



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
%	97	98	99	98	94	93	97	99
No of lates	22	1	2	4	6	6	0	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!

Pufferfish - Charlie

Dolphins – Rio

Penguins – Sara

Seals – Isabella and Teddy

Sea Otters – Jax

Sharks – Ronni

Turtles – Edward



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.

Starfish –

Pufferfish – Evie, Summer, Izaak, Journey, Oliver, Audrey

Dolphins – Lenni, Alex, Lawan, Nestor, Rio, Mia, Roman, Aria, Ayla-Rae

Penguins – Isabella, Patsy, Lily, Theo, Ruby, Marnie, Mabel, Arla, Sara, Etta, Mariana, Hattie, Flossie, Eden, Clara, Lucas, Spencer, Ryan, Bea, Parker, Patsy, Finley, Hashwa, Isabelle, Imamah, Tyler, Summer, Jude, Matilda

Seals – Heidi, Henry, Arla-Belle, Aiden, Jackson, George, Rada, Teddy, Rio, Youstina, Harry, Noah

Sea Otters – Sofia, Abel R, Bear, Dexter, Alani, Tom, Abel J, Iustin, Susie, Delilah, Amelia, Franklin, Jenson, Kimberley

Sharks – Maddison, Lana, Nifemi, Ozzy, Lydia P, Charlotte, Rosie, Dylan, Xander, Dexter, Jasmine, Leo, Hudson, Frankie, Lydia B, Leighton, Isla, Esme, Lana, Arabella

Turtles – Jet, Edward, George, Alfie, Elias, Hugo, Coast, Tia, Hope, William, Ralph, Kevin, Demi, Noah,

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
407	468	491	457

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2026

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

Date	Event	Information
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Half Term	School & Pre-School closed
Wednesday 25 th February	Infant Voices Festival	Details sent
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year R visit from dentist to talk to class	
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 5 trip to Historic Dockyard	Letter sent
Thursday 5 th March	Year 5 & 6 to Fratton Park for world record attempt	Details to follow
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	All children can wear a book character costume
Thursday 5 th March	Change of Menu for World Book Day	See poster below
Friday 6 th March	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Tuesday 10 th March	Rocksteady Concert to Parents 2.15pm	Details from Rocksteady
Tuesday 17 th March	Years 1 & 2 Infant Voices at the Guildhall Practice 12.15pm to 2.30pm	Details sent
Tuesday 17 th March	Years 4 and 5 Boys Portsmouth Schools Football – Goals 1:30-3:30pm	Details in newsletter
Tuesday 17 th March	Years 1 & 2 Infant Voices at the Guildhall 5.00pm to 8pm	Details sent
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm	Booking available on MCAS App from 23 rd February
Tuesday 24 th March	Pre-Schl, Yr, Y1 & Y2 Easter Parade 2.30pm	Children to make an Easter hat/object to carry around the parade at home and bring in.

Wednesday 25 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm	Booking available on MCAS App from 23 rd February
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays	School & Pre-School closed
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	School & Pre-School closed
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 May	Year 6 SATS	
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 sent
Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Trip to Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre	Details sent
Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June	Year 6 Residential at Tile Barn	
Friday 3 rd July	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Friday 10 th July	Year 1 Big Park Read at College Park	Details to follow
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.

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

Mental Health Hub

Below is a link from Health and Care Portsmouth giving advice on mental health support for 5-10 year olds.

[Support for parents and carers of 5-10 year olds - Mental Health Hub](#)

Portsmouth Families First Survey**Why is this important?**

The voices of children and families are central to our service improvement. By taking part, families help us create a system that is easy to navigate, responsive, and designed for everyone – whether they access support through schools, health services, early years, or community settings.

What is Families First?

This is a national reform programme led by the Department for Education. In Portsmouth we will be focusing on providing help earlier to keep children safely with their families, reducing handovers between services by developing a joined up 'Family Help' offer, co-producing solutions with families putting them at the heart of decisions and creating innovative care options for children we care for and care-experienced young people



Take the survey now

Scan with your phone or visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/portsmouthfamiliesfirst1>

Portsmouth Leisure Card

The Portsmouth leisure card is available to residents who receive means-tested benefit within PO1 – PO6 areas (and some properties in PO7 qualify where these pay Council Tax to Portsmouth City Council). It gives you discounts on a range of culture and leisure services in the city. You can enjoy sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard when you show a valid leisure card for each adult/child.

[Portsmouth leisure card - Portsmouth City Council](#)

String Trio Concert

Westover was lucky enough to be given a performance by a String Trio today. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.

**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](#)



You are now able to book chess club for next half-term for 5 sessions, starting on Tuesday 24th February until Tuesday 24th March. Mrs MacWhirter runs the chess club which starts straight after school until 4:15pm. The cost of the club is £3 per session, to secure your child's place, please pay via the My Child at School app under the trips section by Friday 20th February 2026.

