October 2026

West Tytherley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Creativity Courage Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

These eight weeks have been action packed and since we have started the term back on 3rd September, there has been so much going on in school. As teachers at the start of the academic year our first priority is to manage and support the children in the transition to their new year group. We establish the new routines and set the expectations and get on with teaching and learning. Following a break there are reminders about playtimes and friendships too. These first eight weeks set the tone for the year and help the children to understand what is expected.

Along with this there have been a series of sports events, clubs, trips and whole school events. This newsletter will help to recap some of these.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and also find the time to look at the topic webs and letters that will give detail on what your child will be learning next term.

Please don't forget that the Christmas dates have been in the calendar from the start of term, so if you need to sort childcare or book babysitters for anything, time is progressing rapidly!

Have a wonderful, leaf filled, fresh airified Half-Term and see you back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Best Wishes

Lucy Macey

and all the staff
at West Tytherley Primary School



What's Coming Up?

October Half Term
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

INSET Day
Monday 2nd November

Children in Need
Friday 13th November

Parents' Evening (Chestnut, Willow and Oak)
Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December

Nativity Performances (Beech and Chestnut)
Tuesday 8th December: 2.00pm
Wednesday 9th December: 6.00pm

Carol Concert at St Peter's Church
Monday 14th December 5.30-6.30pm

Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December

End of Term Celebration Assembly at St Peter's Church
Friday 18th December 2.15pm

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Safeguarding: Keeping Children Safe



The safety and wellbeing of our children is always our highest priority. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to share them.

During school term time: Please contact the school office on **01794 340338** or via e-mail and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Lucy Macey or a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) Hannah Lowey or Owena Archer.

During the half-term holiday: If you are concerned that a child may be at risk of harm, please contact Hampshire Children's Services on **0300 555 1384** (office hours) or **0300 555 1373** (out of hours, including weekends and bank holidays).

If a child is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we encourage all members of our school community to report concerns promptly. You do not need to be certain that abuse or neglect is taking place to raise a concern.

Every Day Counts - Attendance and Puntuality

Being in school, on time, every day makes a difference!

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential in helping children feel happy, settled and successful at school. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for learning, building friendships and developing confidence.

Even occasional absences or arriving late can mean children miss important learning and find it harder to keep up with their classmates.



We ask all parents and carers to support their children by ensuring they:

- Attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.
- Arrive on time, ready for a positive start to the day.
- Take holidays outside term time.
- Let the school know promptly if their child is absent.

We understand that there can sometimes be challenges affecting attendance, and we are always happy to work with families to offer support.
Every day matters, every minute counts, and together we can give every child the best opportunity to thrive!

Relationships, Sex and Health Education Curriculum: Updates

Following updates to the Government's statutory guidance of the Relationships, Sex and Health Education Curriculum, we have reviewed our provision to ensure that we have included all the recommendations that have been made for the start of the academic Year 2026-2027. Due to the fact that the existing curriculum was robust, detailed and comprehensive, the changes to it have been minimal.

The summary below gives information on the additions that have been required by the Government (many of which were already in our curriculum):

Primary Schools (Key Stages 1 and 2)

- Online Safety & Wellbeing: Increased focus on managing screen time, digital footprint, and coping with online pressure to share data or images.
- Anatomical Terminology: Explicit requirements for teaching accurate, scientific names for body parts (including genitalia.)
- Personal & Physical Safety: Expanded guidance covering risks related to water, roads, railways, fire, and travel.
- Change and Loss: Formalised learning opportunities around managing difficult feelings, change, and bereavement.
- Sex Education Status: Sex education remains non-compulsory in primary schools (with parental rights to withdraw intact), though recommended for Years 5 and/or 6.

You are able to view all the materials on the school website, and should you have any questions following this please contact the school directly to speak to Mrs Lowey.

Additionally, we are offering an on-line meeting on Monday 2nd November at 4pm, when Mrs Lowey will be available to answer any questions that you may have. If you would like the link to join this meeting, please contact the school office.

Admissions: Year R 2027 Intake

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2027.

Applications via Hampshire County Council open on 1st November 2026:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

Applications via Wiltshire County Council are now available via the Parent Portal:
https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place



Welcome Beech Class!

What a wonderful first term at West Tytherley Beech Class have had!
A huge welcome to all the children and their families; we are so pleased you have joined our school community.











