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Thursday 22nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was very proud of the Year 6s during SATs week, last week. They enjoyed their early breakfasts together and concentrated so hard every morning on each paper. The rest of the school was incredibly respectful and stayed calm and quiet for the first few hours of each day.

It was a lovely way to end the week by having a huge community OPAL play time on Friday. Thanks to everyone who could make it, it was so much fun and the weather was perfect.

We are looking forward to our whole school walk to the River Severn, we are so blessed with beautiful weather again for this occasion. I will upload some photos to social media for you all to enjoy.

Have a fab half term when it arrives! Scroll down for some half term ideas.

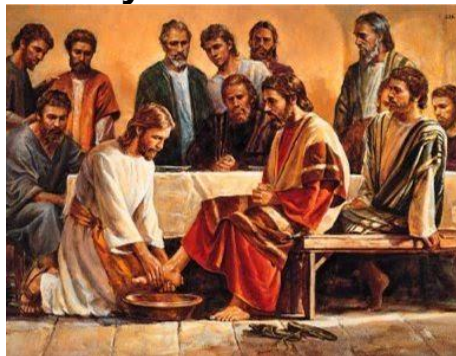
**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
**Headteacher**

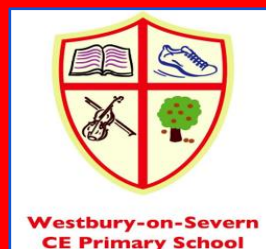
### *WORSHIP*

*Our value this term is*

*SERVICE*

**We explored the bible story where Jesus washes his disciples' feet.**





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#### Class News



##### CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts have made use of the warmer weather and have been spending lots of time outside either in the EYFS area making ramps to practise their balancing or for cars to race down. They have been playing on the swing and building dens and pretend fires. Those starting school in September have nearly finished learning the different sounds to the letters, only a couple more weeks left before we start recapping all of the sounds. For all those children that will be staying in Pre-school next year please could you let Mrs Trigg know which days and hours you would like for next year, so that staffing can be sorted. Thank you to those that have already done so. Please note that from September we will be open till 5pm and accepting children from 2 yrs 9 months.



##### WILLOW

Willow Class have had a busy couple of weeks. In History, we welcomed a special guest speaker who shared their memories of toys and houses from the past. The children have loved hearing about their favourite childhood toy and have enjoyed comparing toys from then and now, discussing how they have changed over time. In PE, we have been developing our gymnastics skills. In English, we have been reading the story of ***The Magic Porridge Pot***. We even made porridge as a class and wrote our own instructions titled *How to Make Delicious Porridge*. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about mass, using balancing scales to compare and measure different objects, while Reception have been playing number track games to help with counting forwards and backwards.



##### SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class have been writing their own stories based on mud larking and **Thames and Tide Club**. They have based theirs on mud larking in the River Severn.

In Art we are producing our own piece of artwork based on William Turner of a scene from The Great Fire of London. In Geography, we have been learning about North America focusing on Canada and it's physical and human features. In Maths the Year 2s are finishing off their money unit while the Year 3s have started their fractions and calculating unit.



##### OAK

We've covered a lot in Oak class over the last few weeks. In Science, we've explored how light travels, how our eye works, and how shadows are made and how they can change. In Art, we've created our final pieces using Greek columns as inspiration and our brilliant artwork is up on display in the corridors for you to see when you're next in. In History we've explored some of the Greek Gods and their skills and origin stories, we used this information to create Top Trump cards. In English we've finished **Romeo and Juliet** and are creating narratives of alternative endings this week.



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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:** Hattie and Jané

**Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Award:** Elodie and Max KD

**Oak Class Academic Excellence Award:** Jack and Eden

Our *Purple Learners of the Term* and Westbury Way award will be announced in next term's newsletter.

### Attendance update

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – May 22nd 2025 = 97%**

**30% of children have EXCELLENT attendance- 99%+!!!**

**We have maintained above the national attendance levels all year, so far- AMAZING!**

**Whole School Target - 98%**

### Hot school dinners

From April the price of a hot school meal increased to £2.85.

