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Thursday 25th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! We're really pleased that we've been able to stay open throughout this latest heatwave and keep pupils cool, hydrated and busy. We're fortunate to have plenty of shade across our play areas, with a welcome breeze from the river, but by the afternoons the heat has certainly been building. Thank you to all parents for sending children in with hats, water and sunscreen — it has made a real difference. We hope that families have been able to find relief from this heat at home.

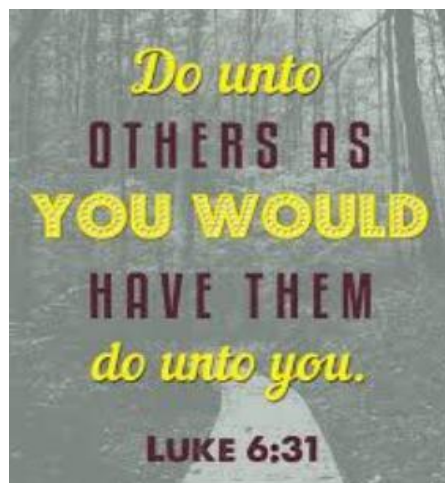
We've missed some of our Year 6 pupils while they've been at Dene Magna this week, but we're hearing very positive things about how they're getting on. In other news, we are celebrating fantastic phonics results in Year 1 - **100%** of pupils passed. Our Year 4s also performed very well in their multiplication tables check, and we are extremely proud of them. You will receive their individual results with their school reports.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

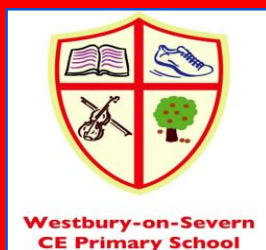
SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT

We explored this bible verse in Worship recently, unpicking its meaning and relevance to the pupils' daily lives. The pupils reflected on how difficult this can be, when your feelings are hurt.



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Class News



CHESTNUTS

The children in Chestnuts have been spending lots of time outdoors - either water play, playing hide and seek or cooling off in Forest School making dens or looking for frogs in the pond. In Phonics they have been focussing on the 'ck' and 'x' sounds and in Maths they have been practising counting back from 10 and exploring patterns.



WILLOW

In English the children explored the world of **Winnie the Pooh**, writing about Owl's wonderfully wonky treehouse. In Maths they focused on subtraction and revisited their place-value knowledge with growing confidence. They continue to shine in violin lessons.

On our school trip to the Cars Through Time exhibition at the village hall they were an absolute credit to the school—beautiful behaviour, brilliant questions, and a fantastic morning among old-fashioned cars. In Geography we learned about the countries of the United Kingdom, with a special spotlight on Wales, finishing with the very popular activity of tasting Welsh cakes!



SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class have been carrying on their work on The Tear Thief book in English. We have been writing letters to the Tear Thief from the girl in the book. We also wrote up our wonderful **Tear Thief** poems into our Purple Publishing books. In Maths Year 2s have been continuing their recap of the addition and subtraction unit. Year 3s have been exploring bar charts and drawing their own. They worked hard on making sure they got the correct scale and had to draw very neatly using a ruler! In computing, we have carried on looking at our work on Scratch. The children have learnt to use the pen sprite to draw lines and change the colour and thickness of the lines. In P.E last week we practised races ready for Sports Day.



OAK

Oak Class have had a wonderfully busy and creative week. They've stepped into so many roles - imaginative writers, curious historians, confident mathematicians and experts of heat management. Their work really shone through in their assessments, where they showed focus, determination and real pride in their progress. A highlight was in History. The children travelled back to the ancient Indus Valley and became city planners, designing thoughtful, well-organised settlements inspired by one of the world's earliest civilisations. Their ideas were clever, creative and full of detail.

