

## A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It's nearly half term! We will be saying good bye to Mrs Claire May who has been teaching Oak class as a supply teacher since January- she has brought so much to the school in such a short time with her creativity and energy. She led a Worship on Courage last week and told us all about her love of running.

Dreaming Big, Mrs May!

After half term we welcome our new Assistant Headteacher, Mr Boyle. He has visited the school a few times and attended a Governing board meeting so that he is familiar with our school. He has a wealth of experience and currently works at Malvern Wells CE Primary school. We can't wait for him to start.

Jen Walters is our interim SENCO, she works at Littledean and is working with us a few hours a week, getting to know our SEND pupils. Her email is

[j.walters@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:j.walters@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk) if you have any SEND queries.

She has already reached out to some parents. Enjoy half term when it comes!

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
**Headteacher**

## *SCHOOL VALUES* **COURAGE**

Worship Team acted out the Bible story Daniel and The Lion's den.



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### Class News



**CHESTNUTS** This week the children have been focusing on kindness and all things love in the lead up to Valentine's Day. They have enjoyed making playdough with dried flower petals, writing love notes, and talking about the things they love and like. We have been recapping all the letters and sounds we have learned in phonics this term so far, ready to continue after half term. In maths, we have been finishing our learning on positional language. We hope you have a lovely rest next week and enjoy the half term break. We look forward to seeing you again in the week starting 23rd February.



#### WILLOW

In Drawing Club, Willow Class have been looking at the story '**Beegu**'. The children have drawn their own versions of Beegu as well as a new place for Beegu to go. Reception have been practicing writing words with digraphs and trigraphs. While the Year 1s have been writing a letter to Beegu after she wrote a letter to them explaining how she had landed in our school playground! In Maths, Reception have been looking at ordering numbers and making the number 8. The Year Ones have been partitioning 11 and 12 practically using a part whole model and number lines. In DT we have enjoyed fruit tasting. The children tried pineapple, mango, watermelon and blueberries. They described what it tasted like and then rated it. Watermelon was definitely a favourite in the class! We are looking forward to making jam tarts at the end of the week. I hope you all have a lovely half term break!



#### SYCAMORE

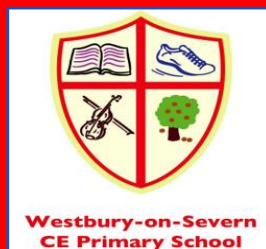
This week Sycamore was invaded by animals! In English, the children became detectives, using animal identification booklets to work out which creatures had left mysterious footprints behind. One set had us completely puzzled, but thanks to our excellent Missing Animal posters, the Natural History Museum were able to identify them as belonging to a Dodo! We're excited to continue learning about extinct and endangered species through our next class novel, **The Journey Home**. In Maths, Year 2 have been working hard on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables - keep practising on TTRS over the break! Year 3 have been tackling column subtraction and rising to the challenge with fantastic purple learner attitudes. We've also completed our beautiful Van Gogh-inspired artwork, now proudly displayed in the school corridors, so do pop in and take a look if you get the chance, they really are magical. As we head into half term, I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest, and perhaps curls up with a good book.



#### OAK

We have been working hard on our "All Creatures Great and Small" topic. We've particularly enjoyed watching a BBC programme about wildlife in Japan. We've learnt lots about animals and plants on the other side of the world. In Science, we've been studying food chains and this has linked well with the book we are reading in English, "**Can We Save The Tiger?**" We've had some interesting conversations about animals that are now extinct or are endangered and discussed what humans can do to improve life for these animals. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. We looked at a website called Google Translate for Animals. We all fell for the hoax before Mrs May explained that it is fake news! Now we know that we need to question things that sound improbable and look for evidence and different sources. We also joined a National online lesson about AI and we used Chat GPT to design a fun image of a flying clock.

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### Dates for your diary 2026

**13<sup>th</sup> February**- End of Term 3: **PLEASE NOTE Day ends at 2pm\***

**See poster about School Discos on Friday.** Due to kind offers of help we are now offering a *Preschool Disco 4.30-5pm*

**25<sup>th</sup> February**- Oak start weekly afternoon swimming lessons

**5<sup>th</sup> March- WORLD BOOK DAY** starting at 8am with a Bookish Breakfast for all children and families. Come to school dressed as a book character (optional)

**19<sup>th</sup> March**- The "Life" tent in the hall: PSHE lesson for each class with Harold the giraffe.

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March**- Parents' evenings- details to follow soon

**26<sup>th</sup> March**- Easter Church service- everyone welcome

**27<sup>th</sup> March**- End of Term 4: **Please NOTE Day ends at 2pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> April**- First Day of Term 5

