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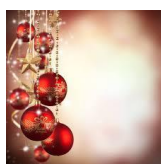
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WESTBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th December 2025

We're on Instagram @westbourne.primary



Christmas Performances

What a truly memorable week at Westbourne! The children have delighted their parents, families and friends with scintillating performances – they looked and sounded absolutely fabulous. A huge *thank you* to all who came to support their children – they were all so excited to see their families with a big smile on their faces. And – of course - ***thank you to all our brilliant staff*** for making it happen so professionally!

Thank you to the wonderful WFA for organising a raffle during the performances.

Finally, thank you all for your extremely generous contributions to our Christmas Appeal for *The Children's Trust*! We have currently raised £410! Two more evenings to contribute ☺

Parking during Mon/Tue evening production

Please **DO NOT park in front of residents' garages** as this has caused many rightful complaints from neighbours, leading to concerts having to be interrupted to make announcements about cars to be moved!

Thank you for your co-operation.

WFA Raffles during Christmas Performances

The WFA will be selling Raffle tickets at next week's Christmas productions.

They will be selling tickets for a £1 a strip, or 6 for £5 (cash or card accepted).



Cricketing Success: The Mike Edwards Award

We are delighted to announce that Westbourne has been awarded a cricketing prize!

'The Mike Edwards Award' is given to the State Primary School which had the best overall performance and participation in Surrey Cricket Tournaments in 2025. As winners of The Connellan Trophy (a hard ball competition for state primaries across the whole of Surrey) and the Sutton Area soft ball tournament, as well as being winners of the local round of the National Geoff Richards Trophy, we were deemed worthy recipients! This is a great accolade as there are hundreds of primary schools in Surrey! The award is in the form of a voucher for cricket equipment from AJ Sports. Well done to the cricket team of last year – let's hope that with this voucher for extra equipment we can repeat our success in the summer!

Salvation Army Appeal – Thank you

On Friday 5th December, the Year 6 School Councillors walked to the local Salvation Army hub to deliver the gifts that the extremely generous Westbourne community had donated to this very worthy cause. Whilst there, a volunteer explained how these presents would brighten the Christmases of children less fortunate than themselves and, as always, our Councillors asked thoughtful questions, eager to find out more. We would like to thank everyone who took part in this scheme...it really does make a difference.



Android smartphone parental controls

Step-by-step guide

Android smartphones have parental controls built-in to devices that let you set screen time limits, restrict apps and limit inappropriate content.



For Parents - Updated Android Controls

From the beginning of December 2025 Google is releasing new and updated parental controls for Android devices. These include:

- Set the amount of screen time that can be spent on a device each day to help establish healthy habits.
- Set downtime schedules to automatically lock the device at night to ensure restful sleep without distraction.
- Control app usage by limiting time spent on specific apps, or blocking apps entirely.
- Add more time by granting extra minutes when a time limit is reached, or to extend a scheduled break.

You can find further details about these updates on the Google blog [HERE](#) and Internet Matters have a handy Android guide for parents which you can find [HERE](#).



WFA Christmas Fair – THANK YOU

As you will have read in the message sent by Parentmail this morning, our WFA Christmas Fair was a resounding success, raising a staggering **£4,500** for the school.

We are planning to use their outstanding contribution to extend our inclusive playground provision for all pupils to access over the year, so as to ensure belonging, participation and enjoyment. Moreover, we will also use some of their donations to finish our 'Reading for Pleasure Area' in The Hub with furniture and books for all children to enjoy.

Thank you very much!



Illness and Attendance

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. Please click [here](#) to view the government guidelines.

We aim for all children's **attendance to be 96% and above**. When it falls below 90% we have a legal duty to inform the Local Authority which then triggers an investigation by the Education Welfare Service. When a child's attendance falls below 90%, there is a serious risk of underachievement.

Support Your Child to Succeed in School

Help your child understand that school is their very first job! Make great school attendance a priority for your child. Talk to your child about the importance of daily attendance in every class and how it contributes to his/her learning.

The Power of a Strong Finish to the Term

– *Don't Skip Fridays*

As we approach the culmination of the calendar year at Westbourne, it's crucial to highlight the impact of a strong finish on our pupils' educational journey. Fridays represent a significant fifth of the learning week, and missing half a Friday every fortnight adds up to a tenth of the entire school year. It's not just about consolidating lessons but also fostering social connections and a culture of belonging.