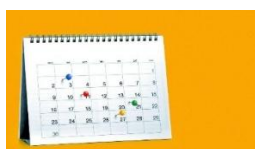
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Dates for your diary



29th June- Kindness Ambassadors/School Council visit Chaxhill Care Home

29th June- Willow Violin Concert for Parents : **1.30pm**. Mrs Walls has sent parents an email. Please arrive at 1.25pm to be seated in the hall.

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

3rd July- School Production- ***Wind in the Willows***- at Westbury Parish Hall. Door opens 6.30pm – curtain up 7pm.

6th - 10th- Dream Big Active Week, see below for more information.

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.

15th July- "Moving up day"- pupils move up to their new class for the day.

15th July- Year 6 pizza party after school. Mr Boyle will be emailing parents with more information.

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: Millie

Sycamore Class **Academic Excellence** Award: Ayrton

Oak Class **Academic Excellence** Award: All of Year 4 for doing so well in their
Times Tables assessments

At the end of term, we will be awarding The Westbury Way Award, Class Reader award and the **Purple Learner** Award. In the church service each teacher will award Values certificates to the pupils who have demonstrated our School Values in a significant way all year.

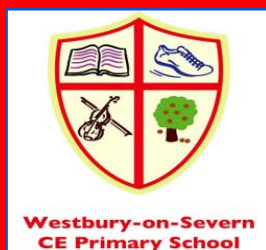
Whole school Attendance update

Sept 1st 2025 – June 11th 2026

= 95.7%

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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Dream Big Active Sports week : 6th - 10th July



The children will take part in a sporting activity each day during this week and therefore will require P.E kit all week.

Monday, the children will be taking part in an extra P.E lesson with the Progressive Sports team.

Tuesday – Miss Wills is arranging something as a surprise that will appear on the field- watch this space!

Wednesday morning will be our annual **Sports Morning**.

This will follow a similar format as previous years with family members welcome to come and watch the whole morning. The gate will be opened at **8.50am** and the children will start off at **9am** in groups making their way around a carousel of activities that family members will be able to follow around and watch/support their children. We will ensure when grouping the children that siblings are in the same groups. We will then have a small break and snack before starting our races on the field. Chestnuts (Preschool pupils) will join us for the races part of the morning. There will of course be an adult race for you all to get involved in too! At the end of the morning, families are invited to stay and join their children for a picnic lunch on the field. Family members will then leave school by 1pm at the latest - children will have their usual lunchtime play at 12.30pm.

Thursday we have the **climbing wall** returning. This is always the children's favourite part of the week and it is great to see the children improving on their own climbs each time, striving to get higher and faster with each climb. Due to the number of pupils in each group, the children always get at least 2 climbs each, if they wish.

Friday the children will take part in a **circus skills workshop**.

Sycamore and Oak Class will also have a big rounders game in the morning while Willow Class are practising their circus skills.

