



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
%	95	99	99	92	95	93	94	93
No of lates	19	1	0	3	7	2	3	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 – Kayden and Sofia

Dolphins – Alex

Penguins – Ruby T

Seals – Florence

Sharks – Hudson

Turtle – Alfie W



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 – Charlie

Dolphins – Ayla-Rae

Penguins – Sara

Sea Otters – Harper C, Franklin, Abel, Tom, Bear

Sharks – Frankie

Turtles – Zuzanna, Alfie W, George,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2026/2027Link to school calendar on the website [School Calendar - Westover Primary School](#)

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Wednesday 2 nd September	Pre-school return to school	
Wednesday 2 nd September	Years 1-6 return to school	
Friday 18 th September	Flu Vaccination YR – Y6	Details to follow
Monday 12 th October- Friday 16 th October	Year 5 Bikeability	Details to follow
Thursday 22 nd October	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	Half Term	School Closed
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term	School Closed
Thursday 25 th March	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Friday 26 th March – Friday 9 th April	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term	School Closed
Friday 2 nd July	Inset Day	School & Pre-School closed to children
Wednesday 21 st 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

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](#)



**Teacher led
Pre-School at
Westover Primary**

email: preschool@westoverprimary.co.uk
Call: 023 9266 0178

Our Pre-School - Starfish

We believe that every child deserves the best start to their education which is why our Pre-School is teacher led. All of our staff are highly skilled and we look forward to warmly welcoming you to Westover. We still have some sessions available and are currently taking bookings for next year. Call the school to book an appointment to look around and meet the team.

Sessions

Morning session: 8.30-11.30 (£18)
Lunch session: 11.30-12.00 (£2.50)
Can also purchase a hot meal
Afternoon session: 12.00-3.00 (£18)
Open for 3 year olds
We accept funded spaces
Any self funded sessions are invoiced on a monthly basis

Provision

Our Pre-School Starfish has its very own room complete with wet area, toilets and amazing outside space. We follow Development Matters to plan and we are also guided by the children's interests. We hold parents meetings in line with the rest of the school and have a qualified Inclusion Leader to help meet any child's needs.

Year 2 Universal Free School Meals

Universal free school meals stop at the end of Year 2. If your child has a school meal it will cost £2.96, unless you are entitled to free school meals (FSM). If you would like to check if you are eligible for FSM the link is below, or you can collect a paper copy from the office.

[Free school meals - Portsmouth City Council](#)

School Dinners

With effect from September 2026, the cost of a school meal is £2.96.

**Read to the Beat - 2026 Summer Reading Challenge in Portsmouth libraries**

The Summer Reading Challenge launched on 4 July and is a great free summer long journey of discovery for children aged 4 to 11 to keep reading throughout the summer holidays. They can set their own reading target and earn rewards along the way.

Everyone who reaches their target will be invited to a Celebration Event at Southsea Castle on Sunday 27 September.

Head to your local library to sign up and get ready to Read to the Beat! this summer. [Portsmouth library service](#).

Please share the above with your school communities. Attached [flyer](#) to share.

Stomp for Stamps

This summer, children can dive into an exciting adventure with the Pompey Monsters!

Stomp for Stamps FREE annual children's treasure hunt helps children be active, develop essential skills and have fun while discovering the natural world

It's easy to take part. Simply pick up a map book, pencils and paper from any Portsmouth library from 24 July. Walk, wheel and cycle the Pompey Monster routes, collecting rubbings to swap for stickers. Exchange for a unique Portsmouth 100 baseball cap!

Plus, children will have a roarsome time tracking down colourful lions for the chance to win an exclusive Pride of Portsmouth lions trail toy. To learn more visit

portsmouth.gov.uk/stompforstamps (if the link doesn't work please copy and paste it into your browser).

AI advice for parents

AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried.

The parent's guidance can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

Please note that the Trust are reviewing all of this and will issue guidance to schools to follow once finalised. We have looked into whether MCAS can be used to share images to specific parent groups but this is not feasible. The Trust are also looking at alternatives.

**Roar into action this summer with the
Pride of Portsmouth lion trail**

This summer, Portsmouth has come alive with the Pride of Portsmouth lion trail, a colourful city-wide public art event taking place from Monday 13 July to Sunday 13 September 2026.

As part of the Portsmouth100 centenary celebrations, the trail has been created in partnership with Wild in Art and features a pride of lion sculptures designed by artists and local community groups across the city.

To help schools get involved, we've created free KS1 and KS2 activity packs packed with fun, curriculum-linked activities that encourage creativity, exploration and learning about Portsmouth's history, culture and community.

The trail offers a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop a sense of pride in their city while engaging with art beyond the classroom.

We'd be grateful if you could share the attached activity pack with staff and families to help children make the most of this exciting city-wide celebration.

[The Pride of Portsmouth activity sheet_SCHOOLS.pdf](#)

Find out more: prideofportsmouth.co.uk