Starfish and Pufferfish Plea

We are looking for donations of balance bikes and helmets please. If you have any you would like to donate, kindly bring them to Starfish or Pufferfish classrooms or to the office. Huge Thanks

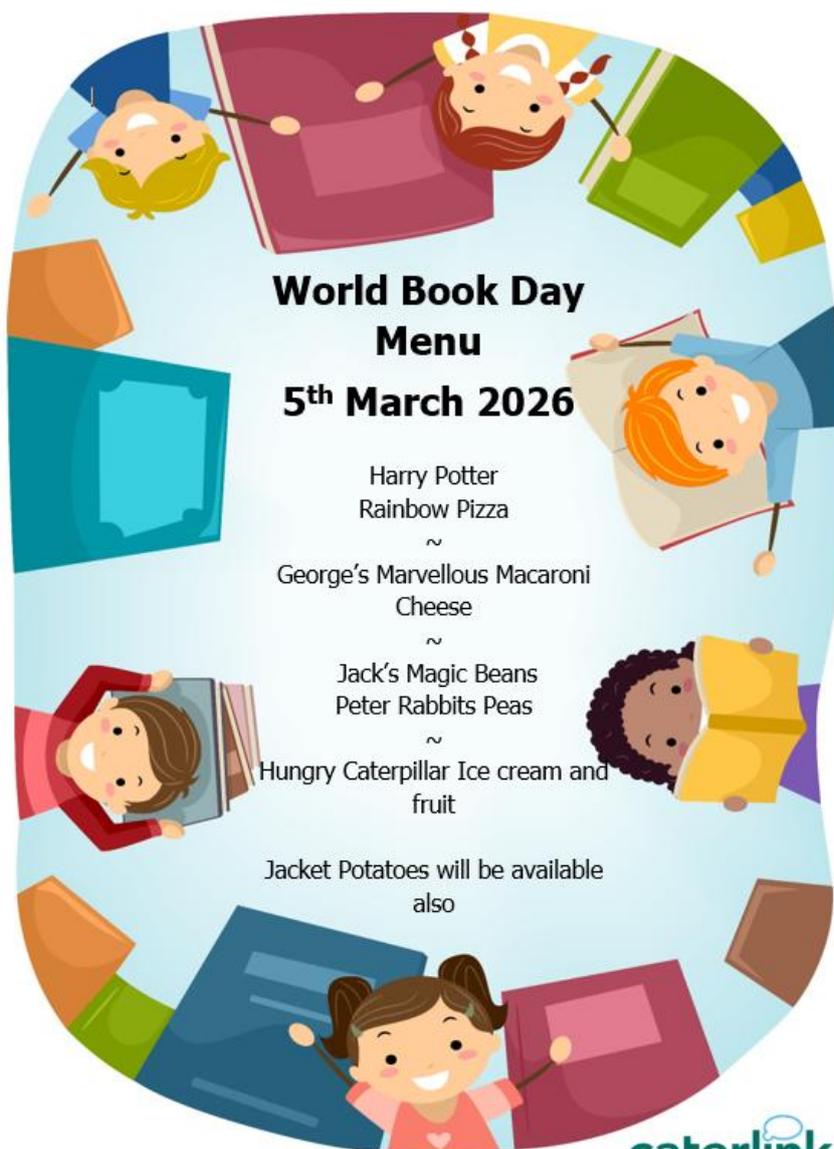
Year 4 and 5 boys Portsmouth Football League

We have been invited to put together a team of year 4 and 5 boys to take part in the interschools event held at Goals on Tuesday 17th March 2026. This is very exciting news and we are sure lots of boys from these year groups would like to be involved, however we can only take a small number. Over the next few weeks, Year 5 and 4 staff will be looking to see which pupils are demonstrating our school values and showing team-player attributes before a squad is selected. A letter will then follow next half term but places on the team will be dependent on children continuing to show our value of kindness and rule of respect at school.

Please see the attached letter on developing playtimes at Westover Primary School, working alongside OPAL. Here is the link and QR code to the online form that we would be grateful for all parents to complete

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL-B2t4YwHBWSdQ0vEBYiXhKcy-pRTX8kGW7wGbSyFOliapA/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=100979055099410916464>





**World Book Day
Menu
5th March 2026**

Harry Potter
Rainbow Pizza

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George's Marvellous Macaroni
Cheese

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Jack's Magic Beans
Peter Rabbits Peas

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Hungry Caterpillar Ice cream and
fruit

Jacket Potatoes will be available
also



Children's Programme

An evidence-based parenting course on promoting confidence, learning and positive behaviour in children aged six to 11 years.

The 9-week course supports parents to manage their child's emotional well-being, behaviour and to be more affective in their communication, be happier and more relaxed parents.



Parents can self-refer or ask a professional to refer on their behalf by emailing ParentingService@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems. www.parentsplus.ie

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Special Needs Programme

A Practical, Evidence-Based Course for Parents of Adolescents with Additional Needs (11-18 years)

The Parents Plus Special Needs Programme has been developed in partnership with parents of adolescents with additional needs and professionals working with families. This is the first programme of its kind developed in Ireland. The focus of the programme is to support parents in managing issues that are common for families raising a teenager with a learning disability or other additional needs.

Some of the topics included in this course are:

For parents

- Understanding the journey of parenting a child with additional needs
- Managing stress and looking after yourself as a parent
- Supporting siblings and family relationships
- Establishing good family routines
- Supporting positive behaviour

For adolescents

- Supporting good friendships and social opportunities
- Building self-esteem, confidence and independence
- Supporting teenagers' education and development
- Dealing with puberty, sexuality and relationships
- Preparing for future transitions and adulthood

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LOVE

Holiday Club

10AM - 12PM

Bible stories, games, crafts, dancing and more!

Ages 3-10

citylifechurch.uk



Scan me to sign up!

FREE

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February

City Life Church 85, Tangier Road, PO3 6JH, Portsmouth



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