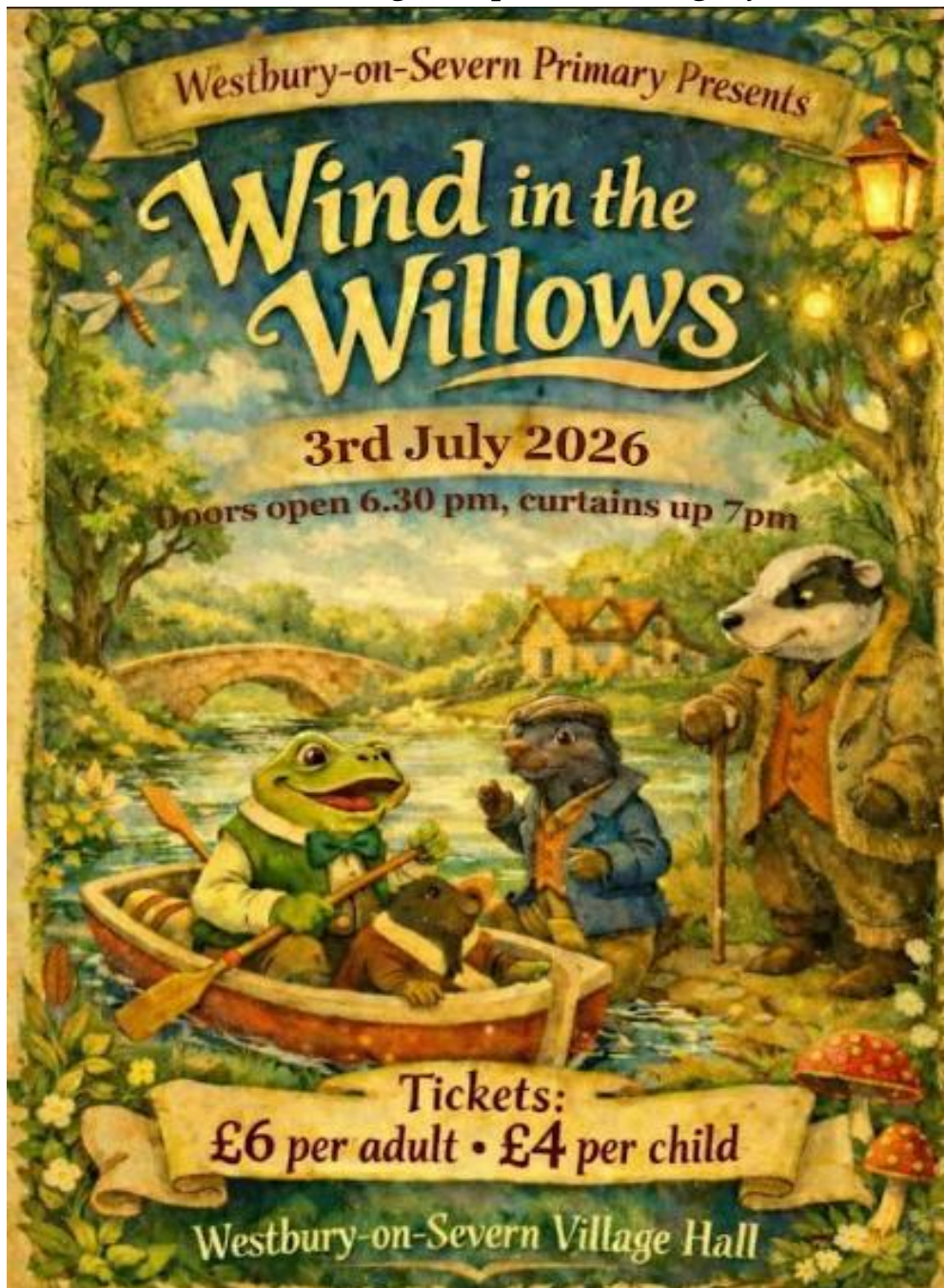
*Year 6s are having **Bikeability** lessons this week too- letters were sent home about this recently.*



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We cannot wait for this exciting KS2 production...get your tickets ASAP!





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As you are aware, the organisation of classes will look a little different from September, and pupils will have the chance to experience this during our ***Moving Up Day*** on 15th July.

Alongside this, we are rewriting and improving our curriculum so that it aligns fully with our new class structures. In particular, the teaching of English and Maths will be strengthened in the mornings, with mixed-age lessons (Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6) more closely aligned with the National Curriculum and better designed to make the most of teaching time, with pupils working more cohesively as a class, rather than in individual year groups in subjects like Maths and Guided reading.

We will share the updated curriculum with you in September, and our website will be refreshed to reflect these changes.

A reminder of the new class structure:

Chestnuts (Preschool class)

Willow Class (Reception/Year 1 and Year 2)- all day

Sycamore Class- MORNINGS (Year 3 and Year 4)

Redwood Class -*named by the children*- MORNINGS (Year 5 and Year 6)

Oak Class AFTERNOONS- All of KS2 come together- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 every afternoon

We are also currently updating our Parents and Carers handbook and will be sharing that with you before the end of term.

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2026/27					Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL				
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INSET DAYS