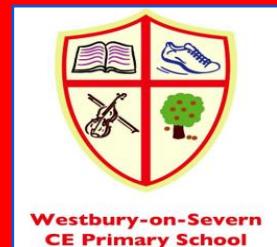


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Thursday 11th February 2024

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-severncote.glos.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!



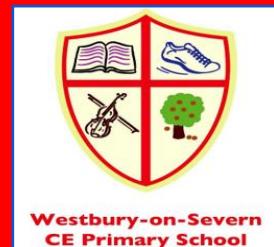
SYCAMORE

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

13th 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

25th February- Oak start weekly afternoon swimming lessons

5th 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)

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

24th & 25th March- Parents' evenings- details to follow soon

26th March- Easter Church service- everyone welcome

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

13th April- First Day of Term 5

11th May- KS2 SATs week for Year 6

20th May- Whole school walk to the River Severn

21st May- OPAL play afternoon for families- everyone welcome. 1.30-2.30pm

22nd 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

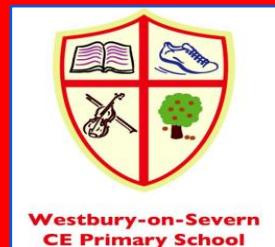
Sept 1st 2025 – February 11th 2026

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 6th February. Their certificates for **Most Valuable Player** in school will be handed out in this Friday's Celebration Assembly.

1st place: Bethany in Y6

2nd place: Finley in Y3

3rd 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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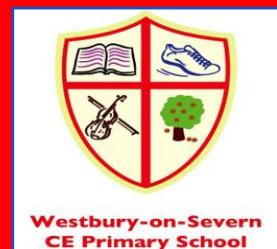
School dinners and Healthy Eating



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.glosershire.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 2025 2026		Meat Free		Monday		Tuesday Roast		Wednesday		Thursday Fish		Friday	
WEEK ONE															
3 November	Option One	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes		10 November	Option One	Beefballs in Tomato Sauce With Rice		17 November	Option One	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		24 November	Option One	NEW Curried Chicken and Rice	
24 November	Option Two	Vegetable Pasta Bake		19 January	Option Two	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup		26 January	Option Two	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		9 February	Option Two	10oz Macaroni Cheese	
15 December	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		23 February	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		16 March	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		9 March	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	
WEEK TWO															
10 November	Option One	Beef and Leek Chilli With Rice		10 November	Option One	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy		17 November	Option One	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy		24 November	Option One	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
1 December	Option Two	Vegan Leeks in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti		1 December	Option Two	NEW Chef's Special Lettuce Curry with Rice		19 January	Option Two	Roasted Vegetable Pizza With New Potatoes		9 February	Option Two	Red Pepper Fritata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
5 January	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		26 January	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		16 March	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		9 March	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	
WEEK THREE															
17 November	Option One	Cheese and Bacon Pasta With New Potatoes		17 November	Option One	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		24 November	Option One	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Rice		9 February	Option One	Barbecued Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
8 December	Option Two	Tomato Pasta		12 January	Option Two	Creamy Coconut Curry With Rice		9 February	Option Two	Roast Potatoes and Gravy		9 March	Option Two	Roast Potatoes and Gravy	
12 January	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		2 February	Option Three	Vegan Sausage with Jacket Potato and Gravy		16 March	Option Three	Jacket Potato with Vegan Bolognese and Tomato Ketchup		9 March	Option Three	Lexicon Bacon Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup	
2 February	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		2 March	Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		16 March	Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		9 March	Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	
23 March	Dessert	Candy Cookie				Eve Pudding with Custard									
MENU KEY															
			Added Plant Protein				Wholemeal			Vegan			Chef's special		
<p>Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt</p>															
<p>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.</p>															



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A poster for a school disco. The background is a dark purple and blue abstract design with glowing particles. The text is in a large, glowing blue font.

**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!

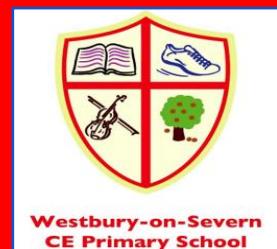
Whether your child wishes to perform solo or in a group, all acts are welcome. In the past we have had singers, gymnasts, dancers, comedians, actors, musicians and many more. Any student or sibling aged between 4 and 16 is welcome to enter - do ensure that your child is happy to get up on stage and perform 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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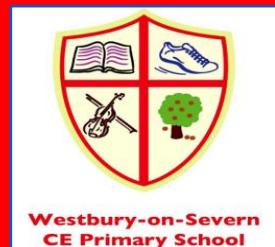
Crafts



Railway Creatures and Story Stones

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

Book Now



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Illustration of five diverse young people, one in a wheelchair, standing together.