If you think you might be eligible for **Free School Meals**, please apply, even if your child is in the infants, since they remain eligible up until Y6 and the school benefits financially through the Pupil Premium. If you claim benefits, you may be eligible.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>



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### Dates for your diary

**22<sup>nd</sup> May**- Whole School Walk to the River Severn in the afternoon. TODAY!

**23<sup>rd</sup> May**- Wildlife Quiz SEMI FINAL in the hall 1.15pm. Last day of term.

**2<sup>nd</sup> June**- Term 6 starts

**9<sup>th</sup> June**- Phonics screening week for Y1

**11<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 6 Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral

**13<sup>th</sup> June**- Father's Day Service in school 9.15am- all male carers welcome!

**18<sup>th</sup> June**- Y3/4 cricket event at Newent

**19<sup>th</sup> June**- Class photos and Year 6 leavers photos

**23<sup>rd</sup> June**- Dene Magna transition week for some Y6s

**26<sup>th</sup> June**- Parent and Carer drop in to see pupils' work **8.30-9.15am**

**4<sup>th</sup> July** - School production at the Parish Hall 6-7pm.

**7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> July**- Dream Big ACTIVE week- PE kit all week- daily sports/active lessons

**9<sup>th</sup> July**- Sports morning on the field (weather permitting)

**17<sup>th</sup> July**- End of Year Church service- 9.15am. Values Certificates for the whole school plus Bibles and hoodies for Year 6.

**18<sup>th</sup> July**- **School day ends at 2pm**. Farewell assembly for Y6 beforehand.



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### CHESTNUTS UPDATE

We have recently made some big decisions about expanding our Chestnuts class (Preschool). This is because we have noticed how well pupils transition into the Reception year when they have attended Chestnuts and because demand is growing.

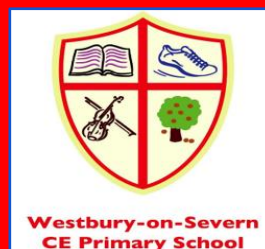
#### ***From September 2025:***

- Chestnuts will be in the room that is currently adjacent to Oak, behind the temporary wall. This will allow us to take in more children and to keep access to the outside play area. Willow will be next door.
- Children will be able to start when they are 2 years 9 months, rather than currently, aged 3.
- We will be staying open till 5pm on days when the demand is there. The plan is for this eventually to be daily.

We know that our Preschool is excellent and our staff are highly experienced, caring and knowledgeable. Ofsted in 2024 were so incredibly impressed with what we offer the youngest children so it makes sense to expand this community provision.

*Please ask for an application form from the office to sign up for Sept-*  
***DEADLINE is 30<sup>th</sup> June.*** Spaces are filling up!





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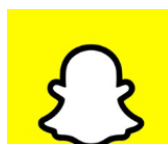
### Safeguarding updates

Younger and younger children are accessing phones and I-pads.

From time to time children talk in school about using social media platforms. This can be a risk to their safety/wellbeing.

Whenever we attend safeguarding training, we hear about incidents of young children being groomed or blackmailed by adults on these apps (through images), or being accidentally exposed to unsuitable content.

**All of these are for 13 years old minimum age**



***Parental controls can block these apps and manage your child's screen time.***



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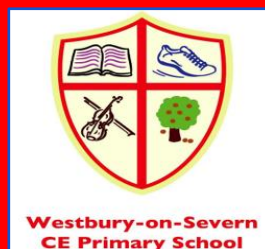


***Now you have seen OPAL in action, please help out with our BINGO card.***

We want to provide an amazing collection of loose parts for the children to use at play times.

To make this a little more fun, and to get the children inspired, we are going to have a little competition between the school houses **Wild Boar, Hedgehogs, Deer and Badgers**. The house that collectively checks off the most items from the bingo sheet will win 200 house points and an extra OPAL play time. So every time your child brings something in from the BINGO sheet, they will be helping their team progress.

