

## A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a lovely week here at Westbury, learning about the River Severn. The wall art project in the playground, kindly funded by the Friends of Westbury, will hopefully be ready to show the school community after half term. All the pupils have been involved, including Preschool, and we are very excited to see the end product.

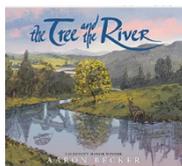
Please note we have an INSET day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June so school will reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. Swimming and all clubs return as normal in that first week back. We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing break and look forward to seeing you back for a summery Term 6- the final term of the year!

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
Headteacher

Christian Values  
Our Value this term is  
❖ SERVICE

We have had two outdoor worships this week from The Worship Team and today's is so that we can see the River Severn. Worship Team are sharing a book called The River and The Tree by

Aaron Becker





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#### CHESTNUTS

The children have been spending lots of time out in Forest School building new shelters and making cakes using all the new flowers that are appearing. We have started looking at **Handa's Surprise** as our focus book this week and will continue after half term when we will get to explore making music from Kenya.



#### WILLOW

Willow Class found some magic beans in science! We followed some instructions to plant them. In Literacy, we wrote our own instructions to plant magic beans.

In Maths, we continued our measuring unit. We measured how long objects are using cubes. We learnt how to use the language "taller than" and "shorter than".

In Forest School, we made strong bridges to hold a Billy Goat Gruff! Some children made a troll to go under their bridge. We started our River Severn Week by looking at our local village and thinking about the traffic that comes through. The children did a traffic survey out of the front of school. We also helped Mrs Cracknell with our school project. We painted the river and painted our own fish. In Maths the Reception children have started thinking about numbers that make 10. The year 1s have started looking at multiplying using equal groups.



#### SYCAMORE

In English, we are writing poems inspired by the River Severn, whilst in maths Y3 are doing written multiplication methods and Y2 are interpreting data in pictograms. We

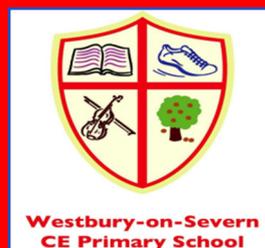
have begun composing music after listening to pieces related to fire, we have loved using the instruments! In Science, we have looked at the material items are made from and in History we have looked at primary and secondary sources. The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary about rivers and are really looking forward to our walk to the river.



#### OAK

In whole class PE sessions, we have started various athletics activities, including distance running, triple-jump and relay. We have explored Hindu ways of worshipping at home in RE and the climate and temperature of various Indian towns in Geography.

In English with Mrs R-B we have explored Poetry and have used our skills to refine a range of poems all about water, to complement our River Severn week.



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### **Attendance update**

**School Target - 96%**

**Whole School Sept 2022- May 2023 = 94 % (getting closer!)**



Westbury Baby and Toddler group is being held in the school hall  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May @ 9:45am till 11:30am. Only £1 per family.**

Hot drinks will be available.

Can parents/carers please bring snacks and a drink for their children.  
Look forward to seeing you there!

**Thank you!**



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A big **Thank You** to **James Walkley-Cox**, the gardener, for planting up new tubs at the school entrance. James has been tidying up the playground too, trimming the bushes and maintaining Forest School. He has also worked with Mrs Sim and the Eco Warriors after school and help them set up a Bug Hotel. James asked Fairview Garden Centre to donate some annual flowering plants for our tubs, which they kindly did. <https://www.fairviewgardener.co.uk/> So a big thank you to them too.

A big **Thank You** also to the **Diocese of Gloucester** for our new carpets in the corridor and in Sycamore class. You might have noticed that we have new carpets in parts of the school if you have recently visited. We have been able to have the replacement carpets as part of a project funded by the Diocese, which initially was for repairs to the floor in Oak Class last December. The new floor (and carpet) in Oak didn't cost as much as anticipated so they offered to re-carpet the main areas of school for us and have been coming in on weekends to get the work done. Hence, the enormous skip outside school! As a Voluntary Aided Church school, we work with the Diocese on the upkeep and maintenance of the school and they support us and advise us with this.

A big **Thank You** to Helen Cracknell and her mum, Corinne London, this week, who have worked tirelessly on supporting the pupils to co-create the mural in the playground. When it is finished we will celebrate this with you all so that you can come to the playground and admire it. Each child has painted their own fish as well as painting the river and using linocuts to print leaves onto each class tree.

And **Thanks** to the Friends of Westbury who are funding it! It's been a fantastic art project running all week outside. Luckily the weather has been great too.



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Yesterday the whole school walked to the river and back as part of our Geography focus week on the River Severn. The weather was absolutely perfect for a school walk and we observed lots of nature as well as climbing many stiles and crossing several small bridges. Thanks to all the parent volunteers that helped, we couldn't have done it without you! There are many photos on Instagram too if you follow us on social media. <https://www.instagram.com/westburyonseverncofeprimary/>





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## SPORTS WEEK AT WESTBURY



We will be having a whole school sports week this year from the **19<sup>th</sup> June until the 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. During this week we will have our Sports Morning on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**. and parents are invited to stay for a picnic on the field afterwards.

**On Monday** we will play a whole school game of rounders on the field in our House Teams. We have a climbing wall booked for the children to use on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** as well as **Skip2bfit** on the Friday. We are very excited about this and hope for good weather!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Inset Day:** 5<sup>th</sup> June. School is closed for children.
- **Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral followed by a meal at Toby Carvery:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- **Fathers' Day Celebration:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm in the hall. All male family members welcome!
- **MARY POPPINS drama production:** 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July at Westbury Parish Hall



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**A fundraising Friends of Westbury event for your diaries....**

A vibrant red poster for a Quiz Night event. The background is a brick wall pattern with scattered yellow question marks and a central yellow lightbulb icon. The text is centered and reads:

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for our Adults Quiz Night!

**Friday 23rd June**  
6 PM - 8 PM  
AT  
**Westbury CofE Primary School**

**Teams of 4**  
**£5 on the door**

Fruit punch and nibbles will be on sale (cash event)

Sorry no children!



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**MAY  
THE TOYS  
BE WITH  
YOU**

**24 June - 30  
September 2023**

**Scan to book!**

**'THESE ARE THE  
TOYS YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR'**

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MUSEUM OF  
GLOUCESTER

An exhibition of vintage Star Wars  
toys and original artwork...

[museumofgloucester.co.uk](http://museumofgloucester.co.uk)



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The Orchard Trust  
Summer Fair

Punch & Judy

Bar  
BBQ  
Ice Creams  
Cakes

**HENNA  
TATTOOS**

Music from  
Which One's  
Gerry  
Lydney  
Training Band

Stalls  
&  
Games

Animal  
Petting

Sunday 11th June 2023  
1pm - 4pm  
Upper Stowfield, Lower Lydbrook GL17 9PD  
www.orchard-trust.org.uk 01594 861137 Charity No. 801122  
**Adults £1.50 Under 12s free**

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