

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2024!

There has been much to celebrate over the last year in both our schools and we finish this term having enjoyed some lovely festive celebrations.

It seems a very good time to thank everyone who has contributed to our wonderful schools and whose support has enabled us to have such a successful and productive year.

I am very fortunate to have a wonderful staff team, for whom the well-being, welfare and education of the children is their first priority. They do this work with such willingness, passion and humour that it makes our schools the warm and welcoming places that everyone comments on. I am privileged to work with these talented and hardworking individuals and I am always proud of them all.

The Governing Body work throughout the year and have a range of important roles to fulfil which place great responsibility on them. These are all voluntary posts requiring the dedication of their time, skills and effort. I enjoy working with them all and together they have helped to lead our schools to the positive place that they are in today. I am always impressed by the level of care that they show for both our schools, and the generous way that they give their skills and knowledge for the benefit of our young people.

In our communities there are many people who support our schools: our connections with the church, all the kind volunteers who hear our readers and support with trips and activities such as the careers fair, people who come to talk to the children about their topics and people who support our school events. We are proud to have schools that make up the heart of their communities and we would like to thank everyone in the villages who support us in these ways.

My special thanks to everyone who has supported the PTA's at the schools, helping to raise money for projects that we are excited to develop further in 2025. Your time and energy is greatly appreciated by the staff and children.

And finally to our parents and children. Thank you for supporting our schools through the year. We know how lucky we are to have such a supportive parent body and such amazing children to work with and who make our job so enjoyable.

I know that for most of our families Christmas is a joyous and happy time, and this is one of the most special times that they experience together. For some families and children Christmas can be a challenging time, where the changes to routine and the pressure can feel hard to manage. I send you all my very best wishes for a happy time, in the way that suits you best to celebrate it.

With thanks and very best wishes

Lucy Macey

A message from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and carers,

It's always a real delight at this time of year to have the opportunity to see the children from both schools so enthusiastically engaged in all the festive events. They have been a real inspiration and a pleasure to see in all their reading, singing and acting. Underpinning all this, of course, is a huge amount of effort and individual care provided by all members of the staff at both schools. This is always a very busy term, particularly so towards the end of the year. On behalf of all the governing body, I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and for their energy in making all this such a success.

I wish you all a restful and happy holiday period, where I hope you can relax and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Derek Smith

Chair of Governors

'Treasure Island' by Treetop Theatre

Last Wednesday, the whole school had the privilege of watching Treetop Theatre's annual pantomime. This year we were treated to 'Treasure Island', a swashbuckling adventure full of excitement and hilarity.

"I liked that fact that the children can take part. It was very dramatic!" Alica, Year 6.

"The confetti gun was awesome - even if it did make a mess!" Barney, Year 5.

The whole school would like to thank the PTA for funding this event, which is always a highlight of the school year for the children.

'Simply The Nativity'

Roll out the red carpet and bring out the awards because Beech and Chesnut class have done it again! 'Simply The Nativity' was a fantastic success, with all children learning their lines and songs amazingly. The village hall was packed with excited audience members, who were all astounded with the talent the youngest members of the school exhibited. A huge thank you to Miss Hayter and Mrs Archer for all their efforts, as well as the other members of staff who helped support. A big thank you to everybody who came to watch too.

Annual Carol Service at St Peters Church

One of our newest Christmas traditions at West Tytherley Primary School took place on Tuesday 17th December, with St Peter's Church being opened for the village for our annual Carol Concert. Mrs Archer led the school and congregation as they sang a variety of traditional Christmas carols, with members of the school retelling the Christmas story and reciting poems. It was a well-attended event, with many members of the village community commented on how fantastic the evening was.