**11<sup>th</sup> May**- KS2 SATs week for Year 6

**20<sup>th</sup> May**- Whole school walk to the River Severn

**21<sup>st</sup> May**- OPAL play afternoon for families- everyone welcome. 1.30-2.30pm

**22<sup>nd</sup> May**- End of Term 5: **Please NOTE Day ends at 2pm**

\*The Bus has been informed and they will arrive for 2pm on Friday to take pupils home as usual

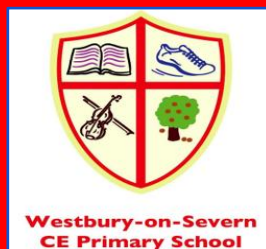
### Whole school Attendance update Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 – February 11th 2026

**96.8%**

National average for UK primary schools- **94.8%**

**Very healthy whole school attendance**

*Pupils whose attendance drops below 90% will be contacted by the Headteacher in line with our Attendance policy.*



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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 Award: Ellie, Rowan

Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Award:

Oak Class Academic Excellence Award: Bethany, Gethyn



We have three winners for this TTRS competition held nationwide on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Their certificates for **Most Valuable Player** in school will be handed out in this Friday's Celebration Assembly.

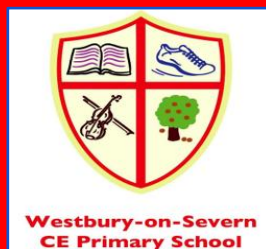
**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Bethany in Y6

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Finley in Y3

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Ihan in Y3



These pupils scored the highest in the school for giving correct answers in the given time (one hour). We are so proud of them!



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### School dinners and Healthy Eating



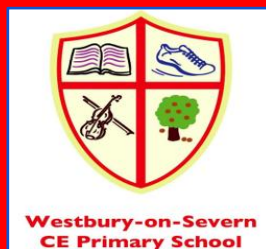
We are lucky at our school that the school dinners, cooked locally at St White's, are delicious, fresh and good value for money. Mrs KD sends the options out in advance so you can order the best choice for your child. **All children who are in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free daily meal.** Once they are in Y3- Y6, there is a cost but it is excellent value for money.

Recently, we moved away from the red trays with everything on it to plates for main course and a bowl for pudding. This means that the children line up for their main meal, have time to eat that first, and then come up for their pudding. This is working well, since it means that pupils eat their main meal first and also, when it is custard for example, it is kept hot until they eat it afterwards. We encourage pupils to chat to their friends, use cutlery and clear up after themselves. Lunch is a social time and it is lovely for pupils to eat together. Mrs Trigg eats her lunch with the Pre school pupils.

If you do order meals for your children in Y3- Y6 please can you make sure your **Parentpay** account has enough funds. Some accounts are in arrears and if there are no funds, we may have to refuse hot meals to pupils until there are funds to pay for them. PLEASE CHECK your account. If you are struggling to pay for hot meals and think your family might be eligible for Free School meals please follow this link. If you claim certain benefits, you may be eligible and then your child is entitled to free meals **until their leave school**, even if your circumstances change. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> Finally- if your child has a packed lunch, **please** ensure that it is a healthy, balanced meal. They need all their energy for a day in school!



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Autumn Winter 2025/2026		Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	3 November	Option One	Cheese and Tomato Pizza ✓ with New Potatoes	✓ Leek Potatoes in Tomato Sauce ✓ with Rice	Roast Gizzard ✓ with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Curried Chicken and Rice	Fish Finger ✓ with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	24 November	Option Two	Vegetable Pasta Bake	✓ Vegan Burger in a Bun ✓ with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup	Roast Quorn Filler ✓ with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	✓ Lasagne Cheese	Cheese Whirl ✓ with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
	15 December	Option Three	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings including salmon ✓ / soy sauce
	9 February	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
WEEK TWO	10 November	Dessert	Chocolate Shortbread	NEW Apple Cumble Cake ✓ with Custard	Cinnamon & ✓	Syrup Sponge ✓ with Custard	Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit
	1 December	Option One	✓ Mild ✓ Mexican Chili ✓ with Rice	Sausage and ✓ with Gravy	Roast Chicken ✓ with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese ✓ with Garlic Bread	Fish Finger ✓ with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	5 January	Option Two	✓ Vegan ✓ Leek Potatoes in Tomato Sauce ✓ with Spaghetti	NEW Chef's Special Lentil Curry ✓ with Rice	Vegetable Wellington ✓ with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable Pesto ✓ with New Potatoes	Red Pepper Fennel ✓ with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	26 January	Option Three	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings
WEEK THREE	23 February	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	16 March	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Bro ✓ with Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry ✓ with Peaches	Autumn Pear Cumble ✓ with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
	17 November	Option One	Cheese and Bean Pasty ✓ with New Potatoes	Beef Burger ✓ with Cheese in a Bun ✓ with Wedges and Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken ✓ with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake ✓ with Rice	Battered Fish ✓ with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	8 December	Option Two	Tomato Pasta	✓ Creamy Coconut Curry ✓ with Rice	✓ Vegan Sausage ✓ with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Jacket ✓ with Vegan Bolognese	✓ Mexican Bean Roll ✓ with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
MENU KEY	12 January	Option Three	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato ✓ with a Choice of Fillings
	2 February	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	2 March	Dessert	Corn Cookie	Ever Pudding ✓ with Custard	Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit	Jam and Coconut Sponge ✓ with Custard	✓ Lemon ✓ Lament Biscuit
	23 March						

