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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	93	96	94	96	89	94	94
No of lates	9	1	1	1	4	1	0	1

## 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 – Louis

Penguin – Lucas

Seals – Youstina

Sea Otters – Sofia

Sharks – Leighton and Dexter

Turtles – William



Photo by Niamh

### 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** – Audrey, Olive, Sofia, Cameron, Charlie, Orla

**Dolphins** – Louis, Eden, Ernie, Keke, Ayla-Rae, Mirabel, Isabelle, Wyatt, Lola, Luna, Badhi, Rio, Barnaby, Lenni, Callum, Albert, Ryan, Hudson

**Penguins** – Lucas, Finley, Parker, Spencer, Ruby, Georgi, Imamah, Isabelle, Summer, Ruby, Mariana

**Seals** – Noah, Alana, Charlie, Aiden, Teddy, Willow H, Josephine, Sharron, Suzie, Lozan, George, Heidi, Rada, Arla-Belle, Rayyan, Theo, Henry

**Sea Otters** – Justin, Kim, Tom, Jenson, Bear, Abel J, Sofia, Billie, Dexter, Franklin, Olive, Alicia, Ralph, Delilah, Suzie, Woody

**Sharks** – Xander, Jasmine, Arabella, Leo, Lydia P, Rosie-May, Charlotte, Faith, Ray, Savana, Ariana, Ethan, Hudson, Freddie, Dexter, Leo, Isla, Frankie, Leighton, Maddison, Ronni, Nifemi, Charlotte, Lana, Lydia B, Dylan

**Turtles** – Edward, Pearl, Coast, George, William, Freddie, Zuzanna, Niamh

## 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
<b>391</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>352</b>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2025/26**

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

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady Concert to Parents 2.20pm	Details from Rocksteady
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>YR &amp; Y1</b> Nativity 2.15pm	Details to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>YR &amp; Y1</b> Nativity 9am	Details to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 5</b> Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Years 2, 3 &amp; 4</b> Carols at City Life Church	Parents/Carers welcome Details sent
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 6</b> Exit Point 2.30pm	Parents/Carers welcome
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Pre-School</b> Christmas Party 2pm	Details to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas dress up day</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Snow White - whole School Pantomime (in school)	Details sent
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays	School & Pre-School closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Year 6</b> Residential Meeting for Parents Straight after school in the Hall	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	School & Pre-School closed
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Infant Voices Festival	Details to follow

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Infant Voices at the Guildhall Practice 9.30am to 11.30am	Details to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Infant Voices at the Guildhall 5.30pm to 8pm	Details to follow
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Pre-Schl, Yr, Y1 &amp; Y2</b> Easter Parade	Details to follow
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays	School & Pre-School closed
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School & Pre-School closed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term	School & Pre-School closed
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

You can also visit the school website and click on news and events tab then select class blogs.

## PE Day reminder

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pufferfish (YR) Sharks (Y5) Turtles (Y6)	Dolphin (Y1) Seals (Y3) Sea Otters (Y4)	Penguins (Y2) Turtles (Y6)	Starfish (Pre-School) Pufferfish (YR) Seals (Y3) Sea Otters (Y4)	Dolphins (Y1) Penguins (Y2) Sharks (Y5)

## Library Day reminder

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Pufferfish (YR) Sea Otters (Y4)	Dolphins (Y1)	Seals (Y3) Turtles (Y6)	Penguins (Y2) Sharks (Y5)

**OTHER INFORMATION****Santa Fundraiser**

Our first Santa Fun Run was a great success. We had music and some Christmas songs sung by Miss Snook, which we will never forget! Total raised and more photos on next weeks Newsletter

**Christmas Fayre**

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising and running another hugely successful Christmas Fayre. They give up so much of their free time to put on the wonderful events that our children really enjoy.

Many thanks also to everyone who came and supported the event.

**Practice Carol Service at City Life Church**

Y's 2, 3 & 4 will be having a practice for their carol service at City Life Church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. The children will be walking to and from the Church in the afternoon and will be back for normal pick up time. Please ensure your child has a coat on that day.

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple. Children are asked questions and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend'. This starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography).

We encourage you to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult. We will do the same at school. Roblox has parental controls and instructions for how to put these on can be accessed via this link:

[Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#)

However, please be aware that parental controls will stop some pop-ups but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.

As ever, we urge you to be vigilant about your child's use of devices and access online, to monitor your child's activity carefully and to talk to them about what they are playing.

