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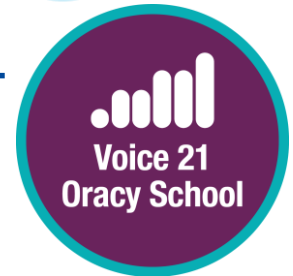
World Class School



WESTBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th September 2026

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Welcome back to school

It has been fantastic to see all the children back this week after the summer break! Their happy and smiley faces at the gate and in school have brought great energy to everyone! The children have settled in quickly and (re)adapted to school life, always with a positive attitude – in true HPL style.

Our first whole-school assembly celebrated some highlights from the summer: sporting events, musical festivals, performances, shows... so much happened in Britain. Moreover, the children had the chance to reflect on their very own highlights from the summer holidays, share it with their friends, and eventually present it to the rest of the school: an opportunity to develop their oracy skills!

Year Group Meeting with Parents

Starting today, and continuing next week, there will be an opportunity to meet with your year group Teachers and Learning Support Assistants, and find out about expectations, routines and exciting curriculum planning for the term ahead. The 30' meetings will be **held in the Hall**. Here are the dates:

Year 6 meeting: Friday 4th Sep at 2:30 – 3pm

Year 5 meeting: Monday 7th Sep at 2:30 – 3pm

Year 3 meeting: Tuesday 8th Sep at 2:30 – 3pm

Year 4 meeting: Wednesday 9th Sep at 2:30 – 3pm

Year 2 meeting: Thursday 10th Sep at 2:30 – 3pm

Year 1 meeting: Friday 11th Sep at 2:30 – 3pm

Safeguarding: Pick-up times

Thank you for co-operation with drop-offs and pick-ups this couple of days.

As the teachers are new to their children and parents, please continue to be patient at pick-up times, as it may take a little longer in the first few weeks, as teachers become familiar with your faces - safeguarding is always our top priority. Please remember to check the gates arrangements (on our website - Newsletters tab, too).

Also, please be considerate with other parents waiting to pick up their children. Thank you.





Drop-off and Pick-up Please be on time

Thank you for your co-operation at drop-off and pick-up times: the children (especially younger ones) are adapting to coming into school quickly and independently from their new gates. A reminder that KS1/2 children can arrive **between 8:35am and 8:40am**. You may have noticed that we have been opening the gates a couple of minutes earlier to help ease congestion. KS1 and KS2 will finish at 3:15pm. The gates arrangements are published on the website in the tab: *Newsletters*. Please continue to be **punctual and swift** at drop-off and pick-up times. We kindly request that parents minimise congestion around the school site and are considerate when dropping off and picking up their child(dren): the gates are usually very busy – we need everyone's help! Thank you.

School Gate arrangements

Please make a note of the correct gates as drop-off and pick-up are sometimes at different gates

Year Group	Class	Entrance Gate (time)	Exit Gate (time)
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery Gate	Nursery Gate
Reception	Avon	Reception Gate (8:30 – 8:35am)	Reception Gate (3:10pm)
Reception	Ember	Reception Gate (8:30 – 8:35am)	Reception Gate (3:10pm)
Reception	Thames	Reception Gate (8:30 – 8:35am)	Reception Gate (3:10pm)
Year 1	Cherwell	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Main Gate (3:15pm)
Year 1	Ribble	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Main Gate (3:15pm)
Year 1	Waveney	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Main Gate (3:15pm)
Year 2	Beverley	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Reception Gate (3:15pm)
Year 2	Eden	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Reception Gate (3:15pm)
Year 2	Mole	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Reception Gate (3:15pm)
Year 3	Fleet	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Reception Gate (3:15pm)
Year 3	Kennet	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	New Build Gate (3:15pm)
Year 3	Mersey	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Nursery Gate (3:15pm)
Year 4	Dart	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Reception Gate (3:15pm)
Year 4	Lea	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	New Build Gate (3:15pm)
Year 4	Tay	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Nursery Gate (3:15pm)
Year 5	Medway	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Main Gate (3:15pm)
Year 5	Tweed	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	New Build Gate (3:15pm)
Year 5	Tyne	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Main Gate (3:15pm)
Year 6	Derwent	Main Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Main Gate (3:15pm)
Year 6	Trent	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	Main Gate (3:15pm)
Year 6	Wandle	New Build Gate (8:35-8:40am)	New Build Gate (3:15pm)

School uniform

Children can wear their summer school uniform until October Half Term (black school shoes/plain black trainers), no tie, white polo shirt, blue and white checked dress). Please refer to our website: <https://westbourne-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/school-uniform/> . We will insist on black school shoes/plain black trainers being worn with uniform, and trainers on PE Day only.

No jewellery is permitted (apart from stud earrings and a watch – no smart watches please).



P.E.

We will continue with the current P.E. arrangements; on P.E. days only, the children must come into school wearing their **Westbourne P.E. kit** (in which they will stay all day). The school's P.E. kit comprises of: a plain **white T-shirt** (with or without Westbourne logo), **loose-fitting navy shorts** (tight cycling/lycra-style shorts are not suitable or appropriate), **navy jogging bottoms**, **school jumper** and a pair of trainers. The P.E. Days Timetable has been sent out via Parentmail and published on the website.



Clubs

Our ever-popular and extremely well-attended clubs will **start on Monday 14th September** - our club **timetables** have been sent out today, along with important information about **booking logistics**. As per last year, there will be two separate timetables: an Infant Club timetable and a Junior Club timetable.

1) An **INFANT ONLY** timetable (the infant clubs will run on a half- term basis over three half terms - Autumn Term 1, Autumn Term 2 and Spring Term 1 for the first half of the year). This means that the children will have the opportunity to attend three different clubs led by the three class teachers in your child's year group.