Children in Need: Friday 13th November

On Friday 13th November, we invite all children to show off their style with a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to Children in Need.

We will also be doing a Pudsey Scavenger Hunt! Children will be explore the school looking for Pudsey Bears. This will be a competition and children can win house points or extra playtime.

From Eden and Robyn
Charity Committee 2026-2027

Remembrance Day

After October half term, our Charity Committee will be selling Poppies and other items, such as pencils and reflectors, to raise money for the Royal British Legion.



Sporting Success!

Cluster Cross Country

Our first Cluster event of the academic year was Cross Country!
We were so proud of the way the team supported one another, cheering on their friends, celebrating every finish and showing such determination.

A special congratulations to Zara who won Silver and Bailey who came back to school with a Bronze medal!





Harvest Festival



Our whole school had a wonderful time gathering at St Peter's Church to celebrate Harvest.

We gave thanks for all the food we have and thought about everyone involved in bringing it to our tables - from farmers and growers to shopkeepers, and those fortunate enough to enjoy it.

We are so pleased that Vicar James was able to take a huge delivery of your generous donations to Romsey Foodbank. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you would like to donate, the Foodbank needs support all year round. Please check their website for their up-to-date wish list: https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk



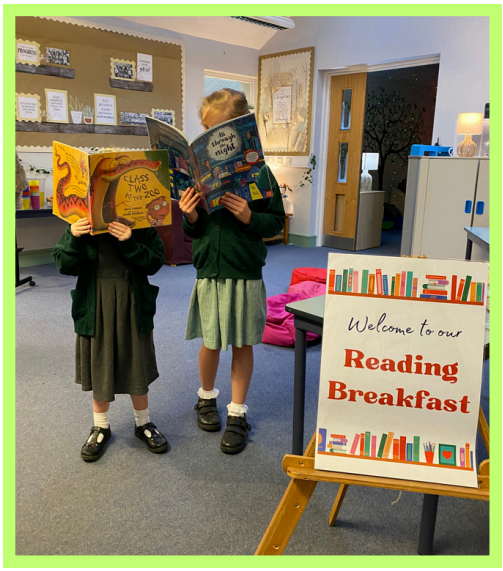


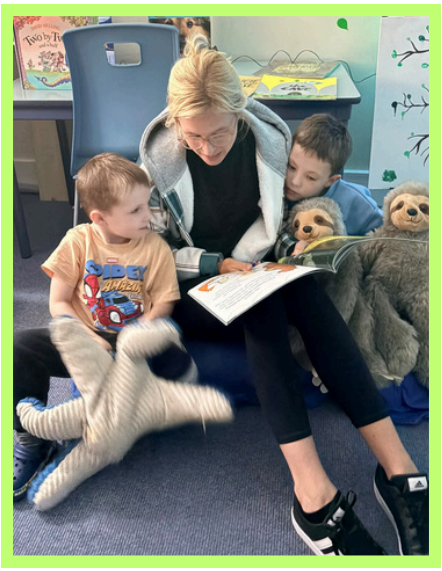


Reading Breakfast and Twilight

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Reading Breakfast and Twilight this term. It was a lovely chance for grown-ups to join their children in school and to share a yummy breakfast or milk and cookies and explore books together.

Fostering a love of reading for pleasure is so important to us, and we love creating opportunities for families to enjoy books together.







Hampshire County Council: Road Safety

Please click the below link to view Hampshire County Council's latest publication on modelling road safety behaviour.

The aim of this is to support parents in setting a positive example to help their child(ren) make safer choices when walking, cycling and travelling in a vehicle (now and in the future).

This publication highlights these messages and also includes information regarding a free parent lunchtime webinar in November.

Click Here to View the "Modelling Road Safety Behaviour" leaflet



Bikeability



Our Year 6 pupils have taken part in Bikeability, the UK's national cycle training programme, which helps children develop their cycling skills, confidence and road safety awareness.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils, who have successfully achieved Bikeability Level 2!



Poetry Post

This year the theme of National Poetry Day was "Wonder". Each class explored the idea of Wonder to create their very own class poems, which they were proud to share in Celebration Assembly.

We also took our poetry joy out into the community, delivering poetry postcards around West Tytherley.

