


# West Tytherley C of E Primary School


# Newsletter


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Dear Parents,

We are now approaching the half-term break after a very productive start to 2026 and there has certainly been plenty going on in all of the classes.

Please do read the class round-ups that accompany this newsletter. They give you a valuable insight into what your children have been learning this term and they also provide a valuable resource for starting conversations with your children. If you share them with your children, try asking some open questions such as:

“ Tell me more about the .....”

“ What did you find out when you made.....”

It is amazing what you will learn, when you ask the right questions.

Likewise, each half term we send out the curriculum that your children will be accessing . Please take a look and see where you could dovetail in some trips or books that would fit with these. Or again, just familiarise yourselves with what they will be doing so that you can ask a question that may elicit a response to your questions about what they have learnt today, which is more than a one word answer!

### Permission Slips

We are trialling a move away from paper permission slips for trips and events, switching instead to online forms. We hope this will improve communication (no more lost letters or crumpled slips at the bottom of rucksacks!) as well as reduce our carbon footprint.

If you would still prefer to receive hard-copy letters and paper permission slips, please let the school office know. Thank you in advance for your support with this change.

### School Dinners

Please be assured that we are listening carefully to feedback regarding recent changes to school dinners and are working closely with our catering team to make improvements. Portion sizes have already improved and children have taken part in a survey to share their honest feedback.

### End of Term Awards

We have made the decision to award our special Bentley and Thorngate awards at the end of each full term. With smaller class sizes, we often see children receiving these awards more than once in an academic year and it is important that these awards carry value.

We hope you have a lovely half term.

*Lucy Macey*

and all the staff  
at West Tytherley Primary School



## What's Coming Up?

### INSET Days

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

### Half Term

W/C 16th February

### World Book Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

### Beech Class Parents Evening

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

### Chestnut Class InSpire Voices Trip

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

### Red Nose Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### End of Term Celebration Assembly

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

# Upcoming School Events



## World Book Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Book Character Dress-up

Year R: Fairytale Favourites

Year 1/2: Curious Adventurers

Year 3/4: Series Stars

Year 5/6: Courageous Heroes and Heroines

Wooden Spoon



Your child has been given a wooden spoon. We would like them to decorate it as their favourite book character. Children may use paint, pens, fabric, paper, wool, or any other craft materials they choose. This activity is designed to encourage a love of reading while allowing children to be creative and imaginative. We are encouraging children to think outside the box, and we cannot wait to see their inventive and original creations. Please ensure the decorated spoon is brought into school on World Book Day where all designs will be proudly displayed as part of our celebrations.

## Red Nose Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

"Break the Rules"



Here's how it works: for each rule your child chooses to break from the list below, they will be asked to pay a 50p fine. The more rules they break, the more we raise! If children manage to break all 10 rules, they will owe £5.00!

The rules they can choose to break are:

- 1.No makeup or face paint
- 2.No nail varnish
- 3.No crazy hair
- 4.No temporary tattoos
- 5.No hats
- 6.No odd socks or crazy tights
- 7.No superheroes or fancy dress
- 8.No football, rugby, or other sports shirts/hats/jumpers
- 9.No odd shoes
10. You MUST wear school uniform

### Funniest Photo Competition

We would like all children to bring in their funniest, silliest photo! The photo could be of your child (with their family or friends) or a pet doing something silly! All photos will be displayed and there will be a prize for the funniest!

Photos can be emailed to the school office ahead of the date if required.

# Forest Clearing Working Party

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us to make our forest area a safe, usable space.

Your time, energy and hard work will make a real difference.

Thanks to the work completed by our volunteers, we can further extend our outdoor learning provision, giving even more opportunities for learning and exploration in nature.



## The Big Spell!

In January, we took four super spellers to "The Big Spell": a cluster schools event hosted by Stockbridge Primary School.

Alfie, Fraser, Skye and Zara had a fantastic time making new friends and tackling exciting rounds including "Speed Spell", "Word Duel" and "Hangman".

The children worked brilliantly in their mixed-school teams using their spelling, vocabulary and rule knowledge to rack up points!

This fun event showed that spelling doesn't have to be serious!



# Wear Your SCARF Day

We were delighted to take part in our annual Wear Your SCARF Day as part of Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme, "This is My Place," gave us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what makes West Tytherley such a special place to learn and grow.

Throughout the day, we celebrated our SCARF values, which promote children's health, wellbeing and positive mental health. SCARF reminds us about Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship; values that help us feel happy, confident and supported in school.

We took part in a range of activities all about belonging and feeling safe at West Tytherley. Through discussions, we shared what makes our school feel like our place. The children spoke thoughtfully about friendships, trusted adults, safe spaces and how we look after one another.

We decorated scarves and reflected on what makes us unique and where we feel safest. We wrote postcards to our friends and family from our "happy places" and even created small rooms to represent them. The scarves will be proudly displayed in the school's communal area around a mirror for all to see; a colourful reminder that everyone at West Tytherley matters.

By the end of the day, it was clear that all children know they belong, feel safe, and know who they can go to when they need help. We were proud to share our learning during celebration assembly and to see so many children and staff wearing their scarves in support of children's mental health.



