

Westbury-on-Severn C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Thursday 11th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, this newsletter is packed!

Please make a note of the **Fathers' Day Service** next Friday in the school hall for all dads, grandads, uncles etc. to come and be showered with love and get a free cake from the Friends of Westbury. Also, the Library Challenge Assembly regarding the Summer Reading Challenge at all local libraries- parents are welcome to attend so they can learn about this event.

Miss Wills is back and, as well as teaching Sycamore, busy planning the Dream Big Active week with Mr Boyle. So far, we have the popular climbing wall booked and circus skills in the diary. Sports morning is on the Wednesday morning with a picnic afterwards until 1pm on the field. Chestnuts will be joining the whole school at 10.45am for the races. There will, of course, be parent races.....so shine up your trainers...

This week has been busy with statutory assessments in Y1 (phonics) and Y4 (times tables). They have gone very well and we are so proud of the children.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT



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Class News



CHESTNUTS

The children have been busy since returning from Half term. They have been focusing on the letters **Z** and this week **ch**. During Maths the children have been learning all about patterns and spotting the differences in them. The children have been enjoying the afternoon sessions out on the trim trail and in Forest school while trying to dodge the rain showers. We have started to talk about our feelings with the children transitioning into school in September and how they are feeling about moving class.



WILLOW

In Willow class we enjoyed a colourful mix of learning: in English we explored *The Colour Monster* and used descriptive language to bring our own monsters to life. In Geography we began our new topic on the countries of the UK by learning all about England. In History we looked at how transport has changed through time. We created vibrant Kandinsky-inspired pieces of art using colour and circles and we continued developing our violin skills with focused practice. What a busy few weeks!



SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class have started their Computing topic on creating algorithms to move a sprite. This week they chose their own sprite, resized it and then programmed it to move through a maze. In Science we have been looking at how water is transported through plants. We did our own experiments using celery and food colouring. In Maths, Year 3s have started their statistics unit and Year 2s have been looking at capacity and volume. In P.E (now on Fridays) we have started Athletics. We have done long jump and discuss so far. It has been lovely being back in Sycamore Class.



OAK

In Oak Class, we have been developing our historical skills by investigating one of the earliest settlements, the Indus Valley. The children explored how people built and organised their settlements, including clever city planning and the importance of river trade in daily life. They showed great curiosity and asked thoughtful questions about how these ancient communities lived. In English, we have been focusing on writing non-chronological reports about different ancient civilisations, linking our work to the children's own interests. The class has worked hard on organising information clearly and using informative language. In Maths, our learning has centred on shape, angles, and time. The children have enjoyed identifying different shapes, measuring angles, and strengthening their understanding of telling time.

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Dates for your diary



11th June- Boys 2 Men Workshop for Y5/6 boys- all day

16th June- September 2026 intake YR parents meeting in school at 3.30pm. Please contact school if you need the creche facility.

17th June- Willow Class Transport themed trip

19th June- Fathers Day Service in the hall 2.30pm

22nd June- First day of Dene Magna induction week for Y6

25th June- The Library Challenge Assembly – PARENTS WELCOME to attend- 2.40 in the school hall to hear about the Summer Reading Challenge at local libraries.

29th June- Kindness Ambassadors visit Chaxhill Care Home

1st July- Mighty Girls Workshop for Y5/6 girls- all day

3rd July- School Production at Westbury Parish Hall

6th - 10th- Dream Big Active Week, more details to follow. Lots of exciting physical activities and workshops, plus Whole School Sports morning. Y6 Bikeability during this week.

8th July- Whole school Sports morning- Chestnuts to join races on the field- family picnicking afterwards until 1pm.

14th July- School reports emailed to all parents and carers.

16th July- 9.15am End of year Church Service- a Whole School Celebration of School Values and Farewell to Year 6- all parents and carers welcome.

17th July- Last day of term :

1.15pm -Year 6 memories and reflections- Parents and carers welcome to attend in the hall.

1.45pm- Year 6 leave the building to whole school applause.

School Day ends at 2pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



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Celebration Awards

Every *Friday* we celebrate pupils' achievements during our Celebration Worship.
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:** Dylan

Sycamore Class **Academic Excellence Award:** Caspar

Oak Class **Academic Excellence Award:** Elodie

From September, we are inviting parents and other carers/family members into our Celebration Worship every Friday at 2.40pm. If you would like to attend, please show up at 2.35pm and we will sign you in.

Whole school Attendance update

Sept 1st 2025 – June 11th 2026

= 96.2%

National Average= 94.9%

Please note, if you are requesting a leave of absence for your child, you need to submit the form seven days prior to the proposed absence.



