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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	97	94	96	89	94	90	96
No of lates	12	1	1	4	1	1	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 – Mirabel, Bodhi

Penguins – Mariana

Sea Otters – Harper C

Sharks – Lydia P

Turtles – Tia



Photo by Niamh

HAMWIC Education Trust Award

Huge well done to Olive for receiving the HAMWIC Education Trust Award

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 – Cameron

Dolphins – Louis, Lenni, Roman, Kadee, Isabella, Nestor, Lawan, Lola, Ruby, Martha, Callum, Bodhi, Barnaby, Ryan,

Penguins – Lily, Mabel, Ruby, Theo, Clara, Flossie, Sara, Hashwath, Parker, Lucas, Tyler, Spencer, Kayla-Lily, Etta, Patsy, Bea, Mariana, Eden, Isabelle, Arla, Summer, Parker, Marmie, Hattie

Seals – Heidi, Sophia,

Sea Otters – Dexter, Tom, Bear, Franklin, Sofia, Jessica, Susie, Harper C, Justin, Ella, Kim, Woody

Sharks – Bella, Ethan, Dylan, Syra, Isla, Savana, Dexter, Jasmine, Faith, Lydia, Xander, Leo, Leighton,

Turtles – Demi, Jet, Noah, Tia, Coast, Harry, George

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
368	350	339	239

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2025/26

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

Date	Event	Information
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays	School & Pre-School closed
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Thursday 15 th January	Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parents Straight after school in the Hall	3.30 in hall for parents – children welcome to come along and listen
Tuesday 10 th February	Year 6 Trip to D-Day Museum	Letter being sent January
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Half Term	School & Pre-School closed
Wednesday 25 th February	Infant Voices Festival	Details to follow
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year R visit from dentist to talk to class	
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 5 trip to Historic Dockyard	Letter being sent in January
Thursday 5 th March	Year 5 & 6 to Fratton Park for world record attempt	Details to follow
Friday 6 th March	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Tuesday 17 th March	Infant Voices at the Guildhall Practice 9.30am to 11.30am	Details to follow
Tuesday 17 th March	Infant Voices at the Guildhall 5.30pm to 8pm	Details to follow
Tuesday 24 th March	Pre-Schl, Yr, Y1 & Y2 Easter Parade	Children to make an Easter hat/object to carry around the parade at home and bring in.
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays	School & Pre-School closed
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	School & Pre-School closed
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term	School & Pre-School closed
Thursday 11 th June	Year 4 Trip to Paulton's Park and Sleep Over at School	Details to follow
Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Trip to Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre	Details to follow

Friday 3 rd July	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Wednesday 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](#)

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

Poem by Coast Y6

*'Twas the evening before Christmas, everyone was decorating,
whilst Santa was delivering presents while the kids were waiting.
Before a little tweak came from outside,
so i jumped out of bed with a little sigh.*

*I look at the window and saw Saint Nick,
I saw a red sleigh I was sure it was a trick.
I went back to bed hoping that Saint Nick would be here,
thinking that he could be close and near.*

*Snowy scenes melting the roof,
a loud bang came from a reindeers hoof.
Santa's sleigh scrapes the ice,
and the elves were really nice.*



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

Message from Portsmouth City Council

If parents/carers are finding things difficult over the Christmas break, they can visit the Portsmouth City Council website for cost-of-living support and advice. Helpful resources are available at [Cost of living hub - Portsmouth City Council](#) The hub also shares ideas for low-cost family activities to help keep children entertained during the festive break.

Wrap around care

We have had a fun filled and exciting half term in after school club. We have enjoyed messy play making 'oobleck' (a cornstarch and water mixture). This is a fantastic sensory play which is solid when squeezed but flows like water when it is left to sit. Oobleck great for fine motor skill development and also relaxing to play with. The children have enjoyed painting watercolour Christmas pictures. We have made Christmas tree decorations and Christmas cards with glitter. We have also collaged pieces of wrapping paper onto paper plates to make lovely hanging baubles. The children have used their scissor skills to create beautiful snowflakes. we also made a giant festive paper chain. The older children have enjoyed playing geometry dash on the laptops and some of us have created artwork on the laptops. We have made gingerbread men from playdough. The children have played card games including elf snap and pigs in blankets memory game. Our small word play has included cars with play mats and our doll house. This week we have had Christmas word searches and board games, and we have finished off our evenings with some festive films. We hope you all have an amazing Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in January.

Libraries Consultation Survey

The Library Service launched a consultation survey on 1st December asking residents to consider the draft strategy, mission and objectives for libraries in the city. We would be grateful for your support in sharing the survey with your school communities (parents and carers) using the link below.

[Libraries consultation Survey](#) - deadline date for responses 11th January.

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

Governors

We welcome 3 new Governors to our team




Mr Rudkin

Mrs Donnelly

Mrs Flynn

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](#)



S.A.F.E

(SUPPORT. AWARENESS. FAMILY. EMPOWERMENT)

Event

FEBRUARY

16

09:00 - 17:00

Priory School

PO4 0DL

WHAT IS A 'S.A.F.E' EVENT?

S.A.F.E IS PORTSMOUTH'S FIRST COMMUNITY EVENT, RUN BY ALL PARTS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CITY ALONGSIDE THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

OUR AIM FOR THE EVENT IS TO MAKE OUR SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND INFORMATION MORE AVAILABLE TO THOSE SUPPORTING THEM.

THERE WILL BE A PROGRAMME OF WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS ON THROUGHOUT THE DAY.


IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR CARER LOOKING FOR INFORMATION THEN THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU!

WHAT'S ON?

TALKS AND WORKSHOPS THAT YOU CAN ATTEND:

- NEURODIVERSITY AND PARENTING STRATEGIES
- SCHOOL AVOIDANCE AND ATTENDANCE CHALLENGES
- LOW MOOD AND ANXIETY
- EATING DIFFICULTIES
- MANAGING RISK
- PARENTING WORKSHOP

POP-UP BOOTHS FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY



Scan Here for FREE Tickets!

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

"Pupils, including children in early years, are absorbed in their learning."

OFSTED 2022

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*)

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

Interested?

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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!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*Offers apply. Excludes a limited discount on new bookings only.

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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: 23rd, 24th, 30th & 31st

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 hwinslade@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

WHERE

WHEN

WHY

HOW

→ CITY LIFE CHURCH 85 TANGIER ROAD
PO3 6JH


→ SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
6PM

→ £5 SMYTHS VOUCHER & CERTIFICATE FOR EVERY CHILD
THAT PARTICIPATES AGES 2-11

→ SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER & LEARN THE
SONG AT HOME




COME DRESSED FESTIVE



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
Telephone 0300 123 6629