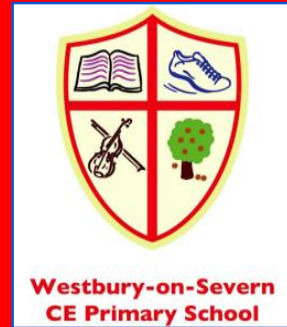


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Thursday 10th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Westbury. We hope you all had restful summers. We are so pleased to see the children back and we have been super impressed how they have settled into their new classrooms and their new routines.

We are welcoming a new Reception year group into school and they have all been looked after beautifully by their Year 6 buddies, who play with them and eat with them in the hall. It is lovely to see these kind and nurturing interactions between our young school children and the oldest pupils in school. We are also welcoming a small influx of pupils who are joining our school from other schools around Gloucestershire in varying year groups. It is always lovely to have new pupils and their families join our school community.

During the summer, we had some work done on the building. We had some painting jobs done and you might have noticed our lovely new fence and gate for Chestnuts. We have also had an intercom installed so please ring the bell buzzer to enter school. We are grateful to the Diocese who mostly funded these two big projects.

Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

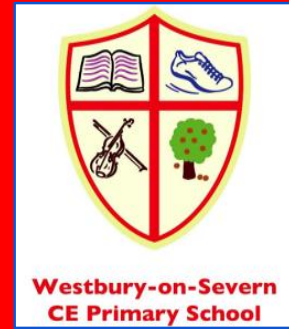
SCHOOL VALUES



Hope

We will be fundraising in school to support charitable organisations help the victims of the terrible flood in Nepal. We spoke to the children about this event. We watched a news story about people being rescued from their homes and about those who had survived by sheltering in tunnels. The pupils were respectful listeners and are considering how we can hold a sponsored event in school, to raise funds for this emergency.

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Class News



CHESTNUTS (Preschool)

Welcome back to all the children old and new. The children have settled in so well. This week we have started to follow our curriculum. The focus number this week is the **Number 1** - the children have been learning all about the number and how to write it. Our focus in phonics this week is the nursery rhyme '**Twinkle, twinkle little star**'. So far this week, they have been making lots of stars and diamond shapes using playdough to help support their learning of the rhyme. Forest school has also begun this week, please make sure your child has waterproofs and wellies for every session as we go out in all weathers!



WILLOW (Years R/1/2)

Willow Class have had a brilliant start to the term, settling in quickly and confidently as they revisited school routines and expectations. In English, they've enjoyed diving into **Slug Life**, using the text to spark discussion and writing. Our Year 1 and 2 children have been busy in maths too, practising writing numerals with growing accuracy. In RE, we've begun exploring God as Creator, thinking about the wonderful things in our world and creating artwork to celebrate what we love most about the earth. The children have also produced amazing self-portraits for our *All About Me* display, showing great creativity.



SYCAMORE (Years 3/4)

What a fantastic first week back for Sycamore! Everyone has settled in so brilliantly, and I have been so proud of how well they have started the new school year. We have spent time getting to know our four school values - kindness, friendship, respect and hope, and thinking about how we can show these in both our home and school lives. In Maths, we have begun our place value work, with Year 3 exploring hundreds, tens and ones, and Year 4 working with thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. In English, we have started reading Roald Dahl's **The BFG** and have already created some incredible descriptive sentences about giants! It has been a super start to the year, and I couldn't be prouder of them.



REDWOOD (Years 5/6)

Redwood have made a fantastic start to the year! They have settled into their new classroom routines brilliantly and have managed the changes this year with maturity, confidence and a positive attitude. We have completed our Maths and English baseline assessments, which have given us a great starting point for identifying the children's strengths and areas for development. We have also started reading our new class book, **The Final Year**, and the children have already shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as we explore the story together.



OAK (Years 3/4/5/6- afternoons only)

Oak have quickly settled into their new class structure and have made a fantastic start to the year. They have created some brilliant and colourful self-portrait artwork, which has been wonderful to see. On Wednesday afternoons, the children have also started learning to play the **samba drums** with Gloucestershire Music and have really enjoyed getting involved and having a go. We are looking forward to beginning our work on the **Stone Age** soon, where the children will explore this fascinating period of history.

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Dates for your diary 2026

22nd September: 2.30pm in the school hall. Primary Quest Trust Consultation. Please come along to hear the CEO speak about joining their Multi Academy Trust. All members of the school community are welcome.

22nd and 23rd September: ISingPOP workshops across two days for all year groups. This is the programme we follow for Worship singing as well as our Class Worships and we are teaming up with Littledean CE Primary to learn new songs with new actions and refresh our approach. <https://isingpop.org/>

30th September: ISingPOP concert at St Ethelbert's Church in Littledean GL14 3NL@ 6pm- **All families welcome.** This will be a joyous performance and a very different kind of church service. Please come along and support and encourage your children to represent the school and perform alongside Littledean CE Primary.

9th October: Individual and sibling Portrait photographs in school.

13th October: Phonics information evening for all parents of Reception children. 3.30-4.30pm. Mrs Walls will be in touch nearer the time.

