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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been with so many lovely events in school.

Thanks to everyone who bought cakes for the Hedgehog Hospital yesterday at school council's bake sale. They raised **£85.30** for Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue, a local charity that supports hedgehogs.

<https://www.brockworthhedgehogrescue.co.uk/>

School council chose this charity because last summer we found several hedgehogs in need of care in our Forest School area.

Please scroll down because there is a lots of interesting news for you- plus all the dates we have so far up until the end of the academic year. We now have paper copies of our newsletter in the Entrance Foyer to read. If you want a paper copy, just ask.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely, relaxing half term holiday. I hope you get some enjoyable family time with your children.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

WORSHIP

Our value this term is PERSEVERANCE



Luke Littler's achievement is a good example of Perseverance- he did not give up!

Do we need to feel under pressure to achieve great things?

We explored this question in Monday Worship.



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Class News



CHESTNUTS

The children have enjoyed getting very muddy in Forest School over the last couple of weeks. Last week Chestnuts joined with Willow class to make some lovely tuneful music using sticks and ladles and spoons to beat out music on the big blue drums, saucepans and whatever solid surface they could find. The children enjoyed taking part in Storytelling week, they each had a chance to make up a story and then act it out with their friends. The children have also had fun chasing bubbles in the playground and seeing how long they took to pop in the cold weather.



WILLOW

Willow Class have been busy looking at the book "The Tower" as part of our work linked to the Storytelling week. In RE we have been looking at how people care for each other. In History, the children have been learning facts about Mary Anning and sorting these on a timeline. During our Safer internet day, the children explored digital art and looked at creating art both on a screen and on paper. The children have been enjoying exploring and creating nature based art and sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We've also been busy in DT creating bird boxes and learning about how to look after our natural world. What a busy, fun term we have had



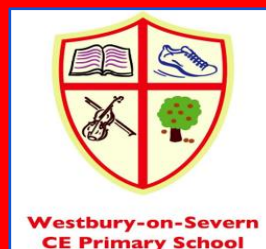
SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class had a fantastic time during Storytelling Week, using 'The Tower' as inspiration to create their own stories filled with magical worlds and unique characters. I am so impressed with their creativity! In History, we looked at facts about the Stone Age village of Skara Brae. In Science, we investigated magnetic forces by testing the strength of different magnets and discovering which materials are magnetic. In Maths, our Year 3s have been comparing fractions, while our Year 2s have been exploring multiplication and division statements. Meanwhile, in PE, we have been practicing our golf skills. We also spent an afternoon learning about Internet Safety, we learnt how to spot a scam and what phishing was. Well done Sycamore Class!



OAK

Oak class had a wonderful talk from Di Landon last week where she shared with us her research into Westbury's past. We learnt all about the workhouse that used to be where some of our houses now are in Colchester Close. The lives of the children and adults there were not very nice at all and we feel very lucky that workhouses are no more. In English we wrote our own superhero origin stories during Storytelling week and have finished our work on the 'Mermaid of Zennor' with a leaflet. We've completed our final piece of art inspired by our local artist where we've used perspective skills and palette knives to paint.



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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 Awards: Olive and Hattie

Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Awards: Ellis and Olivia

Oak Class Academic Excellence Awards: Jamie and Elliot

During the first week back we will celebrate Term 3's end of term awards.

Attendance update

Sept 1st – February 12th 2025 = **96.7%**



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

Whole School Target - 98%

Please note that from September 2024 new attendance regulations mean that Headteachers are required to inform the Local Authority of **any unauthorised absences totalling 5 full days** (10 sessions) – this can include Late after the register closes- if these absences fall within 10 weeks of each other. Each parent of each child will be issued with a fixed Penalty Notice and the fines have increased. Exceptional circumstances rarely apply to a term time holiday. If circumstances are exceptional, we may require evidence. This high focus on attendance from the Department of Education is due to the poor school attendance UK wide rates since Covid. ***If your child's attendance falls below 90% (persistent absentee) we may contact you for an attendance meeting.*** Thank you for helping us improve school attendance.



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Dates for your diary

13th February: Last day of term 3

14th February: INSET DAY for staff training-**school closed** for pupils.

24th February – Term 4 starts

6th March - World Book Day

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

27th March- Mother's Day service in school 9.15

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

29th April – ~~Swimming starts for Y2,3,4,5~~ - *Please note this change!*

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 9.15

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!

