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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.

w/e 22.3.24	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	96	95	97	96	98	99	92	94
No of lates	9	0	3	1	2	1	1	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 – Mabel

Dolphins – Josephine

Penguins – Jenson

Seals – Ethan

Sea Otters – Coast

Seahorses – Libby

Turtles – Tallulah and George



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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 – Eden Etta Bea Jude Theo Lucas Matilda Ibrahim Patsy Mariana Meira Finley Clara

Penguin – Justin Olive Alicia Alani Phoenix Ella Woody Jenson Hunter Kimberley

Seals – Prim Ted Hudson Lana Arabelle Owen Maddison Xander

Sea Otters – Flo Niamh Freddie William Jet

Seahorses – Lexi Yusha Ralph Abbie

Turtles – Harry Noah Hendrix Elliott Sienna Noah Floss Blossom Lily L Rafael

Sharks – Carter Donovan Seb Ruby Eliza Kyle Lilia Cece Riley



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 22.3.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY


Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday School closed to children	School closed to children for Easter Break
Monday 15 th April	School open to all children 8.30 start	
Monday 15 th April	New School Dinner Menu	Menu below
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed to children
Thursday 9 th May	Class photos	
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 Sats week Children can book a breakfast from 8.00 each day	Details will be sent nearer the time
Tuesday 21 st May	PGL meeting – Yr6 parents	Details will be sent nearer the time
Thursday 23 rd May	Break the rules day	Details will be sent nearer the time
Friday 24 th May	INSET – additional Inset granted by Trust for all Trust schools	School closed to children
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	Half Term	School closed to children
Friday 7 th June	INSET	School closed to children
Friday 14 th June	PTA Fathers Day shop	
Monday 17-Friday 21 June	Year 6 Residential	Details sent
Wednesday 10 th July	Year R 1 2 Sports Morning – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend
Thursday 11 th July	Year 3 4 5 6 Sports Morning – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 end of school production 1.30 @ Admiral School	Details will be sent nearer the time

Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 end of school production 5.00 @Admiral School	Details will be sent nearer the time
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 West fest	
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term school finished at 3.10 as normal	

LEARNING UPDATE

Year R	<p>It's been a fun filled half term. We have explored growing through stories such as 'The very hungry caterpillar' and 'Egg drop'. The sunflowers have grown so much over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed taking care of them.</p> <p>Today we finished with a crazy day. We made flying machines!! The children drew their own flying machine then brought their ideas to life. Our flying machines needed to be able to fly and keep an egg safe. we launched our flying machines over the banister to see if they would indeed fly. Luckily, we only had a few cracked eggs, I hope the children enjoy sharing stories about today with you.</p>
Year 1	<p>Dolphins have been working hard this week in all areas of their learning! In English, we have been exploring writing our own stories on losing a favourite toy! The children have shown that they are beginning to use a wider vocabulary and including much more detail within their stories. In Maths, we have been exploring quarters, this has been through cutting up bread and fruit! The children have enjoyed this immensely and we look forward to providing further opportunities for them when they return after Easter.</p>
Year 2	<p>Penguins have been amazing again this term. We have learnt lots of new things this term! We have looked and thought about how Christians might celebrate Easter in our RE lessons. The children collected data in computing using a tally chart and inputting their data into a pictogram. In history we looked at a significant person from the past, which was Grace Darling, the children have been very good at retelling the events in which made her famous. In art we have looked at Claude Monet's work and how he created his artwork using different resources and techniques. We have continued this term to add to our knowledge in Maths (shapes and money) and using different skills in our writing during English. Keep it up Penguins!</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have ended their term on a high with a fabulous trip to Testwater Lakes. We walked in the rain alongside a lake and a reservoir, and through a flood plain. After lunch, we played water cycle and orienteering games. We are so proud of everyone for their resilience despite the weather conditions, and they all represented our school so well. In English, we have been recounting our trip, whilst in Maths, we have continued to look at volume and capacity.</p>

