



A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 6th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's great to be back, with sunny skies and spring on the way. First week back and Oak Class had a trip to the church and up the tower, led by Frances Down and Simon Phelps, many thanks to them for their time. The children learnt lots about the church and its history, linked to this term's theme Destination Westbury. Willow Class are off to the Wildlife Park next week and Sycamore have been practising their recorders, in preparation for a concert to parents- time and date for this is in the Dates for your Diary section.

We are in full World Book Day swing here, which began with a fantastic turnout for our Bookish Breakfast today at 8am. Big thanks to the Friends of Westbury for making this happen, we hope everyone enjoyed their breakfast with a book. Photos to follow in our next newsletter and on social media too.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

WORSHIP

Our value this term is JUSTICE

Mrs Walls led a Worship last week on the Bible story of David and Goliath. She set children a Dream Big Mission to make sure their games at playtime were JUST.

In Monday's Worship the children relayed to the whole school how they had implemented JUSTICE in their play- including everyone, making team numbers fair etc.





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Class News



CHESTNUTS

The children have settled back into routine after half term, they have been telling their peers about some of the adventures they have been on. This week the children have started to learn about 2D shapes. It has been fun trying to pick out different shapes they find in their everyday life moving around different environments. The children have also had fun celebrating Shrove Tuesday - they joined together with Willow class to have an afternoon of pancake activities! Just a reminder - if you haven't already replied to the email about the last week of term, please could you let either Mrs Trigg or Mrs Keidel-Doggrell know as soon as possible. Thank you



WILLOW

We have been busy in Willow Class creating bird houses, we planned them out before constructing them and have decorated them. In Science we have been looking at how we should look after different animals in preparation for our trip to Cotswolds Wildlife Park. On Shrove Tuesday we made pancakes and prepared the fruit for them. In Maths the Y1s have been looking at partition/addition/subtraction facts to 15 and Reception have been looking at partitioning the number 7. We have been reading 'Room on the Broom' in English and been focusing on capital letters and rhyming words. What a lovely few weeks in Willow Class!



SYCAMORE

In Sycamore Class we have been making good progress with our recorder playing on a Monday morning - it is a lovely way to start the week. In Maths we have started new topics. Year 3 have begun a unit on learning the written methods for addition, where we need to exchange the ones and tens- $247 + 138 =$. We have learnt the importance of lining up the Hundreds, Tens and Ones correctly on squared paper so that we add accurately. In Year 2 we have begun our multiplication unit focusing on counting up in steps of 2 and building the 2 times table. Please practice at home! We go as far as $12 \times 2 = 24$. Thanks to everyone who is logging in to Times Tables Rockstars regularly. We have been thinking about and writing settings in English, writing in the past tense and developing noun phrases, based on the senses.



OAK

Oak class had a wonderful trip last week where we were lucky enough to have a guided tour of the church and bell tower, thanks to Mrs Down and Mr Phelps. We've learnt lots about the history of both buildings and found out lots of new facts. Elliot said it was, "like unlocking all of the secrets we've walked past but never knew were there." Back in the classroom, Years 5 and 6 have been exploring converting percentages and fractions and Year 4 have started using formal methods of division in our maths. We've explored Ordnance Survey maps and symbols in Geography and looked at our civil war battles in history - including a local one at Westbury church.



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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: Jané
Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Award: Layla
Oak Class Academic Excellence Award: Alex

Purple Learners of the Term- *Violet, Annabelle, Ellie*

Westbury Way Award- *Delia Marin*

Attendance update

Sept 1st – March 5th 2025 = **96.8%**



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

Whole School Target - **98%**



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Dates for your diary

11th March: Willow Class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

24th March: Sycamore class recorder concert for all parents and family members 10.10am

25th March- Life Education Tent visiting- PSHE focus for each year group

27th March- Mother's Day service in school 9.15am- all female carers welcome!

1st and 2nd April- Parents Evenings

2nd April- Scholastic Book Fair visiting

3rd April- 9.15 Easter Church Service- everyone welcome

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

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

28th April- Term 5 starts

5th May- Bank holiday- school closed

12th May- 15th May- SATs week for Y6

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

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!

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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Safer Internet Day 2025- tips for parents and pupils

ONLINE SAFETY FOR KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN



ONLINE SAFETY FOR KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN

