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Thursday 3rd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

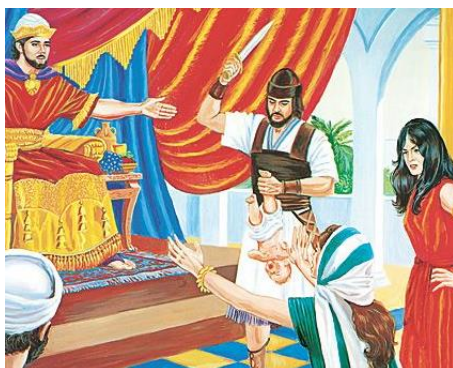
The Mothers' Day service was a highlight of last week, with a fantastic turnout of mums and grandmothers who listened to the pupils' beautiful words-in poetry and song- about their appreciation for their wonderful mums. Thanks to the Friends of Westbury for baking the delicious cakes that the mums received. These past two days we have held Parents Evenings. We've had super attendance of these, which is great, it's so important for children to know that their parents care about their progress. The governing board issued a parent survey on both evenings and thank you to everyone who completed this. If you didn't get a chance, we have spare copies in the office. Please do give us your thoughts. Lovely to see so many of you in church this morning for our Easter Service. We hope you enjoyed the readings and singing. Happy Easter to you all!

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

WORSHIP

*Our value this term is **JUSTICE***

We explored the Bible Story- The Wisdom of Solomon.





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Class News



CHESTNUTS

The children have been busy out on Forest School - last Wednesday they spent the afternoon moving lots of wood chipping from the playground into the Forest School area to improve the ground around the pond, log circle and path from the gate areas. After the Easter holidays, we will be starting work on the raised bed to see what we can grow. The children have also been busy taking part in various Easter craft activities.



WILLOW

Willow Class loved celebrating Mother's Day during the special service, where the children shared their own messages about why they love their mums. As part of our PSHE learning, we had a dedicated day in the Life Tent, where the children met Harold and explored important wellbeing topics. In Science, we planted runner beans and are excited to watch them grow while in Geography, we have been exploring Europe, focusing on the differences between countries like France and England. In English we have been writing our own narratives of **Jack and the Beanstalk** and the receptions have been roleplaying the story. In Maths Year 1 have been subtracting, adding and partitioning numbers up to 19. We also hope you enjoyed our Easter song "I'm a spring chicken." Willow Class have had so much fun practicing it in class!



SYCAMORE

We were so proud of Sycamore Class' performance of their Mothers' Day Poem last week. In Maths, Y2 have been learning about fractions. We have learnt how to find fractions of numbers and shapes, focusing on one third, two quarters and three quarters. Following on from practising the written methods for addition and subtraction, the Y3s in maths, have been learning how to do written methods for multiplication of 2 digit number by a one digit number, such as 46×4 . This needs lots of practise of the 3 and 4 times tables. We have been learning to spell plural words, such as body - bodies, baby - babies and Party - parties. We are also learning to spell the Common Exception words of "People" and "Friends". In English, we have been writing a non-fiction poster, to help us to look after our planet better.



OAK

Oak class have been continuing our 'Three Little Pigs' English project where we've had to think about presenting opinions in a formal and informal manner. In History, we've explored local folk history and have tried to answer 'Who Killed the Bear?' In our DT we have researched, written instructions for, built and then evaluated our own paper trebuchets. Some of them were a real success and everyone managed a good working model! We all enjoyed our life tent PSHE session where we learnt about ways of being assertive and a bit about legal and illegal drugs. We've all managed to show our best in assessment week this week and are looking forward to a fun last week of term.



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Celebration Awards

Every *Friday* we celebrate pupils' achievements during our Celebration Assembly.

If your child achieves something spectacular out of school, they are welcome to bring in medals, trophies or certificates on a Friday and we will share their success with the whole school.

Willow Class Academic Excellence Award: George and Ayrton

Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Award: Ihan and Elodie

Oak Class Academic Excellence Award: Drizzt and Ollie

Attendance update

Sept 1st – April 2nd 2025 = 96.6%



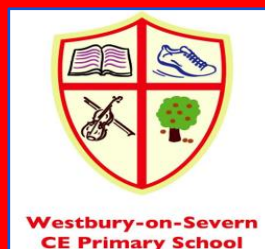
We have maintained above the national attendance levels all year, so far- brilliant news!