 <b>DO YOU HAVE WHAT WE NEED?</b>		 <b>HAY BALES</b>	 <b>PARACHUTE</b>	 <b>WHEELED CONTAINERS</b>
		 <b>TOY CARS</b>	 <b>EMPTY PAINT CANS</b>	 <b>PRAMS (NOT TOO PADDED)</b>
 <b>PULL ALONG WAGON</b>	 <b>TIMBER</b>	 <b>MALLETS (NOT METAL)</b>	 <b>PALLETS</b>	 <b>SPACE HOPPERS</b>
 <b>STRAIGHTISH STICKS / POLES / BROOM HANDLES</b>	 <b>TARPAULINS</b>	 <b>PLASTIC CRATES</b>	 <b>GARDEN TROWELS</b>	 <b>TENT PEGS</b>
 <b>GARDEN HOSE</b>	 <b>ROPE</b>	 <b>NATURAL MATERIALS</b>	 <b>DOLLS</b>	<b>ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF THAT WOULD MAKE GREAT CREATIVE PLAY</b> 



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### Swimming lessons



Oak Class will be starting swimming after May half term. You received a letter about this a few months ago.

We are now providing hour long lessons on these days:

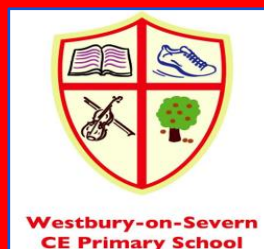
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-10.30am.**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2-3pm.**

On these final 4 Mondays of term, the pupils will return to school later than usual- we estimate about 3.30pm. This will impact bus users so please make alternative arrangements for pick up on these occasions. If your child is signed up for Wraparound or Football club, they can go straight to these when they arrive.

Nicky has set everyone up on Parentpay to make your contribution towards the coach costs- **£38.54** per child. If you need help with these costs, please talk to us, especially if your child is pupil premium.





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# HE'S BACK! JOIN US FOR A HALF-TERM FOOTBALL DAY WITH LUKE THOMAS

TRAIN WITH THE EX-CHAMPIONSHIP AND CURRENT BRISTOL ROVERS WINGER!

LUKE'S CAREER CLUBS INCLUDE:



**VENUE:** FOREST VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, CINDERFORD, GL14 2QA

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

**TIME:** 9.30AM UNTIL 3.30PM

**AGES:** GIRLS AND BOYS, 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

**PRICE:** £25

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- FOOTBALL DRILLS AND MATCHES
- LEARN FROM LUKE HIMSELF, TIPS AND ADVICE ON THE PITCH
- AUTOGRAPH SIGNING AND PICTURES
- OPEN Q&A SESSION WITH LUKE
- VIDEO OF LUKE'S CAREER SO FAR

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<https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-north-gloucestershire/book-now/29-Luke-Thomas-Football-Camp?emyatb=4w7ygdi834> Use this link to book.



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**For ages 6+**

**Date:** Wednesday 28th May 2025

**Time:** 10.30am and 1.30am

**Venue:** Books for Bugs, Vantage Point Business Village, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, GL17 0DD

**Session Time:** Each session will last for approx 1 hour with book signing opportunity after.

**Price:** £10 per child which includes a goody bag and a copy of her brand new book Puppy Problem.

Book your tickets via the QR code or at

<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/author-visit-serena-patel/>





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### Half Term Fun at The Museum of Gloucester!

#### **Moomin 80: Moomin ABC Exhibition**

Open until Sunday 5 October | Tickets from £5

#### **Family Trail: Mysteries of May**

Saturday 24 May - Sunday 1 June | £2 per trail

#### **Doc Saurus: Fossil Hunter**

Wednesday 28 May, Sessions 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm | £2.50 per person

#### **Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling Session with Exhibition Visit**

Wednesday 28 May, 11am - 12:30 & 2pm - 3:30pm | £12.50 per child - Adults go free!

#### **Recycled Moomin Magic: Create your Own Blue House**

Thursday 29 May, sessions running 11am - 2pm | £6.50 per child - Adults go free!

#### **Glorious Glevum Tour**

Saturday 31 May, 2pm - 3pm | Tickets from £5