Year 4	<p>Sea Otters have shown fantastic focus and precision not only when writing their narratives, but when editing them also. They have shown great attention to detail to ensure their skill choices are effective to create suitable tone and mood. Miss Hathway is super excited to read these over the Easter break! As always, the resilience shown in Maths has been incredible. The class have a real interest in maths and are always keen to improve and challenge themselves. On Wednesday, we went outside and played some team building games. The class have shown that they can work collaboratively and communicate successfully. It was really lovely to watch. The Year 4 team hope that they have a fun but restful break before the Summer term begins.</p>
Year 5	<p>Year 5 have certainly had their best term yet. Mrs Rutter, Mr Upfield, Miss Dumper and Mrs Ford have all been so impressed with the maturity and independence that the Seahorses are starting to show. A highlight of the term has definitely been watching everyone progress in their swimming confidence and skills – we have all really loved Tuesday afternoons. The children's finished toys as part of their Design and Technology Sewing projects look absolutely fantastic and it's been wonderful to celebrate their creativity. We are looking forward to hitting the ground running with our new text, 'Stormbreaker' next term. Have a well-earned break, Seahorses!</p>
Year 6	<p>What a week to end the term on! Year 6 have had the busiest week and took part in a variety of exciting opportunities. This began Monday afternoon when we visited ALNS to watch the dress rehearsal of their production 'Bugsy Malone' which the children represented the school beautifully at and sat respectfully through it. It was a lovely opportunity for them to see a stage production in preparation for our own production at the end of the year production, which we are hoping to be 'Matilda'!</p> <p>On Tuesday / Wednesday morning, both classes had a visit to Fratton Park to take part in a tour of the stadium - including behind the scenes - followed by a creative writing workshop, where two children were chosen to receive a Pompey goodie-bag. Well done to Seb and Roman who were the recipients of this!</p> <p>Finally, ending the week with the Easter Parade where the Year 6s ran a Tombola stall, successfully raising a grand total of £208.80 which will go towards our end of year production! Big thank you to all who supported. Now to wind down before the craziness continues next term!</p>

	
Senior Team Update	<p>Just a big thank you to the staff for all of the wonderful work they do everyday. Everyone is working so hard to ensure Westover is the best place for your child to be. We would also like to thank you for the amazing attendance we have had at parents evening and with all the other events including Easter Parade. We hope you all have a wonderful and safe break and look forward to seeing everyone Monday 15th April.</p>

Library Books

We have about 400 missing – this is a huge cost to the school. Please can you check over the holidays and return any to the school so we can update our system. Moving forward if we do not have books returned we will have to ask for a contribution towards a replacement. We spend several thousand a year with Portsmouth Library Service to have high quality books and want to ensure all children have access to these.

Year 1 Morning Entry Gate

Please note, from Monday 15th April Dolphin class will come into school through the main gate on Westover Road, with the rest of the school

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please be aware that our wraparound care is becoming very popular, so it is imperative that you book your child in with as much notice as possible, or we may not be able to offer them a place. If you require a place within 24 hours, contact the school to make sure space is available.

Update from club

This month in after school club we have been very excited to welcome spring and we look forward to the warmer weather. The lighter evenings have meant that we have been able to play outside more and for a longer duration. At the start of the month we made bookmarks and cards for mothers day. we also played a fun quiz for world book day and watched the film Matilda. The children have enjoyed rock painting, building with Lego bricks and creating patterns and shapes with the K'nex.

The last two weeks have been very exciting with Easter approaching. The children have loved taking part in some Easter crafts including making cards and baskets for Easter. The children have loved making chocolate rice krispie nests complete with mini eggs and chicks and we have also been doing lots of Easter colouring and word searches. we have been out to play football and use

the trim trail when the weather has been good and we have played a little bit of tennis in the hall too.

Donations of games

If anyone has any age appropriate games that the children could have in the cabins at lunchtimes we would be grateful for any donations. The cabin provides children with an adult supported space if they choose not be on the playground. Thank you.