**Available Daily** - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

**MENU KEY**

Added Plant Protein Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special

### 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 allergen cross contact.

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A poster for a school disco with a space theme. The background is dark blue with purple and white light streaks and star-like dots. A large, glowing purple circle is in the center.

**SCHOOL  
DISCO**

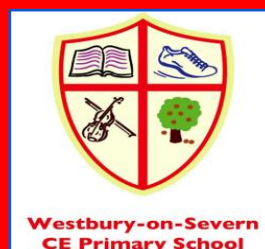
**FRIDAY FEB 13TH**

**£3 ENTRY**  
WITH SWEETS AND OTHER ITEMS  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

**WILLOW & SYCAMORE CLASS**  
5PM - 6PM

**OAK CLASS 6PM - 7PM**





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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Westbury are pleased to present a spectacular evening of variety acts performed by the talented pupils of Westbury on Severn School, it's the return of

### **WESTBURY'S GOT TALENT ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH.**

This very popular event provides an opportunity for our children to perform on stage to an audience of family and friends. Similar to the TV show 'Britain's Got Talent' a panel of 3 impartial judges will choose the winning performance - our judges are all very friendly and encouraging!

Whether your child wishes to perform solo or in a group, all acts are welcome. In the past we have had singers, gymnasts, dancers, comedians, actors, musicians and many more. Any student or sibling aged between 4 and 16 is welcome to enter - do ensure that your child is happy to get up on stage and perform in front of an audience. Everyone who performs will receive a participation reward and there are prizes for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

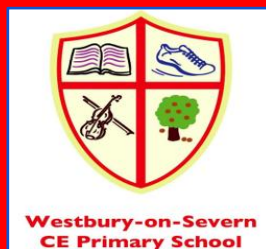
The show will be held at Westbury on Severn Parish Hall on Friday 20th Mar from 6.30pm. There will be sweets and ice creams on sale and the bar will be open before and during the interval. It is a great evening of entertainment so we hope classmates will come along to support their friends, even if they are not performing. The evening usually ends around 9.30pm depending on the number of acts.

Please encourage your child(ren) to think about developing an act, which should last no longer than 3 minutes and comply with the show's rules (overleaf). The cost of entry is just £2 per child, per act and an entry form should be completed and returned with payment **no later than Friday 27th February.**

Tickets for the event will go on sale at the beginning of March at £6 for Adults and £2 for Children.



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We love reading at Westbury and since it is the National Year of Reading, we are introducing a new Reading for Pleasure page for our newsletter, with ideas to inspire everyone to read more.

### Cinderford Library

#### Opening times

Monday:	10:00-13:00, 14:00-17:00
Tuesday:	10:00-13:00, 14:00-17:00
Wednesday:	10:00-13:00, 14:00-17:00
Thursday:	10:00-13:00, 14:00-17:00
Friday:	10:00-13:00, 14:00-19:00
Saturday:	10:00-13:00
Sunday:	Closed

*The nearest library to Westbury is in Cinderford- here are their opening times. Did you know they hold regular activities for free for both adults and children? Some ideas below for half term..... Follow the link for more -*

<https://gloslibraries.uk/library/cinderford-library>

#### Regular Group

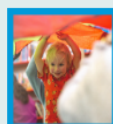


#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Monday 16 February 2026  
10:30am - 11:15am

[Book Now](#)

#### Library Littles

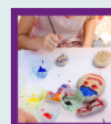


#### Library Littles

Wednesday 18 February 2026  
10:30am - 11:00am

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#### Crafts

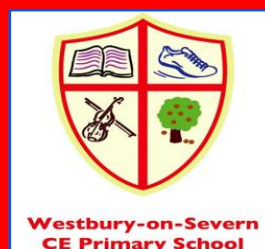


#### Railway Creatures and Story Stones

Wednesday 18 February 2026  
2:30pm - 4:00pm

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AGES 10-17 - £6 PER SESSION  
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**THURSDAYS TERM TIME VANTAGE POINT BUSINESS VILLAGE,  
6.30PM - 8.30PM MITCHELDEAN  
GL17 0DD**