## P.E Champions

Swimming outside is one of my absolute favourite things to do. There's just something about being in open water that feels completely different from a pool. It gives me such a rush of dopamine, freedom and pure joy. It's good for my body too. Swimming builds strength, improves fitness, and clears my head in a way nothing else does. The cold water wakes me up, boosts my mood, and leaves me feeling proud and energised afterwards.

I've even bought a new swimming suit to use at Easter, which makes it even more exciting. I can't wait to get back into the water and feel that amazing sense of freedom again.

Mrs Macey



# Bag2School PTA Fundraiser!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Bag2School Fundraiser. We are delighted to confirm that we raised a total of **£95.40**. Chestnut were the winning class, collecting a grand total of 116kg and enjoyed their prize of a non-uniform day!



## Beech Class: Village History Walk



Beech Class enjoyed a welly walk around the village. They noticed different buildings, spotting their features and discussing which were old and which were more modern!

We are so lucky to have our school in such a beautiful village, full of character and history!



## Vegetable Garden and Greenhouse Project

We're excited to share that we are revitalising our vegetable garden and greenhouse so it can be used during lessons as part of the curriculum, supporting learning about sustainability and healthy living, and caring for the environment.

We would love parents and families to join us for our first working party to help prepare the garden and to support future dates throughout the year if you are able.

If you would like to get involved in any way, please email [schoolveggarden@gmail.com](mailto:schoolveggarden@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your help; it is hugely appreciated!

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2.00pm**



# Weekly Awards

Friday 9th January

Beech	Toby	For great counting and making numbers to 20!
Chestnut	Frances	For showing lovely enthusiasm for coming back to school!
Willow	Summer	For using fabulous adjectives and a range of prepositions to describe a winter scene.
Oak	Ophelia	For her beautiful sentences in English when describing a Bowtruckle and Niffler.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Beech	Primrose	For excellent testing of materials, designing and building a floating boat.
Chestnut	India	For challenging herself in her writing.
Willow	Holly	For incredible dancing and listening in our session with Integr8 Dance!
Oak	Munro	For engaging in his lessons and actively contributing to class discussions.

Friday 23rd January

Beech	Henry	For your amazing phonics and beautiful, neat handwriting!
Chestnut	Theodore P-B	For showing excellent engagement in phonics and reading groups.
Willow	Tima	For writing a thoughtful diary entry in character with descriptive language.
Oak	George	For writing an engaging, persuasive letter in English.

## Friday 30th January

Beech	Jesse	For his fabulous independent writing this week based on the Three Little Pigs.
Chestnut	Florence	For fantastic use of similes and encouraging language in her English work.
Willow	Skye	For working collaboratively when composing with Samba rhythms.
Oak	Elijah	For a positive attitude towards his learning.

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Beech	Toby	For using a range of joining techniques to make a fabulous model house.
Chestnut	Kaspar	For being a motivated and independent learner!
Willow	Alfie	For demonstrating creativity and determination when creating a monogram print of an endangered animal.
Oak	Zac	For his excellent work in History producing a summary on the Mayan Civilisation.

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Beech	Phoebe	For her excellent progress with her phonics sounds and blending to read.
Chestnut	Arthur G	For increased independence in writing and improved attitude to learning!
Willow	Edward	For showing perseverance when using column subtraction.
Oak	Edward	For his carefully decorated, beautiful clay work based on Beatrix Milhazes work!

# Thought for the Week

Lent (a time of preparation before Easter) starts next week on Ash Wednesday – during Half Term. Whatever you decide to give up, or take on, in Lent then we can pray:

God our Father, be with us as we begin our journey through Lent. Help us to grow closer to You during this special holy season. Help us to do Your will each day. Help us to work together to share what we have so that everyone has what they need. Help us to build a better world where each of us can become the best person we can be. Amen.

*Vicar James*



## Thorngate Village Care Group

Our local support network of volunteers are ready to help, all DBS checked, insured and ready, willing and able to help in so many ways – lifts to medical and other appointments, prescription and shopping collection, other support, e.g., form filling, phone calls, etc.

The Care Group is affiliated to the Good Neighbours Network and covers Lockerley, East Dean, East and West Tytherley and the Hampshire residents of West Dean.

For requests for help, please contact any coordinator:

Lockerley/East Dean - Diana 07464 956759 or Liz 340993

Tytherleys - Barbara 341672, Julie 340850, or Lucia 07799 561029

# NHS and Healthcare

## Parent Information Portal



Hampshire and  
Isle of Wight Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

Your Health Visiting and School Nursing records all in one place...  
at your finger tips



View and manage  
your appointments  
with Health Visitors



View your child's  
vaccination history and  
newborn blood spot  
screening results



Search a wide  
range of resources  
about children's  
health



View growth charts  
and add  
measurements



The Ages and Stages  
questionnaires are  
available for you to  
complete electronically  
before your child's 1  
year/2 year health  
reviews



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Programme.  
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(Year R and Year 6).

