

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.

w/e	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5.11.24								
%	97	98	98	100	97	95	98	98
No of lates	6	1	1	0	0	2	0	2

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 – Jude and Lucas
 Dolphins – Alisi and Sophia
 Penguins – Abel
 Seals – Bella-Rose
 Sea Otters – Zuzanna and William
 Seahorses – Taylan and Kiitan
 Sharks – Dottie and Donovan
 Turtles – Skylar and Noah



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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!



Pufferfish – Hattie Marnie Mabel Flossie Arlo Bea Marianna Sara

Dolphins – Sophia Henry Aayah Mysha Dewy

Penguins – George Kimberley Ella Billie All of penguins

Seals – Dylan Bella Ozzy Charlotte Bella Ethan Lydia Owen Hudson Maddison Leighton Dexter Ted
 Faith

Sea Otters – Freddie Hugo Zuzanna Syra Mia Jetson George Demi Alfie Harry Syra Tia Coast

Seahorses – Kiitan Ralph Corey Ronny

Turtles – Aaliyah Tallulah Isobelle Elliott Harry Raphael Reuben Sokol Skylar Alana Flossy Sienna
 Noah

Sharks – Kyle Jessie B Lillie St Carter Olly Eliza Evie Clemence Lilly Sc Riley Oscar Karson Cece
 Michaela Eshal



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. w/e 5.1.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
364	352	373	341

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Tuesday 9 th Jan until Easter	Year 5 swimming each Tuesday	Details sent
Tuesday 16 th January	Music & Maths workshop YR parents	Details sent
Thursday 18 th January	Change of school dinner menu	See Menu below
Tuesday 30 th January	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 31 st January	2:40 Year 5 Exit Point	Parents welcome
Friday 2 nd February	2.40 Year 1 and 2 Exit point	Parents welcome
Monday 5- Wednesday 7 th February	Year 4 Residential	Details sent
Tuesday 6 th February	2.00 Year R Exit Point 2.40 Year 6 exit point parents welcome to attend	Parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	INSET	School closed to children
12-16 February	School closed for half term	School closed to children
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents evening year R-5 3.30-6.30	
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents evening year R-5 3.30-6.30	
Monday 4 th March	Under 10 football league at Goals	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Monday 11 th March	Under 10 football league at Goals	
Thursday 21 st March	Infant Voices at Guildhall	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd March	Non uniform day donate an egg for year 6 tombola at Easter parade	

Tuesday 26 th March	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 6 are organising Easter parade for year R-2 with Easter songs for Y3-6 and an egg tombola	Parents welcome at 2.30 to watch the parade and hear singing – weather permitting
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday School closed to children	School closed to children
Monday 15 th April	School open to all children 8.30 start	
Friday 7 th June	INSET	School closed to children
Monday 17-Friday 21 June	Year 6 Residential	

LEARNING UPDATE

Year R	Pufferfish have been on the hunt for the bear this week. The bear from 'We're going on a bear hunt' left us a map to follow. We followed the map all around the school until we found a new book. We wrote the bear a thank you note for his kind gift.
Year 1	Dolphins class have worked extremely hard this week. They have been doing lots of work in English as they were sent on a mission from a policeman to find out more about an alien that has gone missing. They have asked a range of questions to find out more about what the alien looks like, how it moves and what it eats and they asked these questions to a witness who had seen the alien before. They are currently writing lots of adjectives about an alien. In Maths they have been learning about the make 10 strategy in maths and have applied this to addition and subtraction questions within 20. In PE they have been learning about control in football and balancing in multi skills. In Science they have been leaning about materials and explored what the materials were made from.
Year 2	Penguins have been amazing this week settling back in after Christmas. Our new text for English this week is 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' and the children this week have learnt about different sentence types and even wrote a letter to Rosie asking her about her inventions. In Math's our unit this week has been focusing on learning to tell the time, they have been very good at this and can now tell me what the time is. Geography this term is looking at hot and cold climates, the children have been able to identify main features of these climates. During our DT day today, the children have built bridges, focusing on it being the strongest and most stable. I am sure they will tell you all about it tonight.
Year 3	Seals have returned full of energy, keen to start our new term. We had a great first week, studying The Prince of Egypt film and learning all about the story of Moses for our English theme. We became Egyptologists in History, using pictures of artefacts to help us learn, and created lots of Egyptian art. In Music, we started to investigate ballads; we are learning to

	perform Space Oddity by David Bowie, with actions! I'm sure the children can sing parts of it to you, if you ask!
Year 4	Year 4 have worked extremely hard and have shown incredible focus this week, particularly in their English and Maths lessons. Each and every one of them have been creative in their language choices when describing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, in preparation for their diary entries. In Maths, they have shown remarkable resilience whilst learning both the informal and formal methods for multiplication. Well done Year 4!
Year 5	Year 5 started the first of their swimming lessons this week and did tremendously well. All the children made great progress, even though some of were feeling quite nervous beforehand. We just need to get a little quicker at getting changed afterwards so please try to practice this at home! In their learning in school, the class have demonstrated great resilience when learning how to multiply numbers with up 4 x 2 digits. We have also started to plan our own ghost stories based on The Giant's Necklace.
Year 6	What a fantastic start to 2024! Year 6 have learnt several new writing skills that they are looking to implement in their upcoming narrative writes, starting with the creative thoughts and feelings that Coraline has through an inner monologue. In Maths, they are recapping and learning all things decimals. However, our highlight this week has been Art where - using watercolours - the children have replicated the style of our very own Ms Stacey's fantastic art work! The text we are reading this half term is Coraline. It is suspenseful where Neil Gaiman using different techniques to make the reader feel anxious - at times - for Coraline's safety and wellbeing. The main point is for the protagonist to act as an inspiration for children to face their fears. Although Coraline is afraid of several things in the parallel universe, she decides to be courageous in order to save the souls of the ghost children and her parents.
Senior Team Update	It has been a great start to the term and your children have returned with a superb attitude to learning. Miss Eacock, Miss Snook, Mr Anderson and Mr Upfield have continued with booster groups for year 6 children as they prepare for Sats and close some gaps. We are very grateful for them giving up their time. This term we are focusing on visiting lessons to support staff in delivering high quality learning and we are also having professional discussions with all teachers about each child's progress within the class. Next half term you will have the opportunity to attend parents evening to get the latest on your child's development.

