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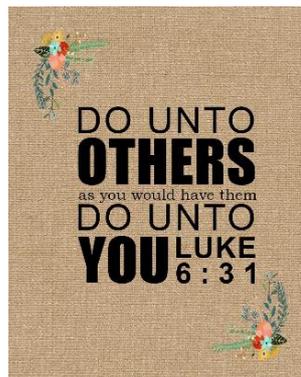
Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is finally here and this week we have seen some lovely sunshine, so hopefully the ground will soon be dry enough to have football club out on the pitch with the new goal posts and ditch the wellies at playtime. There is a lot of excitement surrounding Westbury's Got Talent – both staff and children! Plans are being finalised.....

This year we started Wraparound club 3 afternoons a week (Tues/Wed and Fri) run by Progressive Sport (see our website if you are interested- v competitive price!) and we are considering opening a Breakfast Club so we truly offer Wraparound care. Please look out for a survey soon about this.

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
Headteacher

Christian Values  
Our Value this term is  
**FRIENDSHIP**





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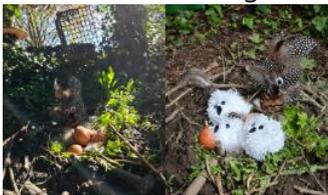
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### CLASS NEWS



#### CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts have had lots of fun this week, first they made an owls' nest in Forest School following on from our focus book '**Owl Babies**'.



To their surprise an owl mummy visited the nest and laid some eggs which hatched over the weekend!

The children then had fun practicing their balancing skills with the Bikeability sessions which started this week.



**WILLOW** We've had a great start to the term in Willow Class. Over the last week we've been writing character descriptions and designing our dream home based around our book '**Iggy Peck, Architect**'. We are continuing to learn about castles and have begun to make some great 3D junk modelling castles. Last week we made our turrets and

focused on joining materials together. Thank you to everyone who brought in some junk modelling to help us with our learning. In maths we've been looking at **partitioning numbers 17-20** and using different methods to add and subtract a one-digit number from a given number. We are also continuing to improve our knowledge of time. In **Science**, we've been exploring everyday materials and looking at the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been observing changes to our growing beans and can't wait to see whose plant will grow high enough for Jack to climb it. Last week, the Giant became very angry and littered our role play area. The children enjoyed sorting the litter into different groups to help the refuse workers collect the rubbish. Finally, we began our **ukulele music** lessons and the children are really enjoying strumming away and learning a new skill!



**SYCAMORE** In Sycamore we are learning about the **Romans**. We have looked at modern day Italy in our **Geography** and looked at some of the physical features including The Alps and Mount Vesuvius. In **English** we have been working on using

verbs, nouns and adjectives as well as continuing our book, The Escape from Pompeii. The Year 2s are coming to the end of their **Fractions** unit and the Year 3s are finishing off their unit on **column addition** ready to go onto column subtraction. This week we started making volcanoes which we will erupt next week as part of our Geography and link it to our English lesson when the volcano erupts in our book.



**OAK** We have started our **PSHE** units covering changes during puberty; the children have been very sensible during what can sometimes be difficult conversations. We've learnt, in **Science**, about how humans grow and age, and about how genetics are

passed down from our parents. In **English**, we've finished reading 'Robot Girl' by Malorie Blackman and have been inspired to write our own science-fiction story which we'll complete next week.



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# Celebration Awards

Every Friday we celebrate pupil's effort, attitude and achievement 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.***

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our weekly Celebration assembly, which is held at 1pm every Friday.

Just turn up and you will be very welcome.

**Reception:** Olive, Ayrton

**Year One:** Ellis, Finley

**Year Two:** Leah, Reuben

**Year Three:** Ollie, Harrison

**Year Four:** Elliot, Gethyn

**Year Five:** Pearl, Xanthe

**Year Six:** Jimmy, Reuben

## The Westbury Way Award

for a pupil who consistently demonstrates ***The Westbury Way***

- Safe at all times
- Respectful to Everyone
- Ready to Learn
  
- The recent award went to ***Xanthe***



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### Dates for your diary:

- 13<sup>th</sup> May:** SATS week for Y6 begins
- 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Westbury's Got Talent! at the Parish Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Cycling Proficiency week for Y6 begins
- 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Dene Magna transition week for Y6s
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July:** School Production performances at the Parish Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Week begins- a week of exciting Physical activities
- 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Chestnuts Sports morning
- 11<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole school Sports morning followed by Parent Picnic
- 16<sup>th</sup> July:** End of year Church Service 2pm- Everyone welcome.
- 18<sup>th</sup> July:** End of theme Open Classrooms/Drop in- All Parents/Carers welcome.

### Attendance update

Whole school from September 2023- **92.5%**

**Whole School Target - 96%**

Parent Achievement

**We are so proud of Polly Woodman running the London Marathon on the weekend!**



You can still make a donation towards the Stroke Association, in memory of Phil Woodman:  
<https://events.stroke.org.uk/fundraisers/PhilsMemoryMarathon/london-marathon-2024>



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### FAMILY FORUM

The family forum met last week and discussed topics such as bus transport and the Spare seat scheme, timetabling of school events, wellies, Pupil Premium, school trips, Friends of Westbury and the school disco.

Once the minutes have been agreed they will be emailed to you. If you have any issues about any aspect of school life (not about your individual child) then please contact the Family Forum advocates:

Sarah Williams for Willow Class, Chris Sigournay for Sycamore Class and either Maddy Sharp or Kirsty Jennings for Oak Class.

*Thank you!*

### GET WELL SOON MRS COX

Thank you for being patient this week with school communications while Mrs Cox is recuperating from her operation. We are all thinking about her and wish her a speedy recovery.

Thanks to Mrs Kift who has been phoning through the school dinners every day.



**Please make sure your child has a coat in school since we now try and get out for playtime in all weathers, come rain or shine!**



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# MAY HALF TERM *Holiday Club*



**VENUES**

- Primrose Hill, Lydney
- St White's, Cinderford
- Ashfield Park, Ross
- Finlay School, Glos
- Picklenash, Newent

**28TH - 31ST MAY**  
**8:30am - 4:30pm**  
From £22.50 per day

Packed full of popular and seasonally themed sports, games and craft activities

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### **Food Stories – The Earth Beneath our Feet, with Lizzie Godden**

*(Part of the Wye Valley River Festival Creative Community Day)*

**Saturday 27th April 2024**

**Workshop 1: 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Workshop 2: 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**(at Artspace Cinderford)**

**Cost: FREE**

Join us in the Artspace studio for our Creative Community workshop exploring 'Food Stories' with the Wye Valley River Festival, where we will be exploring a fun range of print media, drawing and textile crafts inspired by your favourite meals and recipes. These sessions are free for all. NB children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.