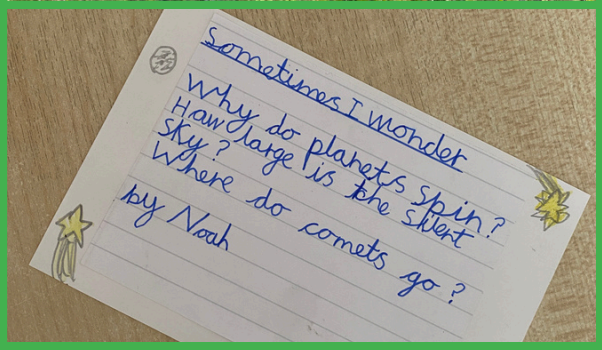
The children's poems and illustrations were so well received. We received emails and cards thanking the children, with some villagers even popping into school to let us know how delighted they were to find the postcards on their doormat.

We are hoping for Oak Class' poem to be included in the next edition of the Thorngate and Blackwater Benefice's newsletter.













Osmington Bay: Oak Class Residential

What an amazing time Oak Class have had on their PGL trip to Osmington Bay with their friends in Badgers Class from Broughton! From the thrills of the giant swing to the teamwork of raft building, and from exciting campfires to competitive games of aero ball, they packed so much fun, laughter and adventure into their time away.

The children have risen to new challenges, supported one another, stepped outside their comfort zones and made some fantastic memories along the way. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their teamwork shine throughout the trip.

We've had an absolute blast and are so proud of everyone for embracing every opportunity. A trip full of adventure, friendship and memories to last a lifetime! Thank you to all of the adults who supported the children on this adventure.

















Weekly Awards

Friday 11th September

Chestnut	Axel	For a fantastic start at West Tytherley and for being so polite to everyone around the school.
Willow	Kaspar	For using and analysing sources to find out information about the Shang Dynasty.
Oak	Jack	For showing courage in maths and challenging himself to work independently.

Friday 18th September

Beech	All of Beech Class	For making such a positive start at West Tytherley!
Chestnut	Memphis	For showing a lovely approach to learning, listening attentively and always trying his best.
Willow	Alfie	For selecting key quotes from our class story to create a stoy map.
Oak	Robyn	For always trying her best and ensuring all members of Oak Class feel supported and valued.

Friday 25th September

Beech	Gilbert	For his excellent focus and attention whilst completing learning tasks.
Chestnut	Toby	For fantastic participation in our group discussion about our favourite toy.
Willow	George	For thoughtful story-writing and working hard to improve his handwriting.
Oak	Astraia	For showing excellent resilience during Bikeability and having courage to give it another go!

Friday 2nd October

Beech	Sappho	For her excellent use of known sounds to write her own book!
Chestnut	Henry	For his fabulous perseverance to master the skills needed to successfully use the traditional toys.
Willow	Sara-Jane	For demonstrating compassion and teamwork with her peers in different areas of her learning.
Oak	Freya	For showing excellent effort when writing Odysseus' soliloquy and her nature poem.

Friday 16th October

Beech	Storm	For showing such kindness and inclusion towards his classmates.
Chestnut	Thomas	For his excellent reasoning in maths and impressive writing.
Willow	Fraser	For a creative response and using his knowledge of rocks to create a "rock band"!
Oak	Teagan	For having a consistent positive attitude!

Friday 23rd October

Beech	Nellie	For working so hard in phonics - learning and blending sounds!
Chestnut	Roman	For his fantastic handwriting.
Willow	Eddie	For showing fantastic engagement in History and using his knowledge to make comparisons of two civilisations.

Thought for the Week

This week we have been thinking about Safety - keeping ourselves and others safe. There is so much to think about, but we can pray:

Dear God, Thank You for loving me and watching over me every day. Please keep me safe at home, at school, and while I play. Hold my hand wherever I go, and help me to make wise choices that keep me away from danger. When I feel scared, remind me that You are always close by. Protect my mind, my body, and my heart today. 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

PTA
Your New Committee!

Lottie
Secretary



Jess and Carl
Co-Chairs

Tess
Treasurer

Spooky Disco

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising another amazing Spooky Disco! There were some brilliant costumes, plenty of dancing and some very enthusiastic dance moves... especially from the parents and teachers!

£136.10





Pantomime



We are delighted to confirm that, thanks to PTA fundraising efforts and your continued support and donations, we will once again be welcoming Treehouse Theatre to perform their pantomime for the children!

