



## A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year everyone! A special welcome to our new starters in Reception, they have made an amazingly calm and happy start to their school career. This is almost certainly because their Year 6 buddies are so kind, helpful and attentive, at playtimes and lunchtimes as well as holding their hands in the morning as they walk in. So lovely to see.

A reminder that, to access all areas at playtimes, pupils need a pair of wellies in school and also a coat on colder/wetter days. We have now opened up the whole of Forest school for pupils to play in at break and lunchtime and it is working well.

Teachers have sent Curriculum sheets and information regarding this term home; it is also on our website on the Class Pages.

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
Headteacher

### WORSHIP

### HOPE



We have been discussing the different types of Hope this week:

- When you cross your fingers and "hope for the best"
- Optimism, when you notice the positives in every day
- A light at the end of the tunnel



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### Class News



**CHESTNUTS** Welcome back to both returning children and new starters! All the children have settled back into the routine of Chestnuts. This week the children have been learning all about the number one, and singing our focus nursery rhyme - Twinkle, twinkle little star. They have started to talk about different emotions and what they feel like when they have these emotions and drawing pictures of themselves as part of the Marvellous me! topic we are looking at over the next few weeks.



**WILLOW** The children have all settled in wonderfully and are enjoying spending time doing different learning activities. The Reception children are getting the hang of the school routines and are enjoying joining in with songs and art activities. They have been practising writing their name and completing cutting activities. The Year 1s are setting a fantastic example to the Reception children and are working really hard. Over the last week, we have been looking at art work inspired by Lowry. The children have completed a class art display, creating mini figures to add to the busy town. In History, we have been learning about our families, remembering events in the past and creating questions to ask a local visitor. In Computing, we have looked at what technology is and sorting objects correctly. In English we have been reading the story 'The day the crayons quit' and have explored using different colours. In Maths, the Reception children have been looking at ways to represent numbers 1 and 2 and ordering items from smallest to largest. The Year 1 children have been looking at reading and writing numbers to 20 in numerals and words.



**SYCAMORE** Sycamore Class have settled in well to the new school year. The Year 3s have been welcoming the new Year 2s into our class. Last week we talked lots about our school values and came up with sentences for each value, what we do in Sycamore Class to show the values. We talked about how to be purple learners. In English we have started our new book, 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. We have been on Times Tables Rock Stars and the children will have come home this week with their logins. Going on this app/website will really help them learn their times tables



**OAK** This week we have been learning about space and which planets orbit around the sun. In English we have been reading our new book called 'Curiosity - A Mars rover'. Our class had a discussion on whether we think there is life beyond Earth. In Art we are exploring the artist Peter Thorpe who is famous for his abstract background for rockets. We have created backgrounds and have learnt some skills to create oil pastel rockets.



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# Celebration Awards

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

This year we have re-jigged our Awards and Certificates as follows:

*Weekly Academic Achievement Award* -per class

*Termly Westbury Way Award*- whole school

*Termly Purple Learner Award*- per class

***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.***

In our very first Celebration Assembly of the year we celebrated Django's out of school cricketing and Tiger Olympics medals.

We awarded the newly elected School Council and House Captains their badges.

### Our Newly Elected School Council from YR- Y6





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On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July we had a two day Ofsted inspection. It has been ten years since the school had a two-day inspection and we are pleased to announce that all five areas of school were rated **Good**.

Inspection dates: 3 and 4 July 2024

**Overall effectiveness** **Good**

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The quality of education **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes **Good**

Personal development **Good**

Leadership and management **Good**

Early years provision **Good**

Previous inspection grade **Good**

The report has been emailed to parents and carers and is on our website and Ofsted's website.

It has some lovely quotes in it from both parents and children in it and certainly captures our "essence".



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### Dates for your diary:

**25<sup>th</sup> September:** Willow Class trip to Hopewell Colliery

**3<sup>rd</sup> October:** National Poetry Day in school

**10<sup>th</sup> October:** Flu immunisations in school

**15<sup>th</sup> October:** Maths Focus Day

**22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Parents' Evenings – **Please see attached letter**

**25<sup>th</sup> October:** Last day of Term 1

**4<sup>th</sup> November:** First Day of Term 2

**7<sup>th</sup> November:** Individual School photos

**11<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti Bullying week starts

**13<sup>th</sup> November:** World Kindness Day

**12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day

We are in discussion with Fr David regarding dates and times for both Harvest and Christmas Services this year at the church. We will share these with you in the next newsletter.



### Attendance update



**Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - 96.8%**

**Whole School Target - 96%**

Please find attached an important letter from the Dept. of Education regarding school attendance and penalty notices.