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Forest School News



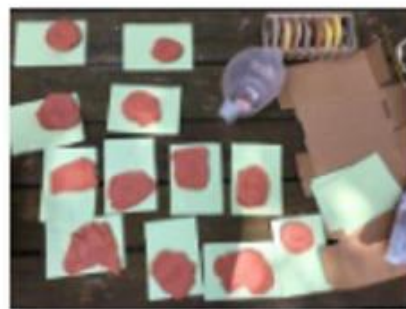
Welcome to the 2nd edition of Forest School news! Summer has made a brief appearance since our last edition but seems to have disappeared again since returning from half term! Fingers crossed it does return.



The children have been finding more newts and placing them in the pond, while the frog population seems to be increasing – every day the children love trying to spot how many frogs they can see. The new flowers in the pond are starting to grow and add some foliage for the wildlife to hide in. Thank you to Victoria Stroud for all your help with this.

Just before half term the child made clay prints during a session of Forest School. The pictures look lovely.

Mrs Trigg





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Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral

On Tuesday 9th June, the Year 6 pupils went to the Cathedral for their Leavers' Service. There were stories, lots of Isingpop singing, prayers, candles and a parade of every school's banner around the cathedral. It was a thought provoking and uplifting service and the children listened and participated well.



They all wore their hoodies so proudly!

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An important message from the Friends of Westbury School

Dear Parents

We wanted to share a quick note about the Friends of Westbury.

The Friends help support our school community through fundraising, events, and activities that benefit our students and families. It's also a great way for parents and caregivers to share ideas, lend a hand when they can, and stay connected with what's happening around the school.

We would love to have some additional hands on board - at present **we are unable to fulfil all the positions we need to in order to operate as a charity** and without that we can't continue to do all the wonderful work we do.

A big commitment is not required—some people help out regularly, while others pitch in when they have the time. Every bit of support makes a difference and many hands make light work. It is a rewarding experience to see the enjoyment and benefits we bring to the children as well as being a great way to get to know other parents.

If you'd like to get involved, have ideas to share, or just want to learn more about what the Friends are working on this year, feel free to reach out - respond via email (h.cracknell@westburyon-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk) or have a chat with me at the gates.

Thanks, as always, for being part of our wonderful school community.

Best Wishes

Helen and the Friends of Westbury



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PLANT AND CAKE SALE

FUNRAISER

FRIDAY

12TH JUNE

1PM -5PM

ALL
PROCEEDS TO
"FRIENDS OF
WESTBURY
ON SEVERN
SCHOOL"
CHARITY

BY THE OLD RED
PHONE BOX IN THE
CENTRE OF WESTBURY
ON SEVERN



BIG THANKYOU TO THE LYON
INN PUB FOR LETTING US USE
THEIR FRONT GARDEN☺

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2026/27					 Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL			
SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		NOVEMBER			
Mon		7 14 21 28	Mon		5 12 19 26	Mon		2 9 16 23 30
Tues	1	8 15 22 29	Tues		6 13 20 27	Tues		3 10 17 24
Wed	2	9 16 23 30	Wed		7 14 21 28	Wed		4 11 18 25
Thur	3	10 17 24	Thur	1	8 15 22 29	Thur		5 12 19 26
Fri	4	11 18 25	Fri	2	9 16 23 30	Fri		6 13 20 27
Sat	5	12 19 26	Sat	3	10 17 24 31	Sat		7 14 21 28
Sun	6	13 20 27	Sun	4	11 18 25	Sun	1	8 15 22 29
DECEMBER			JANUARY		FEBRUARY			
Mon		7 14 21 28	Mon		4 11 18 25	Mon		1 8 15 22
Tues	1	8 15 22 29	Tues		5 12 19 26	Tues		2 9 16 23
Wed	2	9 16 23 30	Wed		6 13 20 27	Wed		3 10 17 24
Thur	3	10 17 24 31	Thur		7 14 21 28	Thur		4 11 18 25
Fri	4	11 18 25	Fri	1	8 15 22 29	Fri		5 12 19 26
Sat	5	12 19 26	Sat	2	9 16 23 30	Sat		6 13 20 27
Sun	6	13 20 27	Sun	3	10 17 24 31	Sun		7 14 21 28
MARCH			APRIL		MAY			
Mon		1 8 15 22 29	Mon		5 12 19 26	Mon		3 10 17 24 31
Tues		2 9 16 23 30	Tues		6 13 20 27	Tues		4 11 18 25
Wed		3 10 17 24 31	Wed		7 14 21 28	Wed		5 12 19 26
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Sat		6 13 20 27	Sat	3	10 17 24	Sat		1 8 15 22 29
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JUNE			JULY		AUGUST			
Mon		7 14 21 28	Mon		5 12 19 26	Mon		2 9 16 23 30
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