

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year and what will be our busiest yet.

There are so many exciting experiences for the children: production for KS2, our annual sponsored walk and sports day to name a few.

With so many events, please check the newsletter for dates and look out for any correspondence from school.

Kind regards

Mrs Tubbs & Mrs Miller

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Stars of the Week

Year R— Floria Foreman & Zach Franks

Year 1— Ava Clarke

Year 2— Dylan Musselwhite & Amber Wattie

Year 4— Clemmie Haworth

Year 6—Hen Burchell & Willem Peaty

Reading

On the inset day, staff worked on planning and improving our English curriculum considering the choices of books read to support children's writing and develop a pleasure for reading.

As ever, your continued support with reading at home is appreciated. It is an invaluable skill and forms the backbone of everything we do. If you would like more information on the benefits of reading, The National Literacy Trust has ideas and suggestions.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>

Sharing a book with your child can be a magical experience. By building story time into your daily routine you will be:

- Spending time together
- Developing your child's imagination
- Introducing new words
- Helping them to develop empathy
- Expanding their knowledge of the world
- Giving them the chance to ask questions
- Helping them to relax and calm down
- Developing their love of books and reading
- Having fun together!

MTC

It seems as if the MTC check has been a long time coming and all of a sudden it is over. I want to say how proud I am of the resilience shown in Rowan class towards accessing the assessment especially when the internet failed on our first day! I know they have been working so hard over the last few weeks to remember those tricky times tables and I know all their hard work has paid off!

No matter the scores, it is a huge well done from me.

Miss Savage

Un-Named Items

Please can you ensure that **all** items of clothing that come to school (including hats) are named. Also snack pots and bottles etc. It is really difficult to reunite items with their owners if they are not named. Infants, especially, are not very good at recognising their own items. All unclaimed, un-named items are placed in lost property and may get recycled at the end of term.

Pupil Premium

If your income has reduced significantly you might be eligible for pupil premium. You can check your eligibility using the link below: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

You only need to do this once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. This will ensure that our school and the children we serve are as well funded as possible.

School Day 2024-2025 Consultation

You will have received a letter detailing proposed changes to both the infant & junior school day to ensure we meet the minimum expectations set out in new government guidelines. If you have any comments please contact us at adminoffice@westerndownland.hants.sch.uk by 7th July 2024. After this time, we will share the comments with various stakeholders in preparation for the 2024 - 2025 academic year.

| School Diary | |
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| w/c 10th June | Year 1 Phonics Check |
| Tuesday 11th June | Bag2school |
| Thursday 20th June | Whole School Sports Day 1pm |
| Sunday 23rd June | Damerham Dash—5km and children's colour run |
| Friday 28th June | Sponsored Walk |
| Weds 3rd July | Coffee Morning @Rb |
| Friday 5th July | Moving Up day |
| Saturday 6th July | Friends Coffee Morning @ Martin |
| W/c 8th July | Year 6 Wales Residential |
| Wednesday 10th July | Reports due home |
| Wednesday 17th July | School Production— note change of date |
| Thursday 18th July | School Production—note change of date |
| Friday 19th July | Year 2 End of Year Awards & Little Foresters Graduation |
| Monday 22nd July | Leavers Lunch |
| Tuesday 23rd July | Leavers Service @ St Andrews Church, Rockbourne |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY—24/7/23 | |