Let's make the most of these moments – reviewing lessons, engaging with peers, and participating in school activities. By collectively emphasizing a strong finish, we contribute to a more enriching educational experience for all at Westbourne

Developing Good Habits

Support your child in practicing good daily habits, such as:

- Finishing homework and placing it in his/ her backpack;
- Laying out clothes and the school reading book in the evening;
- Maintaining a regular bedtime for a good night's sleep;
- Leaving early enough in the morning to get to school on time;
- Turning off electronic devices one hour before bedtime.

Contact the school in the morning to communicate your child's absence.



Attendance Policy - Reminder

Attendance is mandatory (and a parental duty) – we expect all children to be at school, unless they are unwell. Attendance is vital for the children's education, socialising and overall well-being, including their economic prosperity and long-term health – children benefit hugely from being at school!

In line with National and Local policy and guidance, we reviewed our Attendance Policy in September, which can be found on our website:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/westbourne-primary-school/UploadedDocument/514a8ce7-c133-4850-bfbb-64e542b95cba/attendance-policy-sept-2024.pdf>

Please note the following:

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered by schools, in collaboration with the Local Authority through the Attendance Support Team, when the threshold of 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence (together or separate occasions) is met within 10-school-week period – this means it can span weeks, school terms and academic years. Detailed information for parents is available in the Policy Appendix.



Attendance Service
Cantium House, Railway Approach,
SM6 0DZ



National Framework for Penalty Notices – What you need to know.

The following changes will apply from 19th August 2024:

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered by schools when the threshold of 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence (together or separate occasions) is met within 10 school week period – this means it can span weeks, school terms and academic years.

NB – If in an individual case the local authority (or other authorised officer) believes a penalty notice would be appropriate if a non-attendance trend is identified, they retain the discretion to issue one before the threshold is met.

First Offences:

The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at **£160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.**

Second Offences (within 3 years):

A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a **flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.**

Any Further Offence (within 3 years):

A Third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. If the threshold is met for a third or subsequent times within 3 years, alternative legal intervention will be taken, this may include cases being presented straight to a Magistrates' Court.

For London Borough of Sutton's Penalty Notice Code of Conduct (updated version regarding new framework to come) or further support with any attendance issues, please visit our website:
<https://www.cognus.org.uk/services/attendance-support-team/for-families/>





School Council's Best Behaviours!

- ✓ **Respect others at all times**
- ✓ **Look after friends and school property** - *Concern for Society*
- ✓ **Be grateful for your friends, teachers and opportunities**
- ✓ **Follow instructions given by all adults**
- ✓ **Be responsible for your choices and actions** - *Self Regulation*
- ✓ **Use your manners wherever you are**
- ✓ **Include everyone** - *Collaboration*
- ✓ **Think before you speak**
- ✓ **Play kindly and safely**
- ✓ **Try your best in everything you do**

❖ School Councillors have special stickers to reward children who follow these Best Behaviours

❖ There will be a weekly award for children who impress their School Councillor



HPL at Westbourne

As a **re-accredited HPL World Class School** (<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/westbourne-primary-school/UploadedDocument/013b69d7-a2ed-4e8b-a945-632118753e46/newsletter-11th-july-2025.pdf>), we will continue to optimise and systematise HPL at Westbourne (for children, staff and parents, too) as members of the prestigious HPL Fellowship and Global Community.

If you are new to the school and/or wish to find out more about HPL, please find below a couple of posters summarising the HPL skills; you can also find more information by clicking on our website's HPL navigation tab: <https://www.westbourne.sutton.sch.uk/topic/hpl>

There is also a wealth of assemblies on HPL competencies on the school website: <https://westbourne-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/school-assemblies-spring-term-2021>

In the next few weeks, **Infants** will continue to focus on the VAAs (Values, Attitudes and Attributes – How we Behave) – see poster below.

Juniors will now focus on: **Self-Regulation** and **Intellectual Confidence** (part of the Meta-Thinking cluster) – see posters on the next page.