Awards

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Beech	Ruben	For your progress in all areas of your learning
Chestnut	Bailey	For accurately using imperative verbs as commands in his English writing
Willow	Freya	For writing a perfect sentence using direct speech in English
Oak	Milan	For accurately translating shapes in a quadrant

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Beech	All	For showing courage and positivity during the Nativity performances
Chestnut	All	For showing courage and positivity during the Nativity performances
Willow	Eden	For always showing a positive attitude to learning and being so passionate to know more
Oak	Filipp	For showing fantastic progress in his music, using chords and the blues scale to play the 12-bar

Half-termly Awards

The Bentley Award for Kindness and Compassion	
Beech	Poppy
Chestnut	Theodore
Willow	Zac
Oak	Alica

The Thorngate Award for Continuing Achievement	
Beech	Arthur
Chestnut	Sara-Jane
Willow	Jack
Oak	Henry

Merits - 6th December 2024

Singer = 58

Budden = 81

Pragnell = 51



This weeks winners are: **Budden**

The individual merit winners are:

Poppy, Florence, Freya and Barney

Well done everyone!

Merits - 13th December 2024

Singer = 108

Budden = 108

Pragnell = 78



This weeks winners are: **Singer and Budden**

The individual merit winners are:

Arthur B, Skye, Sienna and Milan

Well done everyone!

This weeks merits

Singer = 72

Budden = 93

Pragnell = 63



This weeks winners are: **Budden**

Well done everyone!

This term merits

Singer = 666

Budden = 767

Pragnell = 639



This terms winners are: **Budden**

Well done everyone!

06/01/2025	Start of Spring Term		8.45a.m. – 3.15pm
13/10/2025	Start of After School Clubs		
15/01/2025	Application deadline for Year R 2025		
17/01/2025	Wessex archaeology visiting	All classes	
20/01/2025	KS1 Gym Festival	8 children from Chestnut Class	10am – 12pm at Test Valley School
20/01/2025	KS2 Gym Festival	8 Children from Willow Class	1pm – 3pm at Test Valley School
23/01/2025	Bag2 School fundraiser	Whole school	
07/02/2025	Candlemas	Whole School	2pm at St Peter's Church
13/02/2025	Half-term celebration assembly	Whole School	10.30am
14/02/2025	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils
17/02/2025 – 21/02/2025	Half-term holiday	Whole School	School Closed to pupils
24/02/2025	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils

25/02/2024	Start of Spring term 2		
03/03/2025	Tag Rugby Competition	12 children from Yr.5/6	10am – 12pm at Wallop Primary School
06/03/2025	World Book Day	Whole School	
10/03/2025	Year R (Beech) Parents Evening	Beech parents	4pm – 6.30pm
18/03/2025	Cluster Netball Competition	10 children from Yr.5/6	4pm – 5.30pm at Test Valley School
21/03/2025	Comic Relief	Whole school	More details to follow
26/03/2025	Outdoor Learning Festival	8 Children from Year 3	9.30am – 11.30am at West Tytherley Primary School
31/03/2025	KS1 and KS2 Reports out to parents	Chestnut, Willow and Oak	
03/04/2025	Annual Egg Rolling Championship	Whole School	(pm)
04/04/2025	End of term celebration assembly	Whole school	10.30 am at St Peter's Church
04/04/2025	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Whole School	(pm)
07/04/2025 – 18/04/2025	Easter holidays		School closed to pupils
21/04/2025	Bank Holiday		School Closed to pupils

22/04/2025	Start of Summer Term		8.45a.m. – 3.15pm
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360° CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP
23RD DEC, 2ND & 3RD JAN

FREE FOR FAMILIES WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

360° SPORTS COACHING

PAID SPACES AVAILABLE FROM £50 PER DAY

Places Leisure Eastleigh Dec 23rd Jan 2nd & 3rd	Romsey Rapids Dec 23rd Jan 2nd & 3rd	Harestock Primary School Dec 23rd Jan 2nd & 3rd	Beechwood Junior School Dec 23rd Jan 2nd & 3rd
Gang Warily Sports Centre Jan 2nd & 3rd	Andover Leisure Centre Dec 23rd Jan 2nd & 3rd	Front Lawn Community Hub Dec 23rd Jan 3rd	Gosport Leisure Centre Dec 23rd Jan 2nd & 3rd

SPORTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

Scan the QR Code to book your place!