Polite Notice – Reminders

- * No dogs are allowed on school site unless they are service dogs
- * No nuts allowed in school, this includes products such as peanut butter and Nutella. We have children and staff with severe nut allergies.
- * Remember to let us know of any change of circumstances, such as a new address or phone number, so we can update our records.

Safety travelling to school

We respectfully ask our parents to park responsibly and away from the yellow zig zags. We have children crossing roads and riding to school and there have been a few incidents where vehicles have had to break suddenly. I know that we would all want every child to arrive at school safely.

ND Profiles

Below is a link to the local offer. Many families are accessing this via our Inclusion Lead Mrs Leslie.

[Neurodiversity - < Portsmouth Local Offer](#)

Small World Toy Request

If you have any unwanted small world toys (see list below) at home and would like to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful. We will be using these within sand play therapy sessions. This is a therapeutic approach used for children who have experienced a traumatic event. Please hand these to the office for the attention of Mrs Leslie.

Items can include:

- small plastic/wooden animals
- dolls house furniture
- miniature people
- miniature scenery (trees/plants)
- miniature vehicles
- miniature character toys (peppa/bluey)

Admissions Policy 2025-26 Consultation

Hamwic Education Trust are now consulting on the admissions policy for 2025. The consultation ends on 31st January 2024. If you have any comments you would like to make about the policy, please send them to Claire Shaw, Education Access Officer, at claire.shaw@hamwic.org
Please follow this link to view the policy [Admissions | Westover Primary School](#)

MHST – Mental health Support Team**Mrs Leslie has organised for the following assemblies through this mental health team:**

Wellbeing Assembly for pupils in YR-Y6 Thursday 8th February led by Mental Health Support Team.

Wellbeing Workshop for parent YR-Y6 Thursday 8th February 2.30pm led by Mental Health Support Team.

YR-Y6 Managing Worries Assembly led by MHST Wednesday 20th March led by Mental Health Support Team.

General Anxiety Workshop for parents Wednesday 20th March 2.30pm led by Mental Health Support Team

Message from Portsmouth City Council – thank a school superhero campaign

We would like every school in the city to have a collection of thank you messages. The easiest way for parents to do this is using our online form www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/thankyou . We know that some people prefer a physical message, so to help maximise the number of responses we have a bundle of postcards, to encourage more people to thank someone.

Some useful web pages**Money worries**

New resources are available to support families with money worries and other concerns.

The 'Worried about daily life' Healthier Together webpages also has advice on keeping your home warm, as well as a new parent support tool.

[Worried about daily life? :: Healthier Together \(what0-18.nhs.uk\)](http://www.healthier-together.org/what0-18.nhs.uk)

Families new to the UK - schools in England

We recently sent out a booklet to support families who are new to life in the UK.

The online links to the information in the booklet are now available which means the content can be instantly translated into many languages:

[A new life in the UK](#)

[Schools in England](#)

Starting School September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they can start school in September 2024. The application process is now open until **Monday 15th January**, via the follow website: www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Don't be late – as this will affect your chances of a place at your preferred school.

PE Day reminder – Please ensure your child has a kit on these days otherwise they may not be able to join in for health and safety reasons.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dolphins (1) Sharks (6) Turtles (6)	Seals (3) Penguins (2) Sea Otters (4) Seahorses (5)	Sea Otters (4) Seahorses (5) Pufferfish (YR)	Dolphins (1) Penguins (2) Turtles (6) Pufferfish (YR)	Pufferfish (YR) Sharks (6) Seals (3)

Library Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sea otter (4)	Dolphin (1) Seals (3) Seahorses (5)	Penguin (2)	Pufferfish (R) Turtles (6)	Sharks (6)

Old PE Kit Request

If you have any old PE kits that are still useable, we would be grateful for the donation to use for spare PE kits. Please ensure any items are cleaned and hand these into the school office.



Census Day
18th January 2024



- Hot Dog in a Roll Served with Chips

Or

- Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips

- Sweetcorn

- Baked Beans

- Vanilla Cookie

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TINY TOTS (2-4 YEAR OLDS)

Led by our Primary PE Specialist, this session is an introduction into the fundamental football and movement skills, which promotes parent-child engagement through fun games

Every Saturday morning, 10:30-11:5am
£3.50 per child

WILDCATS (GIRLS ONLY)

Our exclusive Wildcats session offers a fun and engaging environment for all girls in the Portsmouth area wanting to take their first steps in football. Sessions aim to inspire participants to engage with football, meet new friends, develop fundamental football skills. Opportunities to progress into our girls only travel teams are available.

Every Saturday morning, 9-10am
£3.50 per child

FUN AND FUTURES (4-12 YEAR OLDS)

Your son or daughters footballing journey starts here with our fun themed football sessions. These are tailored to players with all abilities delivered by our expert coaches.

Every Saturday morning, 10-12pm
£7.50 per child

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