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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at **Sports Morning** last week. It was really enjoyable morning and we were blessed with sunshine. As you probably noticed the new field is almost ready and yesterday the old fence was taken down. We will be relocating the Football goals as soon as possible and acclimatising ourselves to this new space. In September we have an organisation called **OPAL** coming to work with us on developing playtimes which will help with how best to use our outdoor spaces so that the children can have positive playtimes.

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/the-opal-primary-programme/>

Tomorrow is **Transition day** for all classes. They spend the day in their new classroom (for some) with their new classmates (for all) and their new teacher (for some). We hope that everyone has a good day.

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
Headteacher

Christian Values  
Our Value this term is

❖ **THANKFULNESS**





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### CLASS NEWS



#### CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts have had a busy time since the last newsletter - last week we had our own Sports day, which all the children and parents/carers attended and took part in. Well done to everyone that took part. They then finished the week off with a Bikeability session - all the children have made so much progress over the last few weeks, and then a Skip to be Fit session where they all learnt how to skip. Chestnuts joined the end of the week Whole School Skip to be Fit assembly too.



#### WILLOW

Willow Class had a great time during sports week last week. We practised for sports morning on Monday. On Tuesday we had a wonderful time playing rounders with the whole school at the Village Hall. Sports morning was lots of fun, running races, learning how to do New Age Kurling and lots of other activities. On Thursday we had a climbing wall in the playground, we climbed very high! On Friday we learnt how to skip. We have been using the new skipping ropes at playtimes this week as well. We have also continued our Maths and English learning and yesterday we released our butterflies that hatched out of the cocoon on Monday.



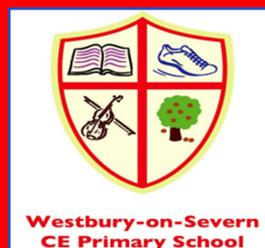
#### SYCAMORE

We loved Sports week! Who knew we had such talented climbers and skippers in our class! The children threw themselves into all the activities and created posters about the week! Thank you Miss Wills. In Maths, the Y2 children are learning about measurement, particularly capacity, and have enjoyed using measuring cylinders and water. The Y3 children are learning about fractions. In English, we have been researchers, finding out about London landmarks, and are now writing a report. In Art we have been creating tones and paintings with warm colours to depict the Great Fire. In RE, we are learning about the Creation story so we took time during outdoor learning to appreciate the wonderful world we live in. We have been exploring friendship and how we can support each other in PSHE. Finally, as Geographers, we are looking at physical and human features and aerial view maps.



#### OAK

After a smashing Sports week, Oak class have re-fuelled with some Indian treats in our DT. We have learnt about Indian food traditions and customs and have tasted some Indian inspired snacks - learning about and identifying different spices and ingredients, ready to design and make our own in a few weeks. Many of our Year 6s have been out at Dene Magna for the week and have had a brilliant time in their new school. In Music we've learnt the Bhangra 'chaal' rhythm ready to play along with the dance moves we've been learning.



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### Attendance update

School Target - 96%

Whole School Sept 2022- June 2023 = 94 %

Individual children's attendance will be recorded on their report.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**End of Year Church Service: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** 5.30pm followed by Friends of Westbury BBQ on the field afterwards. Everyone welcome.

**MARY POPPINS drama production:** 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July at Westbury Parish Hall. There are still tickets available- DO NOT MISS IT!

**REPORTS** – Your child(ren)'s report will be emailed out to you on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**.

**END OF THEME DROP IN- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. Everyone welcome to come into classrooms between 8.45am- 9.15am and see pupils work in classrooms.

**LAST DAY OF TERM- 24<sup>th</sup> July**. We have booked an ice cream van for everyone to enjoy.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Any changes** to family circumstances (phone numbers, new addresses or pick up/travel arrangements) please let Anna Cox know in the office so we can update our records.