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Holiday Activities
at Romsey Library

Christmas Storytime in Italian
Saturday 14th December, 10am

Christmas Storytime
Tuesday 17th December, 11am
Tuesday 24th December, 11am

Christmas Storytime with special visit from Father Christmas*
Friday 20th December, 11am
Includes one small gift per child

Festive Crafts*
Saturday 21st December, 10-11am

Stay and Play
Friday 27th December, 9:30am-1:30pm
Friday 3rd January, 9:30am-1:30pm

Silly Scott's Winter Wonderland*
Saturday 28th December, 8-3:45pm
Join us for a fantastic morning of fun to follow! This event is suitable for children aged 4-11 years old. Children who receive free school meals as part of pupil premium or are supported under an SEN/EHCP. Includes free goody bag with indoor activity, plus tea/lunch bag to take away.

Board games
Monday 23rd Dec, 10am - 13pm
Monday 30th Dec, 10am - 13pm
Thursday 2nd January, 10am - 4pm

*ticketed event.
Book your place via shop.hants.gov.uk

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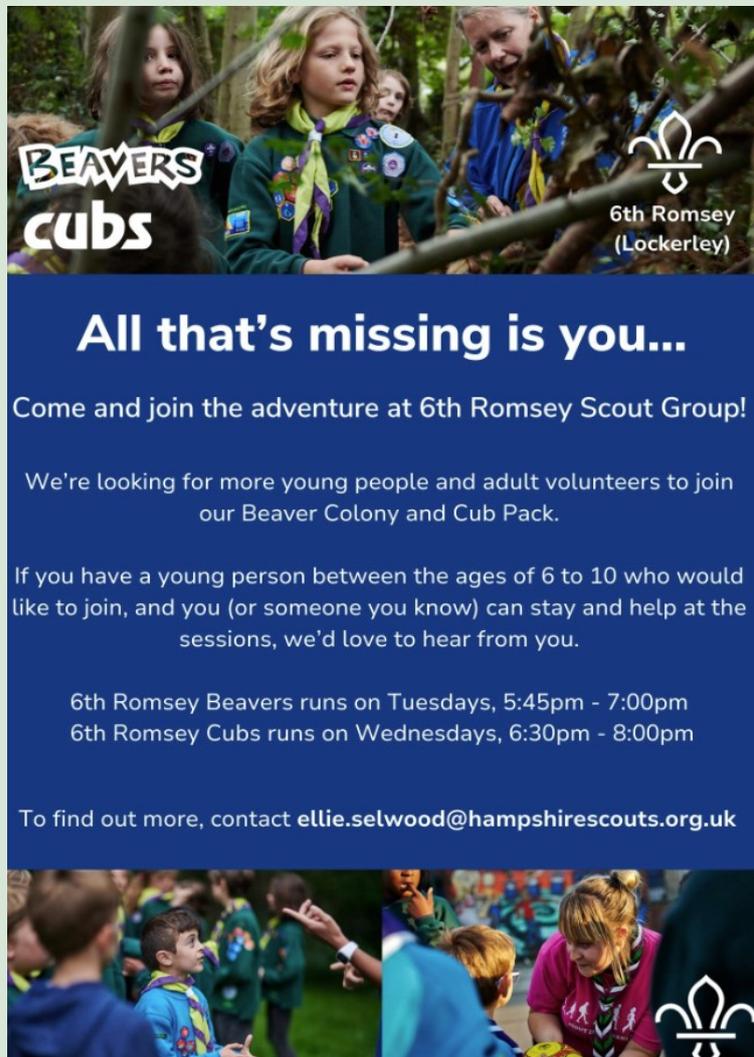


ARMY FLYING MUSEUM

CRAFT ACTIVITIES WEEKDAYS
23RD DEC TO 3RD JAN
10.00AM - 12.30 PM
FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION
(museum closed 24th, 25th & 26th Dec)

Christmas Trail throughout December!

armyflying.com 01264 781 086



BEAVERS cubs

6th Romsey (Lockerley)

All that's missing is you...

Come and join the adventure at 6th Romsey Scout Group!

We're looking for more young people and adult volunteers to join our Beaver Colony and Cub Pack.

If you have a young person between the ages of 6 to 10 who would like to join, and you (or someone you know) can stay and help at the sessions, we'd love to hear from you.

6th Romsey Beavers runs on Tuesdays, 5:45pm - 7:00pm
6th Romsey Cubs runs on Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

To find out more, contact ellie.selwood@hampshirescouts.org.uk

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FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

West Tytherley C of E Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 23 January 2025 by 9:00am



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