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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
%	94	91	92	93	97	99	87	95
No of lates	12	0	0	5	0	4	1	2

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 – Sara
Penguins – Chessy
Seals – Abel
Sea Otter – Dexter
Turtles – Poppy N



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 - Lenni

Dolphins – Marnie, Tyler, Finley, Clara, Theodor, Etta, Parker, Mabel

Penguins – Josephine, Lilia, Arthur, Harry, Dewey, Noah, Lozan, Sharon, Jackson, Florence,
Youstina, Theo, Willow W, Gabby, Isabella, Sophia, Willow H

Seals – Ralph, Harper C, Harper W, George, Jax, Amelia, Alicia, Jessica, Alani, Tom

Sea Otters – Savana, Ronni, Nifemi, Faith, Primrose, Leighton, Ray, Isla, Owen, Freddie

Sharks – Charlie, Hope, Syra, Alfie, Demi, George, Jet, Zuzanna, Flo, William, Mia, Niamh, Noah,
Freddie, Hugo, Alfie, Medina

Turtles – Ivie, Poppy C, Lennon, Sophia, Abbie, Mabel, Morgan, Kiitan, Taylan, Ronny, Libby, Owen,
Rafael, Cory, 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.

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
259	264	257	235

Mary Rose are our overall winners this half term with 1789 housepoints.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024/25

Date	Event	Information
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Holiday	School closed
Monday 6 th January	Inset Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens 8.30 for everyone	
Tuesday 7 th January	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
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 4 th February	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
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
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 11 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 25 th March	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 5 Swimming	Details sent
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>What a busy week we have had in Starfish class! Our sound of the week was 'm', they have been brilliant at remembering the things in the box that begins with the sound and other things around the room starting with 'm'. The children have been very good at using positional language to tell us where Pickles the Penguin is in the room. We have had lots of movement breaks this week practising hopping, galloping and jumping. The children have been using their cutting skills to cut out mixed up numbers and place them into the right order. The children got to decorate their own bauble to stick on the tree at home which we all enjoyed making (the string inside the baubles is the height of the children when they made it, a bit of a keepsake). We had the delivery of a sleigh in our room this week with some presents that needed wrapping, we enjoyed practicing cutting, sticking and wrapping up presents for the sleigh. You never know they may be able to help you wrap up some of your presents! All the adults in Starfish class are going to miss you over the Christmas break but we wish you Merry Christmas and will see you all next year!</p>
Year R	<p>What a wonderful week to end the term on. The children excelled themselves this week, the nativity's were fantastic!!! I hope you all enjoyed them. The children were so confident performing their songs to you all, it really did blow me away. The children have had such a wonderful term, it was only right to finish off with lots of fun and excitement. They have had a great time this week by; making reindeer food, making Christmas cards and taking photos in the 'selfie' box with props. We also made crowns for the Christmas lunch. Today we finished the last school day of 2024 with a party. I hope you are just as proud of all their achievements this half term as I am. I wish you a very Merry Christmas. I hope you all have a restful winter break. I look forward to hearing about you celebration in January.</p>
Year 1	<p>Dolphins have been amazing this half term! Our performances of 'A Miracle in Town' were a huge success! We are so proud of each and every one of the children for their hard work and enthusiasm, learning their lines and singing their hearts out! We have also learned lots of new things and worked super hard with our learning this term! In English, we have been writing character descriptions of 'The Tear Thief', ensuring we have used lots of adjectives to help paint a picture of our character in our minds. We have also used 'and' to extend our sentences in order to add even more description! In Maths, we have focused on halving numbers within 20 and practising sharing objects into two equal groups to find half. You may also notice that your child has come home with a pack of this term's tricky words. Please could the children begin to practice these at home - thank you. Happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!</p>
Year 2	<p>Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed this last week of the year! We've sung Christmas carols to parents, painted the Great fire of London and had a fire pit!! Our English this</p>

week has been Christmas centred; writing out Santa being spotted by the Spinnaker Tower and then creating Christmas riddles. Free feel to check out our class books as we've published these pieces using our beautiful handwriting. In Maths we've been playing some multiplication games to practise our timestables. Our final day consisted of Christmas games, Christmas music and Christmas crafts...basically all things Christmassy!! Thank you for our lovely presents, it's always so thoughtful and humbling to receive gifts or cards from the children. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.



Year 3

This week year 3 have finished writing their speeches but have also had a good go at delivering them! We have been impressed with how powerful our speeches can be when spoken with intonation and enthusiasm, including gestures too. The king, who we have written them for, will certainly have a convincing argument!

In Maths we have been learning how to measure, lining up our rulers accurately to use cm or mm. We have estimated the length or height of objects and then measured, calculating the difference between our estimates and actual measurements. Our RE unit about angels has encouraged us to reflect on why angels are so important in the story of the birth of Jesus. We have thought about the messages angels deliver and what an angel might say if one visited Earth today. We have enjoyed hearing such thoughtful ideas.

Thank you to all parents and family members who watched Year 2 and 3 perform their carols in the hall on Tuesday. They have been practising the songs in their music lessons all term and we are very proud of all of the children. Thank you for all your support this term. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a lovely final week of term. We have consolidated all of our learning and very much enjoyed our exit point on Monday afternoon. It was lovely sharing our poems with you and continuing to publish with your guidance. I'm sure you can agree that all the children have worked extremely hard on these. We were set the task this week of finding the culprits of different festive maths and SPaG conundrums, in which we have been extremely resilient when solving the problems. We enjoyed watching 'Rio' and noticing all we've learnt about South America pop up during the film.

	Have a very restful (as can possibly be) and merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.
Year 5	What a great final week Year 5 have had! This week in English, we have channelled our inner Grinches and have written an instructional "how to" guide based on how to successfully steal Christmas. The children took great pride in drafting and re-drafting their instructions before publishing onto a double page with drawings. After finishing our DT pop-up books, we went and read these today with Year 1, who were mesmerised. Thank you to all who came to Exit Point, it was lovely to see the children so animated. Have a lovely Christmas, see you in the New Year.
Year 6	<p>The final week in the lead up to Christmas has been a busy one!! We have been reading the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" and the children have loved listening to it, changing the wording and developing their own ideas. We have some lovely outcomes of their own version of the poem based around the children's own experiences of Christmas Day / Christmas Eve. In maths, we have looked at decimals, specifically the place value, then moving on to addition and subtraction, ending the week on multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000.</p> <p>After a successful exit point (thank you to all the parents who could make it) the children produced some beautiful Christmas cards as part of their final piece for art. We watched the film of our class book 'Coraline' which the children have been desperate to watch since we first started the book! They are all definitely ready for a well-deserved break.</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>I would like to thank all our staff for working so hard throughout the Autumn term. Staff arrive early and stay late and help out at events all through goodwill and commitment to making Westover a great place to attend and work.</p> <p>Many thanks for all of the staff gifts and cards. It is never expected but appreciated more than you know.</p> <p>Have a wonderful time over the holiday in whichever way to plan on spending it. Stay safe and we very much look forward to you returning 8.30 Tuesday 7th January.</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 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

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.



A Christmas Wish...

Saturday 23 November – Sunday 5 January

Discover the magic of Christmas and join Santa's elves on a festive adventure at Fort Nelson. Follow the trail and have a go at sorting presents, preparing reindeer food, plus lots of other magical activities.

FREE ADMISSION
Book your tickets now
www.royalarmouries.org

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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

