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Thursday 29th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've been back for almost two weeks and the weather is finally warming up, the mornings and evenings are lighter- Spring is on its way. It's still wet and muddy and the wellies are out every day!

We have much to look forward to in the next few weeks- everyone is talking about the **School Disco** and what they will be wearing!

World Book Day is next Thursday and everyone is invited to start the day with a Bookish Breakfast at 8am. And the day after, we celebrate all Mums and female carers with a **Mothers' Day assembly** at 2.30 during which the children will shower you with love! Thanks to the Friends of Westbury for these occasions!

Also, please note: we are opening up our Friday Celebration Assembly to the school community at 1pm. Just turn up- you will be very welcome.

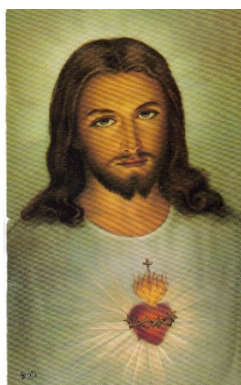
Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

Christian Values

Our Value this term is

FORGIVENESS

Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35)



Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."

We explored what Jesus meant by this phrase in Monday's Worship.



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CLASS NEWS



CHESTNUTS

The children have come back from half term with lots of energy. They have continued learning new sounds for phonics and have started to learn about positional language for maths. On Friday during Forest School the children helped make a wormery and dug for worms. We have put them on the side in our classroom and will continue to look at them daily over the next few weeks.



WILLOW

In Willow Class, we were very excited to start our new theme; Superheroes. We have loved dressing up and playing in our new Superhero Headquarters!

In Art, we learnt about Roy Lichtenstein. We learnt how to create a 'Pop Art', comic style artwork. We used Ben Day dots and Primary colours.

In History, we learnt about a real life superhero called Rosa Parks. We sequenced pictures about her life and we wrote about why she was a superhero.

In Maths, we are continuing our unit on Time. We learnt to tell the time to the hour.

SYCAMORE



The first two weeks back have been busy as we start to look at significant scientists and inventors. These have included The Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Isaac Newton and

Maggie Aderin-Pocock. We have made spinners to investigate gravity and weathervanes to measure the direction of wind. In RE our big question is now 'What was the impact of the Pentecost?' In PE, we are now learning about net and wall games. We are writing biographies about The Wright Brothers and looked at historical sources of evidence to help us collect information about them. We are now planning and writing a draft version of our biography. In science, we carried out an investigation into shadows and looked to find patterns in our data.

OAK



This term we have started our English by learning how to write a formal letter of thanks.

We have learnt the skills we need to be clear and concise and then have written letters to the founders of the 52 lives of kindness charity; thanking them for their work and letting them know the impact it has had on us as a school. In art, we have started to explore street art and some of its famous artists. We have also started our new RE unit looking at the reasons Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'.



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Celebration Awards

Every Friday we celebrate pupil's effort, attitude and achievement during our Celebration Assembly. One child per year group is awarded a certificate and these are sent home. ***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. Please just turn up and enjoy celebrating the pupils' achievements.

Reception: Lilly, Olive

Year One: Finley, Ellis

Year Two: Elodie, Annabelle

Year Three: Harrison, Rex

Year Four: Olive, Elliot

Year Five: Noah, Matthew

Year Six: Lewys, Wilf

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 awards went to *Poppy and Barney.*



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Staffing News

Miss Zoe Walls will be in school a few days this term, getting to know the children and speaking to staff about their needs so that she is ready to start in April, Wednesdays in Sycamore and Mon/Tues/Thurs in Willow Class.

Dates for your diary:

1st March: School Disco

7th March: World Book Day- A Bookish Breakfast will be served **from 8am**. Please bring a donation to help us cover costs. Dress as a Book Character! Bring a preloved book to swap. £1 Book tokens will be going home in book bags today.

8th March: Mother's Day Assembly at 2.30. Do come along to hear some words of love and have a delicious cupcake on us!

13th and 14th March: Parents evenings- please contact the office if you haven't already signed up.

20th March- *End of theme drop in- open Classrooms*. ALL PARENTS and CARERS welcome 8.30- 9.15. Come and see your children's work at the end of term.

21st March: Easter Service in the Church, 9.15 start. All welcome.

8th April: Term 5 starts

9th April: **Swimming lessons** start for Y2,3,4,5.

Attendance update

Whole school from September 2023- **93%**

Whole School Target - 96%

Pupils with attendance below 90% are classed as Persistent Absentees. Their attendance will be monitored closely by the Headteacher. If there are concerns, we arrange a meeting with parents and carers to help improve attendance. Teachers will be sharing your child's current attendance data at parents' evening with you. Authorised and Unauthorised absences count the same- they are both still absence. Unauthorised absences can trigger fines from the Local Authority when they continue for five days (or more) in a row.

Westbury-on-Severn C of E Primary School Newsletter



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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS Westbury-on-Severn C of E Primary School																				
2024/25																				
SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER				NOVEMBER												
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tues		3	10	17	24		Tues		1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26	
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thur		5	12	19	26		Thur		3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28	
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri		1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		5	12	19	26		Sat		2	9	16	23	30
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DECEMBER				JANUARY				FEBRUARY												
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Term Time							Holidays						Christmas Bank Holidays	25th December 2024						
Bank Holiday							Inset							26th December 2024						
Term 1:	Mon 2nd Sept –	Fri 25th Oct 2024				40 days							New Year Bank Holiday	1st January 2025						
Term 2:	Mon 4th Nov –	Fri 20th Dec 2024				35 days							Good Friday	18th April 2025						
Term 3:	Mon 6th Jan –	Fri 14th Feb 2025				30 days							Easter Monday	21st April 2025						
Term 4:	Mon 24th Feb –	Fri 11th Apr 2025				35 days							Early May Bank Holiday	5th May 2025						
Term 5:	Mon 28th April –	Fri 23rd May 2025				19 days							Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025						
Term 6:	Mon 2nd June –	Mon 21st July 2025				36 days							Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025						

*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2024/25 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend). In 2024/25 school staff will attend **4 Inset days and 2 twilight Insets** (taking in lieu on 21.7.24)



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FAMILY FORUM



On **Thursday 8th Feb** we had our first meeting of the Family Forum. This has been set up to make time for discussion of any whole school issues that parents would like to raise with the Headteacher.

Each class has a Family Forum advocate: Sarah Williams for Willow, Chris Sigournay for Sycamore, Maddy Sharp and Kirsty Jennings for Oak.

Kirsty was unable to attend on this occasion but everyone else was present.

Details of your class Family Forum advocate were emailed out to you last term. There was talk of creating class WhatsApp Groups- if you would like to be included in one of these please contact the parent that represents your class.

Minutes of our meeting will be emailed out to you soon. The discussion was far reaching and productive. We plan to have another Family Forum meeting in the summer term.



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Bobby the Guinea Pig



If you would like to Bobby-sit during the holidays, then please let Anna Cox in the office know and we will add you to the list. Thanks to everyone who has looked after him in the past. He always returns happy and often with upgraded furniture!

Summer Sports Week



We are busy booking exciting Sporting and Fitness activities for the week starting **8th July**. Sports Morning will be during that week also and Preschool will have their own event that week.

So far, we have booked the *Climbing Wall* again, *Yoga* and *Circus Skills*. There will be a whole school game of *Rounders* in House Teams again. Watch this space for updates!