On Wednesday 9th December, the children will enjoy an imaginative and immersive performance of "Robin Hood".



PTA
AGM Minutes

Date: 11 October 2026
Meeting: Annual General Meeting

Attendees:
• Maisie Barnes
• Zena Church
• Mrs Macey
• Mrs Webb
• Lu Dovey
• Jess Ridgley
• Lottie Blake
• Amy Rowland

1. Finance and Fundraising

• Lu presented the annual profit and loss statement.
• The group reviewed expenditure and discussed the most effective ways to raise funds.
• It was noted that high-value prizes are needed for the Christmas raffle.
• The group discussed ways to improve self-promotion for the PTA.
• A spring cake and book sale combo was proposed for around Easter.
• A summer barn dance was proposed for the wider community, with attendees bringing their own drinks.
• A "Sip and Draw" or "Sip and Paint" event was proposed.

Actions
• TPB: Investigate options for a "Sip and Draw" or "Sip and Paint" event.
• Harriet: Arrange the blue tokens initiative for Tesco/Waitrose.
• PTA committee: Source suitable high-value raffle prizes and develop ideas for promoting the PTA.

2. Tea Towels
Lu has researched suppliers. Children to complete drawings before half term to ensure they are ready pre-Xma
The proposed tea towel pricing was. This is subject to review and change:
• One for £7
• Three for £15
• Five for £25

PTA

AGM Minutes (continued)

3. Christmas Events

• Prego will be asked to donate/coordinate Christmas gifts again this year.
• Farmer Tony needs to be booked to appear as Father Christmas.
• Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas dinner and the Father Christmas visit are planned for 2.00pm on Thursday 17 December.
• The pantomime is planned for Wednesday 9 December. The group discussed whether children from other schools or groups, including Windrush and Norman Court, could be invited and whether donations could be requested.
• For the evening nativity on Wednesday 9 December, mulled wine and mince pies will be sold from 5.00pm.

Actions

• Mrs Macey: Contact Prego about coordinating Christmas gifts.
• PTA committee: Book the Father Christmas visit.
• PTA committee: Confirm whether other children may attend the pantomime and whether donations can be requested.

4. Entertainment

• The group discussed re-running the magic show but using Silly Scott vs Magic Jack.
• For the Spooky Disco, Amy, Maisie, Harriet and Lu will begin setting up at midday.

5. PTA Structure and Officers

• The group discussed whether the organisation should operate as a charity or as a "Friends of" group. Agreed to continue as charity.
• The roles of chairperson, secretary and treasurer were discussed.
• Jessica was identified as co-chairperson (this will be alongside Carl Ridgley), Lottie was identified as Secretary and Tess identified as Treasurer.



A huge thank you to Maisie, Zena and Lu for all their years of hard work and dedication to the PTA. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have done... from the countless hours and endless effort to all the wonderful ideas they have brought to life. Your commitment and support have made such a difference, and we truly can't thank you enough!

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For little ones aged 0-4 and their grown ups!
Please join us for child-led play,
crafts, singing and biscuits!





Friday (term time only)

9.30 - 11.00

King Edward's Hall,
West Tytherley

£2.00 per family

Find us on Facebook

West Tytherley Twinkle Toes





In the Community

MUSIC PRODUCTION HALLOWEEN ENRICHMENT DAY

For children in Years 5 - 8

- Create spooky tracks and Halloween soundscapes!
- Use iPads and GarageBand
- Make monster beats and haunted remixes
- Explore sampling and sound effects
- No experience needed – just bring your creativity!

Sign Up Here

October Half Term Music Enrichment

Monday 26 October 2026 9:30am – 3:30pm

Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, SO50 5ZA

£42.50 (lunch included)

CHOIR FOR A DAY

For children in Years 4 - 9

- Spend the day singing with other young people from across Hampshire!
- Perform songs from musical theatre and pop
- Build confidence and vocal skills
- Learn harmonies and performance techniques
- No auditions or experience needed – everyone welcome!

Sign Up Here

Ms Levoir's Art Academy presents

Half Term Art Classes for Children

at Old Sarum Community Centre.

22nd to 30th October.

£35 for 1 day

£65 for 2 days

£95 for 3 days

£125 for 4 days

£155 for 5 days

10% sibling discount.

9 to 3pm drop off.

Whatsapp 07801 800 640 to book.

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