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# School Uniform

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## **BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE AND INSTORE CUT OFF DATE**

To guarantee your new school uniform arrives before back to school, please place your order online or instore no later than

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

Orders placed after this date are not guaranteed to arrive in time, but we will try our best!



...ORDER BEFORE  
THE CUT OFF DATE!

### Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 10:30AM-5PM

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## Coming soon

at

## The SALISBURY MUSEUM

**Rainy, gloomy weather? Brighten your day with our fun half-term and term-time activities for the whole family at The Salisbury Museum.**

### Half-term Takeover

Our studio creative space is yours! Enjoy an entire room full of dressing up, block building, arts and crafts, and a cosy book corner.

Open to all ages **throughout half-term** for stay-and-play fun!

### Half-term Discovery Day - Folk Monsters!

**Tuesday 17 February, 10am -4pm**

Giants, gargantuan worms, ghostly beasts and mischievous faeries – British folk culture is bursting with mythical monsters.

Get creative, let your imagination run wild and design your very own folk monster, inspired by the Un/Common People exhibition.  
Just drop in!

### Mini Mondays!

**Every second Monday of the month, 10-11:30am**

Lively activities focusing on a different theme each session.

Includes a baby play area.

Suitable for children aged 2-5 years old.

**Folk Story-Crafting! Monday 9 March 2026**

### Young Curators Club

**Last Saturday of every month  
10:30am - 12:30pm**

For budding curators and those who love to discover the past! Explore all things museum in a fun and exciting way.

For children aged 6-12 years old.

Adult accompaniment required.

*Pre-booking essential.*

**The Salisbury Museum is open daily, 10am–5pm**

*All events included in museum admission, and booking not needed unless stated.*

*See website for further details: [salisburymuseum.org.uk](http://salisburymuseum.org.uk)*



**Our café is open, serving meals, snacks and drinks, from 10am - 4pm, every day.**



# In the Community

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



## Ms Levoir's Art Academy

Old Sarum Community Centre

9am to 3pm Drop Off  
16th to 20th February

### An Artist A Day

Come and explore a different artist every day and make your own masterpiece!

For 7 to 11 year olds  
1 day £35, 2 days £65,  
3 days £95 4 days £ 125, 5 Days £145  
10% sibling discount.

WhatsApp  07801800640 to book



## JOIN OUR NEW GIRLS' SECTION!



### FREE INTRO SESSIONS!

21st & 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT ROMSEY SCHOOL  
10:00-11:00 AM

FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 4 TO 9 (AGE 8-13)

## CALLING ALL GIRLS!

- Whiteparish Cricket Club now has 2 ladies' teams in the Winter New Forest Indoor League and 2 teams in the Hampshire Softball League.

NOW WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD DEDICATED GIRLS TEAMS FOR SUMMER 2026!

**SIGN UP FOR FREE INTRO SESSIONS!**

- FREE sessions for girls in Years 4 to 9 (ages 8-13)
- No experience necessary, all abilities welcome



Contact: [claireoliver99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claireoliver99@hotmail.co.uk) and/or [ChrisBartel@hotmail.com](mailto:ChrisBartel@hotmail.com) for more information

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP

# In the Community

## Holiday Activities



### Easter 2026

#### MUSIC PRODUCTION

The Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh

Mon 30th & Tues 31st March

9:30am – 3:30pm

Suitable for children in Years 5,6,7 and 8

£85 (both days) including lunch



*Dive into the world of music creation using iPads and GarageBand. Explore remixing, sampling, and live DJing with hands-on experience using professional gear. Discover how chords shape songs, experiment with different genres, and learn to build your own tracks from the ground up. Whether you're into beats, melodies, or mixing, everything you need is provided - just bring your creativity!*



[Click here to watch a video about the enrichment days](#)



[Click here for the sign up form](#)

### ROCK 2 THE BEAT

The Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh

Mon 30th & Tues 31st March

9:30am – 3:30pm

Performance Tues 31st at 3:30pm

£85 (both days) including lunch



*Suitable for all Years 3-10 currently playing in a Rock 2 the Beat band, or who currently learn voice, guitar, bass, keyboard or drums at Grade 1 (or above) and are able to read basic notation.*

*Come and join other Rock 2 the Beat musicians from around the county and learn a song from start to finish, building confidence through collaboration and creativity. Limited places for each instrument, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.*



[Click here for the sign up form](#)



# Green & Thrifty Events

Half Term at  
Romsey Library



Monday 16th Feb, 10am - 1pm - Stay & Play

10am - 1pm, Make a Bug Hotel - Drop in

Tuesday 17th Feb, 10 - 11am Green & Thrifty Crafts, £2 per child\*

11am - Nature Themed Storytime

Thursday 19th Feb, 11am - Nature themed Rhymetime

3pm - Junk Jodies 'Tree-Tastic' \*

Friday 20th Feb, 10 - 11am - Make a Bird Box\*

2pm - Nature themed Rhymetime

Saturday 21st Feb, 11am, Italian and Spanish Storytime

10am - 4pm - Boardgames and jigsaws

1 - 4pm - Construction Club

Green and Thrifty  
Fortnight



\*Book your ticket via  
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[hants.gov.uk/library](http://hants.gov.uk/library)