How do High Performing Learners behave?

- Collaborative
- Concerned for society
- Confident

Empathetic



- Enquiring
- Creative and enterprising
- Open-minded
- Risk-taking

Agile



- Practice
- Perseverance
- Resilience

Hardworking



Self-Regulation

The ability to monitor, evaluate and self-correct

- **Setting yourself a goal in each lesson.**
 - Are you on the right track?
 - At the end of the lesson, did you achieve it?
- **Evaluate and check your own learning**
 - Double check answers
 - Editing writing
 - Self-assessment P ✓
 - Success Criteria
- **Mind Maps!**
 - Beginning = what you already know
 - End = what you have learnt



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Intellectual Confidence

Can you convince somebody?

- How can you prove it?
- Can you use evidence to support your opinion?



Can you explain why and how you have arrived at your answer?

- What was your thinking to arrive at your answer?



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We're a Voice 21 Oracy School!

Voice 21 is the national charity that advocates for and supports schools in delivering a high-quality oracy education. In continuing our relationship with Voice 21 for another year, we are part of a network of over 1,100 Voice 21 Oracy Schools across the UK that are transforming teaching and learning through talk.

Why oracy matters?

Oracy is articulating ideas, developing understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication.

We actively invest teaching time into creating "talk-rich" classrooms, valuing every student voice, boosting confidence, and preparing our students for their futures.

- Speaking and listening skills are critical foundations for reading and writing.
- Students with better oral language skills are more likely to achieve the highest grades in GCSE Maths and English.
- Young people with good communication skills are less likely to have mental health difficulties.

By teaching students to become effective speakers and listeners, we empower them to understand themselves, each other, and the world around them better.



Why are we a Voice 21 Oracy School?

As a Voice 21 Oracy School, we are placing oracy at the heart of our teaching and learning across all subject areas enabling students to develop and deepen their knowledge and understanding through talk in the classroom.

In Voice 21 Oracy Schools:

- 89% of students agree/strongly agree that speaking and listening has helped them make progress with their school work.
- 77% of teachers said that oracy had boosted attainment.
- 96% of teachers said that oracy is an essential part of teaching and learning.

Find out more about oracy and Voice 21 [here](#)

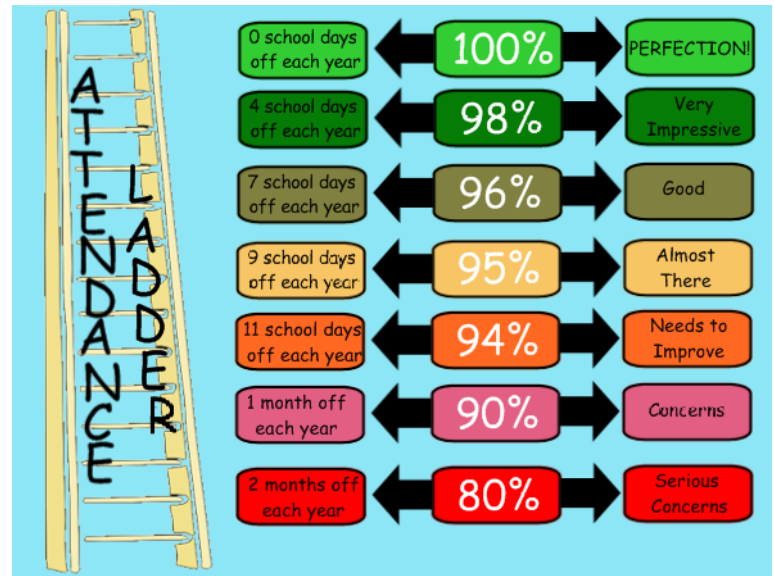


School Matters!



Weekly Attendance

Class	%
Ember	96.7
Thames	90.3
Avon	89.7
Cherwell	93.1
Waveney	88.0
Ribble	94.0
Eden	90.3
Beverley	99.3
Mole	97.0
Mersey	92.3
Kennet	93.7
Fleet	93.5
Lea	94.7
Tay	93.7
Dart	92.0
Medway	97.7
Tyne	95.0
Tweed	91.3
Trent	94.3
Derwent	94.8
Wandle	97.0



This Week's Overall Attendance

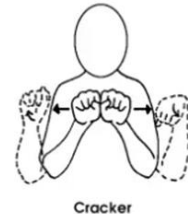
Attendance has dropped this week (many children still off with illness), averaging at **93.7%**. Let's get it back up next week!