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### Staffing updates

*We are pleased to welcome new staff to our Westbury family.*

**Grace George** is the new teacher in Willow Class, a job- share with Zoe Walls. Grace is a recently qualified teacher and has made a fantastic start.

**Jane Boulton** is working in Willow as a SEND Teaching Assistant supporting pupils with special/additional needs.

**Helen Cracknell** is working two days a week in Oak Class as a general Teaching Assistant. She is already active in school as the Chair of Friends of Westbury and is part of our OPAL team. She is working with Mrs Noad and Mrs Roseblade on Wednesdays and Thursdays all day and is out at lunchtime play on both days.

**Anna Cox** has decided that it is finally time to hang up her lanyard. She has been School Administrator and Finance Assistant in the office for a staggering 27 years, devoting a huge portion of her working life to the school. We will miss her enormously but wish her all the best. We will be putting an advertisement out soon for her replacement. Anna will be leaving us at the end of Term 1.

### BOBBY the guinea pig

Thank you to the Armstrongs for looking after Bobby for the summer holidays.

Now he is back, we have all missed him. Certificate winners on Fridays all get Bobby cuddling time and help clean his cage and fill up his food bowl and water bottle.



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We now have full Wraparound Provision at Westbury, provided by Progressive Sports. This starts daily at 7.30 am with Breakfast Club in the hall and runs every afternoon till 5.30pm. See Parents tab on our website for more information. They are also offering a daily After School Sports Club for a limited time to all pupils in Y1-6. Contact them if you are interested.

**After School Sports Club**

Progressivesports<sup>®</sup>  
Westbury on Severn Primary School

**DIVE INTO A NEW SPORT DAILY!**

From Classroom To Court, Field, Or Pitch.  
Our Standalone Sports Club Is Where It's At!

Monday - Friday, 3:10 - 4:30pm  
16th September - 25th October

<b>Monday</b> Archery Club	<b>Tuesday</b> Football Club	<b>Wednesday</b> Dodgeball Club
<b>Thursday</b> Basketball Club	<b>Friday</b> Cricket Club	Skill-building fun for Years 1-6! Small groups for friendly, focused learning. Age appropriate groups for friendly and focused learning.

They'll learn new skills, get active, make friends, and have a blast with our awesome coaches.

Already in wraparound care? You're in luck! Sports Club is FREE for you - just book your spot!

**Enroll NOW!**  
[www.progressive-sports.co.uk](http://www.progressive-sports.co.uk)

**Need More Info?**

Contact us on 01889 343120 or [info@progressive-sports.co.uk](mailto:info@progressive-sports.co.uk)



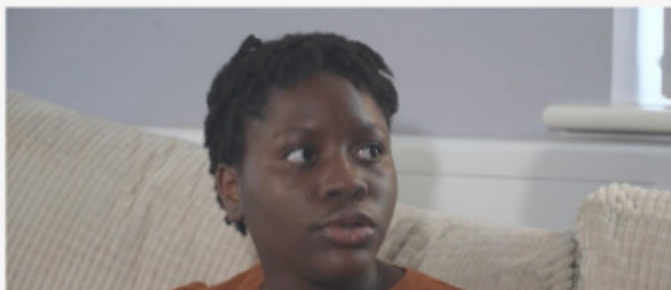
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### Thousands of pupils to join 'respect' assembly after summer riots



The first week back in school we joined a live, UK wide Picture news assembly entitled “Celebrating our Differences and overcoming Adversity”. Thousands of school pupils joined online from schools all around the UK. The Assembly explored the way people came together in the summer to show the British values of Mutual Tolerance and Respect following the riots.







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### Instrument Hire through Gloucestershire Music



Your child is currently receiving instrumental tuition delivered by Gloucestershire Music. This term, they will receive 10 Whole Class Ensemble Tuition lessons (WCET) at their school developing skills in listening, notation, composition and performance. Because your child receives these lessons, we can provide discounted instrument hire to help support home learning and to facilitate free access to one of our music centre foundation ensembles.

The instrument you hire must be the same type of instrument as the one your child is playing in their WCET lessons at school.

**Oak Class** this term are learning **guitar** so if you would like to hire a guitar to support your child's learning of this instrument please follow this link.

<https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com/Registration/Booking/112102?c=x&v=6>



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# WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN YFC



**New Members night !!**  
**16th September 7:45pm**

Location: Blaisdon Village Hall, Blaisdon,  
Longhope, United Kingdom, GL170AH

Team bonding  
and games night!  
A chance to get to  
know everyone  
and see what  
Young farmers is  
all about 😊



Come and join us on a Monday  
evening to see what it's all  
about !! Get involved ages 10-  
28, with a wide range of  
meetings each week !

"You don't have to be a farmer to be a  
young farmer "

**Contact Lucy : 07925830550 or Dan:  
07975 696396 for more information**