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) Seahorses (5)	Penguin (2)	Pufferfish (R) Turtles (6)	Sharks (6) Seals (3)

Spring Summer 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 24/06/2024 15/07/2024 02/09/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024	Option One: Deep Pan Cheese and tomato Pizza with Salad Bar Option Two: Vegetable Stack with Rice Option Three: Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables: Vegetables of the day Dessert: Apple Crumble and cream	Penne Bolognese with Garlic bread Vegan Bolognese with Garlic bread Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables of the day Vanilla Sponge	Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegan Sausages with Roast Potatoes and gravy Tomato Pasta Vegetables of the day NEW Strawberry Mousse	Greek Chicken Pitta with Rice Tzatziki and salads Cheese Whirl with Rice and salads Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables of the day Mandarin Cake	Fish Fingers and Chips with tomato Sauce Mexican bean roll with Chips and Tomato sauce Tomato Pasta Vegetables of the day Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK TWO 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 22/07/2024 09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024	Option One: Deep Pan Cheese and tomato Pizza with Salad Bar Option Two: Vegetable Curry with Rice Option Three: Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables: Vegetables of the day Dessert: Chocolate Brownie	Beef Burger in a roll with Potato Wedges Vegan Burger in a roll with Potato wedges Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables of the day NEW Iced Biscuit	Roast Chicken Stuffing Roast potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Wellington with roast Potatoes and stuffing Tomato Pasta Vegetables of the day Jelly and mandarins	Mac and cheese with Chicken topping and salad Mac and cheese with roasted vegetable topping Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables of the day Peach Upside down cake	Fish Fingers and Chips with tomato Sauce Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips and Tomato Sauce Tomato Pasta Vegetables of the day Oaty Cookie
WEEK THREE 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 17/06/2024 08/07/2024 16/09/2024 07/10/2024	Option One: Deep Pan Cheese and tomato Pizza with Salad Bar Option Two: All Day Vegetarian Breakfast Option Three: Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables: Vegetables of the day Dessert: Chocolate and Pear Sponge	Sausage Pasta Bake Vegetable Pasta Bake Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables of the day Syrup Snap Biscuit	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes and Gravy Parsnip and sweet potato Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Tomato Pasta Vegetables of the day Eves Pudding and Cream	Chicken Paella with potato bravas Veggie meatballs with potato bravas Jacket potato with Cheese Beans or Tuna Vegetables of the day Chocolate Shortbread	Fish Fingers and Chips with tomato Sauce Cheese and Bean Pasta with Chips and tomato sauce Tomato Pasta Vegetables of the day Summer Lemon Cake

MENU KEY

Available Daily: -- Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

feeding the imagination

Advice on winter bugs and keeping well

With temperatures dropping this month Clare Joy – an NHS school nurse working locally – explains in this short video some top tips on keeping winter bugs at bay and using the Healthier Together app for advice.

You can watch on the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS YouTube channel](#).

Download Healthier Together for advice with common childhood illnesses

It can sometimes be hard for parents to know the best way to help children recover from winter bugs. Healthier Together has been developed by local clinicians and gives simple advice on how to help them get better at home.

The app will also help you to spot the signs if it is something more serious and guide you to the right help. Visit what0-18.nhs.uk, download from the App Store or get it on Google Play.

The UK Health Security Agency have also published helpful advice on [spotting the signs of when to keep children home](#).

You can visit the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS winter wellness web page](#) for more advice on keeping warm and well this winter.

INFORMATION



Making a difference in Portsmouth

WHO ARE WE?

We are the Portsmouth Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

We provide free, confidential, impartial information, advice and support relating to special educational needs and disability (SEND), independently from education, health and care providers.

Our information, advice and support is delivered by independently trained Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) staff.



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WHO CAN WE HELP?

Our service is for people who live in Portsmouth (PO1 – PO6). If you don't live in Portsmouth we can put you in touch with your local SENDIASS.

We can provide information, advice and support to parents or carers of a child or young person (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and/or a disability and young people aged 16-25 who have a special educational needs and/or a disability. If your child has questions we can help them too.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We will listen to your views and concerns and explain your options, rights and responsibilities. We can help you prepare for meetings, feel more confident to express your views and support you to resolve disagreements. If needed, we can support you to attend meetings too.

We can answer your questions about Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and support you through a needs assessment or review.

We can provide information on your individual queries in relation to education, health, care and leisure services and direct you to other services that may be able to support your family.

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Monday – Friday
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