Makaton at Westbourne

Makaton Sign of the week

At Westbourne, we have introduced this sign to the children and each week there is a new sign to learn. Please ask your child to show you the sign we have been learning this week.



You can watch the clip here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H08kXISbXkl>

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7
Nhs.uk/mental-health

Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7
Papyrus-uk.org

Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours
Samaritans.org

Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234
Mind.org.uk

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19
Giveusashout.org

Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Watsapp 0800 585858
Thecalmzone.net

ChristmasCountdown.uk



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Everyone deserves a life without domestic abuse

For support, visit Sutton DASS women-only 'One Stop Shop':

Every Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am

We have a new location:

Thomas Wall Community Lounge

64 Robin Hood Lane

Sutton SM1 2RG

(next to the Robin Hood Pub)

Sutton DASS is a LGBTQI+ and Global Majority inclusive service

020 8092 7569
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Sutton Neurodevelopmental Needs One Stop Shop

Support and advice for families with neurodevelopmental (ND) related needs like social skills, concentration levels or coping with change.

A new drop-in service for Sutton families of children and young people aged between 5-18, with challenges which may be related to a neurodevelopmental presentation (Autism or ADHD). This could include emotional difficulties, behavioural challenges, problems with sleep, friendship issues, sensory difficulties, attention and concentration difficulties, and hyperactivity and impulsivity. Our health and care professionals can provide information, advice and signposting, and help you access services.

- Drop-in service - no need to book
- Supportive and friendly environment
- Attend as a family, on your own or with other people who care for the young person (young people must be accompanied)
- All families from Sutton are welcome, whether or not you are on a waiting list
- No diagnosis needed
- Attending will not change your position on any waiting list

The Sutton ND Needs One Stop Shop will be held at:

Sutton Carers Centre
Sutton Gate, 1st floor
1 Carshalton Road
Sutton, SM1 4LE

Opening hours:

- 01 December 2025, 13:00-16:00
- 15 December 2025, 13:00-16:00
- 12 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 26 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 February 2026, 13:00-16:00



For more information contact
needsbasedneuro@swlstg.nhs.uk



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South West London and
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NHS Trust

Parent/Carer Webinars

Early Years Spring/Summer Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these
free local NHS webinars for nursery/reception parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support
for parents of primary aged children
to support their child's common
worries and anxieties, or support
children's everyday challenging
behaviours.
Speak to your school to find out more.



Feeding and its difficulties in the Early years

14TH January 6.00-7.30pm

23RD February 8.15 - 9.30pm

27TH February 12.00 - 1.00pm

Starting early - how to help
your child learn practical
skills at a young age

Managing big feelings in small people; tantrums, aggression & how to respond

20TH April 8.00 - 9.00pm

24TH April 12.00 - 1.00pm

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Primary Spring Term Schedule

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Promoting Sibling Harmony

26TH January 7.00-8.00PM

27TH January 1.30-2.30PM

9TH February 7.00 - 8.30PM

10TH February 1.30 - 3.00PM

Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND

*(For parents & carers of children
aged 7 years and above)*

Supporting common child anxieties and worries including around exams

24TH March 1.00 - 2.00PM

26TH March 7.00 - 8.00PM

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Class of the week

Congratulations to the following classes:

Infants: Y2 Mole Class

Juniors: Y3 Mersey Class

for their excellent behaviour! Mole Class will have access to the 'Top Fun Bus' whilst Mersey Class can go on the 'Trim Trail' or – if wet - use the School Council's Drawing Box!

Lunchtime Awards

Y2 Waveney Class (Infants) and **Y6 Trent Class** (Juniors) for showing great manners in the dinner hall at lunchtime! Waveney Class will have the privilege of dining at the very special '**top table**' in the hall, whereas Trent Class have exclusive access to the **Reading Shed**.

Dates for your diary (please also check the Calendar on the website)

Autumn Term 2025

Last Day of the Autumn Term

Friday 19th December at 2pm