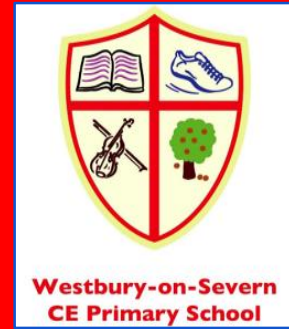
20th and 21st October: Parents evenings. You will receive information about signing up to meet with your child's class teacher and enjoy looking at the work they have completed this term.

23rd October: End of term. School closes at 2pm- we will inform the school bus.

2nd November: **INSET day**- school closed to children.

3rd November: Term 2 begins.

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Celebration Worship

Families welcome to attend every Friday 2.40pm in the hall

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.

In Celebration Worship we award certificates weekly, (see below) with **Purple Learner awards**, Home Reading awards and the Westbury Way award termly. On occasion we also hand out pen licenses to KS2 pupils.

Willow Class Academic Excellence Award- reported next week

Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Award reported next week

Redwood Class Academic Excellence Award reported next week

Any child who completed the Summer Library Challenge this summer, please bring in your certificates and badges etc and we will celebrate you!



We will present all new school leaders with their badges in Friday's Celebration Worship.

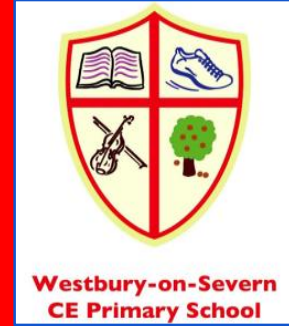
Whole school Attendance update

Sept 1st – 10th September 2026

99.2%



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Pupil Leadership

Each year pupils nominate and vote for children in school to fulfill a wide range of leadership roles in school. These roles help build pupils' confidence, independence, responsibility and belonging in school.



School Council 2026-7

School councillors represent the school in many ways. They meet with Mrs Noad to discuss school matters, organise events and are key to our recruitment procedures with new staff.

Y6 Ollie, Y5 Elodie, Y4 Y3 Y2 Millie, Y1 Freddie, YR Oliver D

Playtime Champions 2026-7

These pupils support OPAL play, working with Mrs Cracknell and Mrs Betteridge to ensure OPAL play is dreaming big at all times.

Olivia, Elodie, Leah, Teddy, Max KD, Beren

House Captains 2026-7

The House Captains are nearly always Year 6s and they count up the house points in each class weekly, report the totals in Celebration Worship and the winning team's House Captain organises the bell rota for playtimes.

Alex, Harrison, Liz, Jess

Worship Team 2026-7

Worship Team members are always in Year 6 and have an important role to play during each Collective Worship, as well as planning and delivering their own once a week. They lead on Isingpop, IT, welcoming the school, setting up the Worship table and read from the bible at our Church Services.

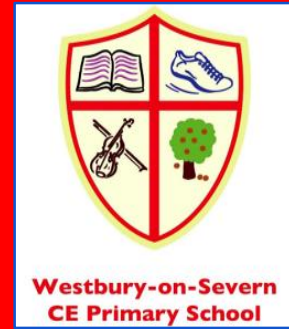
Ollie, Alex, Liz, Harrison, Jess, (Violet will join later in the year).

Kindness Ambassadors

These pupils embody our core value of Kindness in school and work with Mrs Noad, following the 52 lives of Kindness programme. They visit Chaxhill Nursing Home twice a year to spend time with residents who have no family visitors.

Violet from Redwood, Ruby Mae from Sycamore, Ellie from Willow.

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Forest School News



Welcome back!

Forest school has started back this week with Chestnuts going out into the area during the afternoons. The children have loved exploring nature - investigating the pond area and seeing if they can find any frogs or newts. The slide and swing are in high demand.



Moving forward over the next few weeks the children in both Chestnuts and Willow Class will be learning about the Forest School Rules and how to be safe, the changing seasons and how to recognise them, making mud hedgehogs and some den building to throw into the mix!

Please can I remind parents to make sure that they send their children in with the correct clothing - waterproof trousers and coat/ all in one suit, wellington boots, clothes and weather dependent hats, and scarfs etc. The Forest School area does get windy, so I have found that the children cope better and benefit with lots of layers.

If any parents would like to volunteer for a session or have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with myself - email - j.trigg@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk

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Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)



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FREE 6 session parenting support courses starting mid September

with Sam Stocken of



- Understanding anxiety and emotional wellbeing
- Supporting children through emotionally based school avoidance
- Strengthening relationships through connection rather than conflict
- Practical communication and co-regulation strategies
- Encouraging resilience, confidence and independence
- Looking after your own wellbeing whilst supporting your child

Daytime (Face-to-face):	Mondays 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Evening (Face-to-face):	Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Online:	Wednesdays (+ one Thursday), 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Face-to-face classes take place at Headspace Unit 7,
Old Station Yard, Bourton Industrial Estate,
Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2RZ.

Pre-booking essential, for
dates & booking form
visit myheadspace.org.uk
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