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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
%	96	98	97	97	91	92	97	96
No of lates	9	0	1	3	1	3	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 - Heidi

Dolphins - Lola

Penguins - Bea

Seals - Rada

Sea Otters - Franklin and Abel R

Sharks - Owen

Turtles - Frank



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 - Harry

Pufferfish - Elias, Chester, Hugo, Frances, Matilda, Remy, Robyn, Orla, Journey, Oliver, Olive, Lennon, Cameron, Layla, Kayden, Heidi, Sofia, Izaak, Charlie, Sophia, Hayden, Audrey, Evie

Dolphins - Callum, Aria

Penguins - Sara, Etta, Flossie, Marnie, Theo, Mabel, Bea, Kayla-Lily, Mariana, Ruby, Jude, Summer, Patsy, Spencer, Matilda, Isabella, Eden, Hashwath, Tyler, Clara, Lucas, Arla

Seals - Willow H, Arthur, Teddy, Henry, George, Arla-Belle, Suzie, Gabby, Rayyan, Heidi, Alisi, Rada, Youstina

Sea Otters - Ralph, George, Dexter, Bear, Woody, Franklin, Iustin, Harper C, Abel R

Sharks - Dylan, Maddison, Esme, Charlotte, Jasmine, Rosie, Xander, Avana, Liddy, Bella, Ariana, Savana, Nifemi

Turtles - Flo, Medina, Coast, Alfie L, Frank, Hope, Raphael, George, Harry, Niamh, Noah, Jet, Demi, Zuzanna, William, Tia, Alfie W, Syra, Charlie

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
302	441	434	531

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2026

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

Date	Event	Information
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays	School & Pre-School closed
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	
Friday 15 th May	Non Uniform day for HAMWIC Education Trust Charity	
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	
Monday 29 th June	Year 6 Transition Day at ALNS	Details to follow
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Transition Day at ALNS	Details to follow
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 6 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 2pm	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)



Could Your Child Be Eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Extra Support • Extra Opportunities • Better Outcomes

The Pupil Premium Grant provides schools with additional funding to help children who may benefit from extra support. Many families don't realise they qualify — even if they are working.

You may be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (with household income below the threshold)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit)
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)

Why it matters

If eligible, your child's school receives extra funding that can be used for:

- Learning intervention groups
- Free School Meals everyday (which could save nearly £14 per week!)
- Uniform help
- Financial Support towards trips and enrichment activities
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- And much more

This funding directly benefits your child — but only if you apply.

It's quick and confidential

Checking eligibility takes only a few minutes, and your information is kept completely confidential.

How to check

Visit: [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#) Or ask to speak to Mrs Hayward in the school office for help.

Every application helps your child — even if you're not sure you qualify.

Please check today!

OTHER INFORMATION**Bake Sale**

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our Y6 Bake Sale. It was very popular and raised a whopping £153.52. When word got round about what they were raising the money for, we had two very generous donations, A Dart Board from a dad in Year R and two sets of darts from a Great-Grandad in Year 5, so the team are well on their way.



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.

Chess Club

You are now able to book chess club for next half-term for 6 sessions, starting on Tuesday 14th April until Tuesday 19th May. 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 10th April 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

**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](#)

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

ARE YOU HAF READY?

- ✓ Make sure you have applied for free school meals for all your children on portsmouth.gov.uk/schoolmeals
- ✓ Subscribe to the HAF bulletin on pypcportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey
- ✓ Register your child/children on our bookings platform eequ.org/haffunpompey
- ✓ Tell your friends & family!

Hi,
You're invited to our activity and food sessions in the Easter, summer and winter holidays!
You could get involved in sports, theatre, day camps... even family days out!
If you're eligible, it's also completely FREE!

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TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Delivered by the Educational Psychology (EP) Team

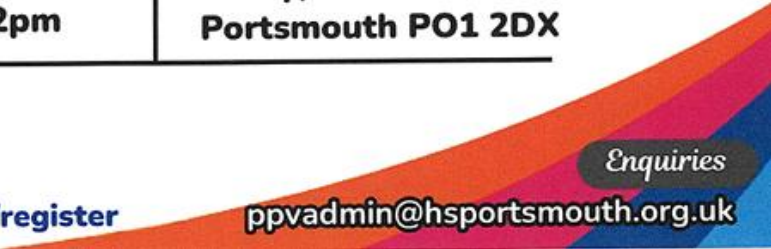
Open to all parent carers of children living in or attending school in Portsmouth

Join us to explore support available, with some practical tips to help your child transition to secondary school as confidently as possible.

Monday 20 APR 2026 10am -12pm	Menuhin Room 3 rd Floor, Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth PO1 2DX
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Please register to attend
portsmouthparentvoice.org/register

Enquiries
ppvadmin@hsportsmouth.org.uk





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

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

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- WE PROVIDE INCLUSIVE AND AFFORDABLE DANCE FOR CHILDREN WHO SIMPLY LOVE TO DANCE AND PERFORM
- NO UNIFORM AND NO HIDDEN COSTS- JUST YOUR CHILD AND THIER FEET!
- FREE AND LOW COST OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD TO PERFORM IN SCHOOL AND LOCAL THEATRES



Your School Nursing Service

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

Aspirins

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