres unaided and are knowledgeable and safe around water. This year, we are lucky enough to have booked Mountbatten swimming facilities for the Spring term for our Year 5 Pupils. Swimming will take place between 1pm-3pm on Tuesdays, during the Spring Term starting Tuesday 7th January.

They will need to bring to school:

- Suitable swimwear (trunks or shorts for boys, one piece swimming costume for girls)
- Towel
- Swimming Hat
- Goggles (optional)
- All named and in a bag.

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](#)

Missed Flu Immunisation

If your child missed the Flu immunisation session in school, they are still eligible to have the flu vaccination, and appointments are available in community clinics. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination, please follow the link below:

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

School URN: 142602

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.

Currently we are unable to offer wrap around care for pre-school children (Due to lack of take up and recruitment). This is being kept under review

Guinea Pigs at Westover!



Your children may well have already shared the exciting news that we are looking to add two new additions to our Westover School Family. Over the course of this half term, classes will be working on earning special points for kindness towards one another. The more points we earn, the closer we get to getting two school pets.

Educational research shows that there can be huge benefits to having access to animals at school – be it reading to them, spending some calming time with them or helping to care for them – and we can’t wait to get started.

The guinea pigs will be situated in our school library and use hypoallergenic bedding. If you have any questions regarding them, please contact Mr Upfield.

Whilst we do keep up to date records of children’s allergies, if you think your child may be allergic to guinea pigs or fur, kindly let the office know.



**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

