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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the end of the academic year and its many deadlines, this time of year becomes so busy that stopping to reflect is challenging - yet it remains so important. This morning in church we made time to celebrate pupils in each class who have embodied our school values, and tomorrow we will be bidding farewell to our Year 6s. They have been reflecting on their time here and are now looking ahead to new adventures. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Wills this week after her many years of dedicated service, and in September we will be welcoming Amy Barnes into our school office as she begins a job share with Mrs Keidel-Doggrell. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. We have received so many kind messages about school from parents and our wider school community, and it means a great deal to hear such positive words. All that remains is for me to wish you a fantastic summer holiday.

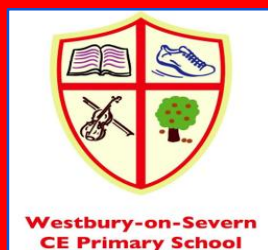
Anna-Mai Armstrong
Headteacher

SCHOOL VALUES

Today in Church we gave Values certificates to pupils in each class who have consistently demonstrated our school values all year. It was wonderful to see so many families attending and we hope you enjoyed our final church service of the year.

HOPE- Olly, Ruby-Mae, Olivia
KINDNESS- Millie, Evie, Zach
FRIENDSHIP- Fern, Django, Elodie
RESPECT- Marnie, Ayrton, Eden

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Class News



CHESTNUTS What a busy last few weeks! Thank you to all the parents that came and supported children on Sports day - the children all did so well in the heat. In other news the children have been recapping all the different sounds that they have learnt over the last year and the same in Maths - recapping what they have learnt. This week we say goodbye and good luck to those starting school in September. Thank you to all of you for your support over the last academic year and I wish you all a fabulous summer break. I look forward to seeing you again in September.



WILLOW We've had a fantastic end to the year in Willow Class. In English, the children have been exploring *Little Red Riding Hood* and even enjoyed baking biscuits linked to the story. Dream Big Sports Week was a real highlight, with brilliant teamwork and enthusiastic athletics from everyone. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about multiplication and division through grouping, while Reception have been revisiting their number bonds to 5. We also finished our History learning on transport and completed our Geography work on the countries of the UK. It's been a busy and joyful term, and the children should be very proud of all they've achieved.

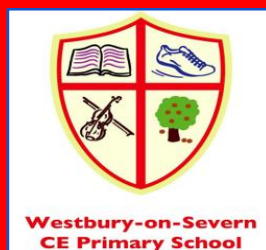


SYCAMORE Sycamore have had a fantastic end to the year! 'During Dream Big Active Week', the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, from the climbing wall and circus skills to Sports Day, with the inflatable Ninja Warrior course being a definite highlight! This week, they have loved designing and playing their own board games, getting ready for the summer holidays and spending 'Moving Up Day' in Oak Class, which they were so excited about. It has been an absolute privilege to teach such a kind, hardworking and wonderful group of children. I am incredibly proud of how much they have grown this year, and I know they will all continue to shine. Have a fantastic summer, Sycamore, you are all amazing, I will see you all soon!



OAK It has been a packed and purposeful couple of weeks in school, with children taking part in our production, Bikeability, completing their Hinduism unit in RE, and exploring theories about the end of the Indus Valley civilisation in History. We've also enjoyed Move Up Day, Sports Week, and our leavers' assembly and church services. Throughout all of this, the children have shown real perseverance, adaptability, and enthusiasm. ***To our wonderful Year 6 children: as you prepare to take your next steps, we hope you carry forward the confidence, kindness, and curiosity you've shown during your time with us. You have grown in character, in independence, and in your understanding of the world - and we could not be prouder. Thank you for the laughter, the hard work, the friendships, and the memories you leave behind. Go forward with courage, stay true to yourselves, and remember that you will always be part of our school family. We wish you every success and happiness in the exciting journey ahead.***

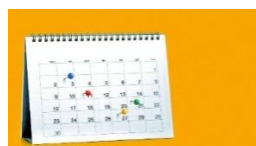
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Dates for your diary – tomorrow and looking ahead.....



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!

Key dates for the new academic year ahead.....

1st and 2nd September- INSET DAYS for staff CPD and curriculum preparation

3rd September- First day of school for all pupils

20th and 21st October- Parents evenings

23rd October- Last day of Term 1

2nd November- INSET DAY

8th December- Afternoon Nativity performance for parents/carers

16th December- Whole school Christmas Lunch in the hall

18th December- Last day of Term 2 : School closes at 2pm

Christmas holidays

4th January- First Day of Term 3

6th January- Whole School Pantomime trip to Cheltenham Everyman Theatre

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See School Calendar at the end of this newsletter for all term dates and holidays 2026-7

Celebration Awards

Every *Friday* we celebrate pupils' achievements during our Celebration Worship at 2.40pm on Fridays. From September, we are inviting parents in every week.

Willow Class **Purple Learner Award**: **James**

Sycamore Class **Purple Learner Award**: **Ellis**

Oak Class **Purple Learner Award**: **Billy**

A Purple learner doesn't give up, learns from mistakes and works independently.

HOME READER AWARDS

These children read at home the most last term:



Oliver M in Willow, Finley in Sycamore and Freddie in Oak.



Westbury Way Award



Evie Long

Ready to Learn

Respectful to Everyone and Everything

Safe at all Times

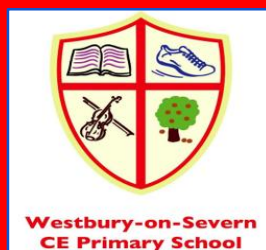
Whole school Attendance update

Sept 1st 2025 – July 15th 2026

= 94.9% *National Average= 94.7%*



School attendance has remained above the national and regional average all year long.



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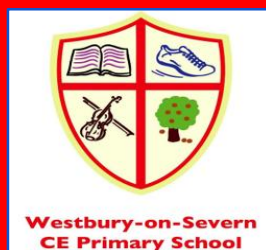
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Dream Big Active Sports Week 2026

We had a wonderful week of fun and physical activity, despite the hot weather. A Ninja Warrior Inflatable Obstacle Course, the every popular Climbing Wall and a day of lessons in Circus skills.

In the middle of the week we held our Sports morning, with a brilliant turnout from the whole community. Thanks to everyone who loaned us gazebos and to the Friends of Westbury for the ice lollies during the morning.





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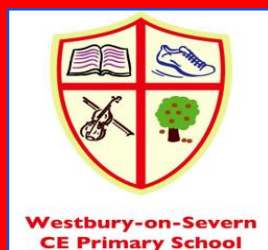
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It's on! All pupils who participate in this wonderful free Summer Reading challenge at any library, will be celebrated in our first Celebration Worship of the year and earn themselves 25 house points. Follow the link or just visit your local library to find out more. Below is an example free event happening soon at Cinderford Library.

<https://gloslibraries.uk/>



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