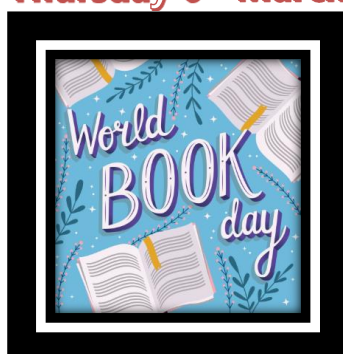


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World Book Day 2025

Thursday 6th March



- We can't wait for the next World Book Day here at Westbury. As usual, we ask that pupils come dressed as a book character. For the reluctant fancy dressers- home clothes is fine. At 8am there will be a **Bookish Breakfast** served by the Friends of Westbury. There will be a choice of books to read with your child(ren) as you breakfast, or you can bring your own. All parents, carers, siblings, relatives are very welcome. Please bring a donation for Friends to pay for breakfast.
- We ask that children bring in a book or some books for the **BOOK SWAP** that we will timetable for that day. The idea is that you bring a book you don't want anymore and swap it for one (or two) that you do want. We sort the donated books into age ranges and then the pupils visit the hall in their classes with their teacher and choose a new book. If we have enough books donated, each child can take home two.
- **Book vouchers** have already gone home. You can visit a bookshop over half term and your children can get a book for FREE. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/>
- During the day we will timetable **Reading for Pleasure** when pupils are given relaxing time to read with a book of their choice. Plus other bookish activities to inspire and a big assembly where we come together at the start of the day.



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Football tournament



On Tuesday 11 February a group of Key Stage 2 girls spent a wonderful afternoon at an outdoor Football Tournament at St John's on the Hill, Dean Close, Tutshill. They played a total of 4 games, each 8 minutes long, against other local schools. The girls showed absolute commitment and determination, improving with every game. Some brilliant tackles were made across the pitch and lots of goals saved by our brave goalies. I was most impressed by the girls' **team spirit**, how they **supported each other, encouraged one another** and **shared ideas** on how they could improve in the next game. They demonstrated **courage** and **resilience** when things weren't going their way. They had so much fun and even wanted to continue playing after the tournament had ended! Thanks to all the girls for a very enjoyable afternoon and to Mrs Morris-Green for helping with transport and being a great cheerleader.

Mrs Kift

Thanks to Mrs Kift for taking the girls and supporting them. Fantastic photo! So proud.

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Caterlink School Meals

GCC Autumn Winter Menu 2024/2025		Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Fish	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 4 November 25 November 16 December 20 January 10 February 10 March 31 March	Option One		NEW Tomato Pasta	Sausage with Mash and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Pasta Bake		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two		Mexican Fajitas with Rice	NEW Creamy Curry with Rice	Vegetable Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Baked Bean Hot Pot		Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables		Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Peas and Baked Beans
Dessert		Melting Moment Biscuit	Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Jelly and Peaches	Winter Cake with Custard		Chocolate Orange Cookie	
WEEK TWO 11 November 2 December 6 January 27 January 24 February 17 March 7 April	Option One		Cheese and Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two		NEW Caribbean Steer with Rice	NEW Cheesy Pasta with Garlic Bread	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Mild Mexican Chili with Rice		Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables		Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Peas and Baked Beans
Dessert		Vanilla Shortbread	Marble Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Medley	Peach Upside down Cake with Custard		Oaty Cookie	
WEEK THREE 18 November 9 December 13 January 3 February 3 March 24 March	Option One		Macaroni Cheese	NEW Cowboy Casserole	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Dough Balls		Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two		Vegan Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Potato Wedges	Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice		Cheese and Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables		Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Peas and Baked Beans
Dessert		Chocolate Brownie	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Ice Cream	Vanilla Cake with Chocolate Sauce		Cinnamon Swirl with Apple Slices	

MENU KEY

Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan

Available Daily: Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

ALLERGY INFORMATION

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

School meals at Westbury are always of good quality and with generous portions and we are pleased to see that many children have them. We need to inform parents who pay (Y3-Y6) that **the cost per school meal will be increasing to £2.85 from 1st April 2025**. This is still excellent value. If you are struggling to afford school meals your child may be eligible for pupil premium which means that they get free school meals daily and also means extra funding for the school. Follow this link to make an application:

<https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

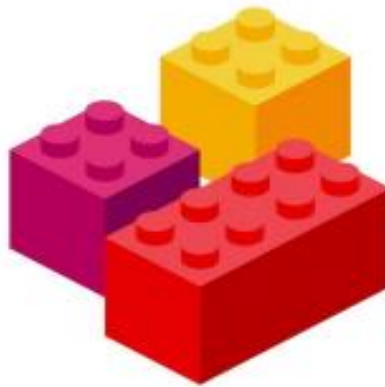


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The Library

Lego Club at Cinderford Library



Saturdays

11:00 – 12:00