



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 | *100* | 97 | 99 | 95 | 90 | 99 | *100* |
| No of lates | 25 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 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!

Pufferfish – Oliver

Dolphins – Ruby

Penguins – Kayla-Lily

Seals – Alisi

Sea Otters – Bear

Sharks – Leo

Turtles – Syra



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 – Matilda, Oliver, Cameron, Elias, Rhodey

Dolphins – Ruby, Lenni, Ayla-Rae, Wyatt, Louis, Nestor, Bodhi, Ernie, Mia, Rayyan, Lola, Roman, Henry, Luna, Aria

Penguins – Marnie, Finley, Parker, Sara, Eden

Seals – Youstina, Rio, Gabby, Arthur

Sea Otters – Tom, Alicia, Franklin, Autumn, Justin, Bear

Turtles – Charlie, Elias, Freddie, Alfie W, Hope, Jet, Harry, Coast, Alfie L, Hugo

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.

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| Mary Rose | Spinnaker | Warrior | Victory |
| 420 | 515 | 517 | 653 |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2026

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

| Date | Event | Information |
|--|--|--|
| Wednesday 4 th March | Year 5 trip to Historic Dockyard | Letter sent |
| Tuesday 10 th March | Rocksteady Concert to Parents 2.15pm | Details from Rocksteady |
| Thursday 12 th March | PTA Mother's Day Shop | See poster below |
| Monday 15 th March – Thursday 19 th March | Year 6 Mock SATS | |
| 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 |
| Thursday 19 th March | Year 6 Bake Sale Raising money for a dart board | After school in playground |
| Monday 23 rd March | Years 5 & 6 to ALNS to see performance of Aladdin | Details to follow |
| 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 |
| Friday 27 th March | PTA Donut Day | Details to follow |
| Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April | Easter Holidays | School & Pre-School closed |

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| Monday 13 th April | Year 6 SATS Parents meeting After School | Details to follow |
| Monday 4 th May | Bank Holiday | School & Pre-School closed |
| Tuesday 5 th May | YR & Y1 Trip to Winchester Science Museum | Details sent |
| Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 May | Year 6 SATS | |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Year 3 Trip to Tuppenny Barn | Details to follow |
| Thursday 21 st May | PTA Disco | Details to follow |
| 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 |
| Thursday 18 th June | PTA Father's Day Shop | Details to follow |
| Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June | Year 6 Residential at Tile Barn | |
| Thursday 2 nd July | Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo | Details sent |
| Friday 3 rd July | Inset Day | School & Pre-School closed to children |
| Friday 10 th July | Year 6 Performance to the School | |
| Friday 10 th July | Year 1 Big Park Read at College Park | Details to follow |
| Tuesday 14 th July | Year 5 Performance to Parents at ALNS 5pm | Details to follow |
| Tuesday 21 st July | Year 6 West Fest | Details to follow |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am | 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) | Dolphin (Y1) | Penguins (Y2) | Starfish (Pre-School) | Dolphins (Y1) |
| Sharks (Y5) | Seals (Y3) | Turtles (Y6) | Pufferfish (YR) | Penguins (Y2) |
| Turtles (Y6) | Sea Otters (Y4) | | Seals (Y3) | Sharks (Y5) |
| | | | Sea Otters (Y4) | |

Library Day reminder

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

OTHER INFORMATION**Wrap around club**

As you know Premier Education are taking over the running of our before and after school club. I am delighted to let you know that Miss Cox and Mrs Kinsman will be staying on and providing continuity for the children. There will be other staff joining them. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Thomas. Mrs Thomas has been with us since the start of the club and has been instrumental in building its success. She will be sorely missed by us all and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Message from Caterlink (our catering providers)

We're excited to announce a fantastic competition for your pupils! We need their help to design some vibrant foodie wall art for Caterlink.

We invite pupils to let their imaginations run wild and create an **A4 page of colourful, foodie-inspired landscapes**. Think **broccoli trees**, **baguette fences**, or even **carrot chimneys** – the more creative, the better!

What's in it for you?

- Winning artwork will feature in Caterlink's primary marketing.
- The winning school will receive **a completed art wall**, or **£200 for the school**, and **a £20 book voucher for the pupil whose design wins**.

How to enter:

- Completed artwork to be brought into School by **Monday 30th March**.
- Ensure you include the **pupils name, age and school on the back of the artwork**, or as the title of the picture file. We will also require the full **school's name**, address, and contact so that we can contact winning entries.
- Winning entries will be notified by the end of May 2026.

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](#)

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.

MOTHER'S DAY
Shop
12th March

A chance to buy gifts for your loved ones.

Children to bring money in on the day.

Items are priced between £1-£3
Multiple gifts can be purchased



PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the EASTER BREAK!

BOOK NOW!





YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUBS

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| Westover Pri | Manor Infants | St Pauls Primary | Stamshaw Jrs |
| Easter holidays - 31th March -2nd April | Easter holidays - 31th March -2nd April | Easter holidays - 7th - 9th April | Easter holidays - 7th - 9th April |



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

Join us this Easter 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 this half term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



BOOK NOW!

CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



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

*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.





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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Your School Nursing Service

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

Arthritis

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