2) A **JUNIOR ONLY** timetable which will very much follow the same layout as previous years and will run across the whole term rather than on a half-termly basis like infant clubs.

Please note:

- Out-of-hours clubs require you to complete **the online permission slip** in order to attend;
- A **Parentmail Form** will be sent out on **Tuesday 8th September between 8:00pm and 9pm**. Capacity-limited clubs accessible to multiple classes will be sent out at the same time, so as to ensure fairer access (**on a first-come, first-served basis**); please check your Parentmail FORMS folder, not just the Inbox. Bookings will close on Thursday 10th September at 12 noon.
- Clubs will **start** the week after next - **w/b 14th September** - and will end in the w/e 27th November (no clubs in the week 19th – 23rd October due to parents evening).



Attendance

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.

School Office

We kindly request that you **email or phone** the school office with your enquiries, rather than calling in, especially at busy times in the morning and afternoon – thank you.

Healthy snacks at playtime

Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit at breaktime (National Fruit Scheme). Junior children would benefit from bringing a snack from home, as they are generally hungry by morning break. Please make sure it is a **healthy snack** (fruit is best), and **NOT biscuits, chocolate, crisps, etc.**

Also, **NO nut-containing products** in their packed lunch, please; we are an allergy-aware school.

Care plans

If your son/daughter has a Care Plan in school – and there have been any changes during the summer break, please can you inform the School Office.

Reporting absences

Please remember to report any absences to the Office (**by phone, parentmail or email**) especially if you know of any planned absences.

Please report the absence **every day** unless an agreed number of days has been stated previously.

Scooter/Bicycle Park

Please remember to lock any scooters or bicycles in the scooter park as we had unfortunate incidents in the past; the school cannot accept responsibility for any lost, stolen or damaged items.



Snooker achievement

Over the summer, Alex S. took part in the 900 – a televised snooker competition broadcast live on Pluto TV. He was the youngest participant, with most entrants over 16. He performed really well, finishing well above some difficult competition. He also managed to make it on the high break board for the tournament with a personal best of 68 points. This was a fantastic achievement, beating his previous personal best by 20 points.



School Council's Best Behaviours

In our first school assembly, we have reminded the children about our new 'School Council's Best Behaviours'. A big thank you to our School Council, led by Mrs Bolton, for updating the new Behaviours for children at school to follow. 'Pupil Voice' is a large part of school life at Westbourne; here is a perfect example!



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>



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



How do High Performing Learners think?



- Intellectual playfulness
- Flexible thinking
- Fluent thinking
- Originality
- Evolutionary or revolutionary thinking

Creating



- Meta-cognition
- Self-regulation
- Strategy planning
- Intellectual confidence

Meta-thinking



- Connection finding
- Generalisation
- Imagination
- 'Big picture' thinking
- Seeing alternative perspectives
- Abstraction

Linking



- Critical or logical thinking
- Precision
- Complex and multi-step problem solving

Analysing



- Automaticity
- Speed and accuracy

Realising



HPL – Autumn Term at Westbourne

The children have already started reflecting on HPL skills during our first-day assembly, especially focusing on 'HPL Princess' Amy Hunt – they were very quick to recognise the many HPL skills she has been perfecting in her career!

In the Autumn Term, children will be focusing on 'How to behave' (technically called VAAs – Values, Attitudes and Attributes). They will be practising how to be:

Empathetic Elephants (*Collaboration, Confidence and Concern for society*)

Hard-working Hedgehogs (*Practice, Perseverance and Resilience*)

Agile Alligators (*Enquiring, Open Minded, Risk-taking and Creative & Enterprising*)

Here below you can find the posters that the children have designed!



Perseverance

To keep going and never give up, even when faced with difficulties and obstacles.



Hard-Working Hedgehog

Resilience

To overcome any problems I face and help my friends when they need help.

Hard-working
To work hard until the best outcome is achieved, overcoming setbacks.

Practice

To repeat the same actions until I have mastered it.
'Practice makes Progress!'



Enquiring

Be independent and willing to question ideas. Be curious and develop your own views and solutions.



Agile Alligator



Open-Minded

Be open to new ideas and flexible in challenging your opinions.

Creative and Enterprising

To be resourceful and use your initiative when faced with a challenge.

Agile
Question ideas, use your initiative and be open-minded.

Risk-Taking

Be positive and confident to try something new. Step outside of your comfort zone and don't be afraid of challenges.



Every Day Attendance Matters!

MISSING SCHOOL IS LIKE MISSING AN EPISODE OF YOUR FAVOURITE TV SERIES!

AT SCHOOL ✓

- EPISODE 1**
I'm ready to learn!
- EPISODE 2**
I understand!
- EPISODE 3**
What's next?

MISSING SCHOOL ✗

- EPISODE???**
What did I miss?
- EPISODE 4**
I don't get it!
- EPISODE 5**
I feel lost!

EVERY LESSON BUILDS THE BIGGER PICTURE

Being in school each day helps children see how everything connects and builds their confidence.



Online Safety – Back to School

Important online safety information about *Online Safety when back to school* from The National Online Safety: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Toilet Time Basics: Supporting your pre-school child with potty/toilet training.

Is your child started nursery or school this September?

Are you still struggling with potty training? This webinar will equip new-to-nursery and new-to Reception parents/carers with tools and strategies to support this important step!





South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

DATE / TIME

Thursday 3rd September
8.00-9.00pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Monday 7th September
12.30-1.30pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



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Saturday 19 September

11am-4pm

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ENTRY**

**Free Circus
Workshop**

Teddy Bear Tombola

Face Painting

Craft Stalls

**Sutton United's
Jenny the Giraffe**

**Family
Dog Show**

Kelly's Donkeys

Bouncy Castle

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