#### **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

#### **Pre-school**

We currently have some spaces available for 3-year-olds and upwards. You can use government finding. Please call the office to enquire or click the following link [Pre-School - Westover Primary School](#)



**Starting Reception in 2026**

## RECEPTION '26

## WESTOVER

## WELCOME TOURS

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?  
We are doing welcome tours this half-term.

Applications through Portsmouth City Council from the 3rd November 2025.

### WELCOME TOURS

Please contact the school office to arrange a tour with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



*"Pupils thrive at Westover"*

OFSTED 2022

**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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**Please contact the office to book**



**Join Our Kitchen Team – Caterlink Limited**

We're hiring enthusiastic team members to support our kitchen operations in your area!

**Current Vacancies:**

- **Kitchen Assistants:** 10–12.5 hours per week
- **Chefs:** 25–30 hours per week (*experience required*)
- **Mobile Kitchen Assistants:** 12.5hrs per week. Must have a valid driving license and vehicle (*mileage reimbursed*)

**What We Offer:**

- ✓ Full training
- ✓ Competitive pay
- ✓ Uniform provided (including safety footwear)

**Interested?**

Email your details and contact number to [sdonovan@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto:sdonovan@caterlinkltd.co.uk).





Our winter programme is back for the school Christmas holidays and it'll be full of festive fun and games!

As always, it'll be free for those aged 5 to 16 receiving benefits-related free school meals. Not sure if you're eligible? [You can check online.](#)

The programme launches **this Saturday 22 November at 9am**, so set your alarms and gather the kids round and choose their activities together 🧑‍👦 🧑‍👦 🧑‍👦



#### A little note from us

You told us that activities can book up very quickly. We've listened, and this year each child will be able to book 5 activities over the winter holidays. This is to make sure there's fair opportunity for everyone and helps us to tackle the non-attendance we experience each year.

Please only book the activities you can attend to make sure the magic can be enjoyed by other children and families 🍁

#### **Plus,** a little Christmas present coming your way


Whilst ~~the majority~~ of our programme launches this weekend, we're still working with some new providers and businesses throughout Portsmouth, and we're hoping to add some festive family days in the next few weeks. [So](#) keep a look out and we'll email when tickets become available.



[Click here to register to the email.](#)

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## YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUBS

We have 3 venues this Christmas!	Manor Infant School	Stanshaw Junior School	Westover Primary School
Free for children eligible for free school meals with a hot meal served each day!	December: 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th	December: 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st	December: 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st
Please see the dates each venue is open			



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!



## CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



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\*Offer applies. Excludes a limited discount on new bookings only.

**Excellent**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share some festive news — Premier Education will be running a FREE Christmas Holiday Camp at Westover Primary School for children aged 5-11!

Our camp will run from 08:30 – 15:30 each day, please see the following dates we are open this December: 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

This wonderful opportunity is completely free for children who receive Benefit-Related Free School Meals and promises to bring plenty of Christmas cheer! Children can enjoy fun-filled days packed with festive sports, creative Christmas crafts, well-being activities, and a hot lunch provided daily.

Whether it's scoring goals, getting crafty with Christmas creations, or spending time with friends, there's something for every child to enjoy. A full festive menu will be shared with you before camp begins.

👉 Spaces are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment - <https://eequ.org/book/westover-primary-haf-camp-multi-activity-with-premier-sport-bournemouth-llp-2648>

If you have any questions or need help with booking, please contact Hannah at [hwinlade@premier-education.com](mailto:hwinlade@premier-education.com).

We can't wait to welcome your child for a Christmas packed with fun, laughter, and festive magic!





# Carols

KIDS COME JOIN THE SING ALONG

<b>WHERE</b>	→ CITY LIFE CHURCH 85 TANGIER ROAD PO3 6JH
<b>WHEN</b>	→ SUNDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 6PM
<b>WHY</b>	→ £5 SMYTHS VOUCHER & CERTIFICATE FOR EVERY CHILD THAT PARTICIPATES AGES 2-11
<b>HOW</b>	→ SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER & LEARN THE SONG AT HOME





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## Your School Nursing Service


Someone you know and can trust to discuss your child's health

Asthma

Immunisations

Growth

Allergies



Diet

Weight

Toileting

Sleep

We can also offer support and advice if your child has disabilities, long term illness or other health needs.

If we can't provide the help ourselves, we will connect you with someone who can.

**How can I access my School Health Nurse?**

Either speak to school for a referral or contact us on the details below.

Email: [portsmouthschoolnursingservice@solent.nhs.uk](mailto:portsmouthschoolnursingservice@solent.nhs.uk)  
Telephone 0300 123 6629