Whole School Target - 98%

Hot school dinners

From April the price of a hot school meal will increase to £2.85, if your child is not in the infants. If you think you might be eligible for **Free School Meals**, please apply, even if your child is in the infants, since they remain eligible up until Y6 and the school benefits financially through the Pupil Premium.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>



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Dates for your diary

4th April- Y5/6 Football tournament at Five Acres all morning.

7th- 11th April- Residential for Y5/6

11th April- INSET day for staff, **school closed** to pupils

Saturday 26th April- OPAL ACTION day 10-4pm.

28th April- Term 5 starts

5th May- Bank holiday- school closed

12th May- 15th May- SATs week for Y6- breakfast in school!

16th May- OPAL play afternoon with parents, carers, family members and siblings 1.35-3pm

22nd May- Whole School Walk to the River Severn in the afternoon.

23rd May- Term ends

2nd June- Term 6 starts

11th June- Year 6 Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral

13th June- Father's Day Service in school 9.15am- all male carers welcome!

18th June- Y3/4 cricket event at Newent

19th June- Class photos and Year 6 leavers photos

26th June- Parent and Carer drop in to see pupils' work 8.30-9.15am

7th- 11th July- Dream Big ACTIVE week- PE kit all week- daily sports/active lessons

9th July- Sports morning on the field (weather permitting)

17th July- End of Year Church service- Values Certificates for the whole school plus Bibles and hoodies for Year 6.

18th July- Last day of term, farewell Year 6!



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Gloucestershire Schools Wildlife Quiz



We are very proud of the Year 6 pupils who represented our school in the first round of the Wildlife quiz. It was an incredibly close round between us and Hopebrook CE Primary but we just pipped them at the post!

Do you know that the most common bird in the UK is a wren?

Do you know that beavers' teeth are orange in colour?

These are some of the questions they tackled.



Congratulations Team!

We are waiting to hear which school we will be quizzing with next, we will keep you updated!



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Grace George and The London Marathon

Our very own Miss George will be running the London Marathon this Easter holiday on 27th April. We are so proud of her – she has never run a marathon before.

She is raising money for the charity **Winston's Wish**, which is a charity we have used as a school- supporting bereaved pupils.

If you would like to sponsor her, you can do so via this link- I will also post this on our school Instagram account.

https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/grace-george?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaaU7olxjeGyIZMuPshEgPvE7LM0-QPdho1bae6jr7fsxP_G7GbaU4HXU4_aem_fj3757p9D3vxK2Y1ELKmgA





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A festive Easter-themed poster. At the top, a white bunny with long ears peeks over a large, dark pink Easter egg. The background is light pink with several colorful Easter eggs hanging from above. The text on the poster reads: "Wraparound EASTER PARTY DAY WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL". Below this, it lists activities: "EASTER EGG HUNT", "EGG DECORATING CONTEST", and "BUNNY HOP RACE". It also says "PLUS LOTS MORE EASTER THEMED CRAFTS ACTIVITIES!". At the bottom, there is a blue button that says "CLICK HERE TO BOOK", followed by the text "Email us on: J.Knight@progressive-sports.co.uk".

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We want to provide an amazing collection of loose parts for the children to use at play times. They are so creative in their play, there really is no end to what can be utilised. I have attached a copy of the **OPAL Bingo sheet** and one will be coming home with your child also. To make this a little more fun, and to get the children inspired, we are going to have *a little competition between the school houses* **Wild Boar, Hedgehogs, Deer and Badgers**. The house that collectively checks off the most items from the bingo sheet will win 200 house points and an extra OPAL play time. So every time your child brings something in from the BINGO sheet, they will be helping their team progress.



**OPAL
Bingo**

DO YOU HAVE WHAT WE NEED?

 HAY BALES	 PARACHUTE	 WHEELED CONTAINERS
 TOY CARS	 EMPTY PAINT CANS	 PRAMS (NOT TOO PADDED)
 PULL ALONG WAGON	 TIMBER	 MALLET (NOT METAL)
 STRAIGHTISH STICKS / POLES / BROOM HANDLES	 TARPAULINS	 PLASTIC CRATES
 GARDEN HOSE	 ROPE	 PALLET
 NATURAL MATERIALS	 DOLLS	 SPACE HOPPERS
 GARDEN TROWELS	 TENT PEGS	 ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF THAT WOULD MAKE GREAT CREATIVE PLAY

(Friends sent out an email recently regarding our Action Day and OPAL bingo plans too-check your inbox). **THANK YOU!**