**CHESS-** Would anyone be able to run a chess club, after school or lunchtimes? We have some children who are interested in learning. Please let the office know.



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### Message from the Board of Governors -Jen Sigournay

Well done to all of the hard work the Year 6 students have put in this year. We hope they have enjoyed their induction week at secondary school and have made some new friends to help them settle in September.

After a year of many changes within the school we would like to get your feedback so that we can build that into our focus for the Governing Board next academic year. As such we will be sending out a parent questionnaire next week, if you could fill those in and get them back to the school office by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July it would be a great help.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** we are holding a special assembly about the Summer Reading Challenge, organised by the library service. For more information click on this link:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>





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 **THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL 2023**  
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The world's **longest running** music festival returns to Gloucester, and with it comes a variety of family events which are sure to inspire and excite!



### MAGIC AND MISCHIEF

Art, music and storytelling come together in this enchanting event, perfect for all the family!  
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James Mayhew 

IDEAL FOR AGES 5+    £15/£10 ADULTS, £10/£5 CHILDREN    SUN 23 JUL 1:00PM    BACON THEATRE, CHELTENHAM

**BOOK NOW**    [3choirs.org/events/magic-and-mischief](https://3choirs.org/events/magic-and-mischief)

### DREAM JOURNEYS

Build a journey through your dreams with the help of live piano, an enormous patchwork quilt, physical theatre and some of Shakespeare's best-loved words from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Join us for this interactive and inclusive workshop led by actor, musician and poet **Edward Derbyshire**.



£10 ADULTS, £8 CHILDREN    UNDER 5S FREE    SAT 22 JUL 3:30PM    CHAPTER HOUSE

**BOOK NOW**    [3choirs.org/events/dream-journeys](https://3choirs.org/events/dream-journeys)



### STRINGTASTIC

Join festival regulars the **Lilliput Duo** for an adventure into the wonderful world of stringed instruments. Marvel at the ridiculous array of sounds that can be drawn from a wooden box, some wire and a horse's tail! Dance and sing along with favourite tunes and have a go on their junk instruments and miniature violins.

IDEAL FOR BABIES/TODDLERS & SIBLINGS    £8    UNDER 5S FREE    TUE 25 JUL 2:30PM    CHAPTER HOUSE

**BOOK NOW**    [3choirs.org/events/stringtastic](https://3choirs.org/events/stringtastic)



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### THE HAPPY PRINCESS

The golden statue of the Happy Princess stands above the wintry city. A swallow, left behind during migration, shelters by her feet. The Princess tells the bird that she longs to help her suffering people... Based on the timeless story by Oscar Wilde, The Happy Princess is an opera written especially for young people and is performed here by children from schools around Gloucestershire, alongside members of the **Philharmonia Orchestra**.

#### Philharmonia

IDEAL FOR AGES 7+ FROM £12 FRI 28 JUL 11:00AM GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

**BOOK NOW**

[3choirs.org/events/the-happy-princess](https://3choirs.org/events/the-happy-princess)

### MAYRON QUARTET FAMILY CONCERT

Join the Mayron Quartet for a fun and interactive concert exploring the art of chamber music. Including dramatic works by Shostakovich and Dvořák.



IDEAL FOR AGES 5+ £8 UNDER 55 FREE FRI 28 JUL 4:00PM CHAPTER HOUSE

**BOOK NOW**

[3choirs.org/events/mayron-quartet-family-concert](https://3choirs.org/events/mayron-quartet-family-concert)



### THREE LITTLE MAMMOTHS

Hear the story of the Three Little Mammoths brought to life by the **Marsyas Trio**, with music by **Robin Haigh** and text by acclaimed children's author **Eoin McLaughlin**, as the three little mammoths migrate to far-off lands.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-11 £10 ADULTS £8 CHILDREN UNDER 55 FREE SAT 29 JUL 11:30AM ST MARY DE CRYPT, GLOUCESTER

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