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Newsletter 29th September 2023



Thank you to everyone who donated towards this year's harvest donations for Plymouth Food Bank. We are extremely grateful for the contributions you have made. If anyone would like to add their donations, please bring to school on Monday. All donations will be taken to Plymouth Foodbank next week.

Thank you to the parents who joined us on Thursday for our Phonics Information session. It was lovely to see some of you at this event and to have the opportunity to visit your child's RWI lesson. We will be look at providing another session later in the term for parents of children in Reception.

Information has been sent out this week regarding the Year 6 London trip, which will take place in June 2024. We kindly as that parents return the slip by Monday to register their interest. Once we have confirmation of numbers, we will send further information on the total cost of the trip and payments. For parents of children in Year 4, please remember to pay the deposit for Nethercott Farm which is due by Sunday 1st October. Once we have confirmation of remaining spaces available, we will offer these spaces to children currently in Year 5. We are also in the process of organising a Spring trip for Year 5 children, for April 2024, and more information will be shared next week regarding this.

Mrs Powney has updated the school calendar with important dates and events at school. Please continue to check as the calendar is regularly updated. Information is also shared on our school Facebook Page. Information has been shared about your child's class assembly in this week's newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood
Head of School

Shortbread biscuits:

340g Butter (a block is best) at room temperature to start with.
130g Icing sugar
375g Plain Flour
(Extra icing sugar to sprinkle over later)

Put some Greaseproof paper on a baking tray so the biscuits don't get stuck.

In a large bowl mix the butter to a smooth consistency, and slowly add the sugar mixing as you go.

Slowly add the flour and mix, once all the flour is added knead the mixture into a ball.

Cover with a bit of clingfilm and put in fridge for 30 minutes.

Heat the oven to 180C or 160 Fan assisted oven

Roll out and cut into shapes- not too thin. Cook for about 15 minutes or until a golden colour. Leave to cool, they will harden as they cool- decorate with icing sugar.

THIS COMING WEEK

Come and Join us



Tea and Toast

First Tuesday in each month come in from 9-10 for Tea, Toast and a chat.

NEXT SESSION is

Tuesday 3rd October

Please sign the sheet at Reception.

**Don't Forget,
Wear PE kit
to school on your
class PE days.**

**Lost property
can be
reclaimed – just
inside the doors
to reception**

Come and join us for some fun



Group for little ones 0-5 years

Sign in at Reception and come to the hall

**Wednesdays
9-10 am**

Let me introduce myself, I am Zoe Lavers and I am the Inclusion and Family Support Worker. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to come and see me and we can have a chat or book an appointment by calling the school on 01752 365250 or emailing me z.lavers@discoverymat.co.uk

UNIFORM GIVEAWAY

Need an extra jumper or cardigan?

Could a spare pair of trousers or dress be of use?

(Save on those Tumble Drier bills)

We have a surplus of spare uniform- if you would like something extra to keep in your cupboard for those emergency days. Please email z.lavers@discoverymat.co.uk with:

*Size and item requirement.
Name and class of child.*

Gates open at 8:40 am daily.

**Friday 29th September,
Have a great Weekend**

TOYS IN SCHOOL

Please ensure your child is not bringing toys into school unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school INCO Mrs O'Brien, to support SEND needs or for a class event.

NO TOYS AT SCHOOL

Please support your children by reminding them that toys (including POKEMON cards) are not allowed at school. This will help eliminate distractions here at school. Thank you for your support with this!



START OF THE SCHOOL DAY & ATTENDANCE

Our school gate leading to the playground will remain open until 9:10am every morning.

Please use this entrance only when bringing your child to school.

Reception entrance via the staff car park must not be used before this time. You will be asked to walk around, unless there has been an arrangement made with Mrs Catherwood or Mrs Powney.

In the unusual event of your child arriving extremely late for school, after 9:10am (gates closed), the reception entrance should be used **PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD IN, GIVE REASON FOR LATENESS AND ADD LUNCH CHOICE.**

Please be aware that crossing patrol is available for children arriving to school between 8:30 and 9am each morning. There will be no crossing patrol after 9am each morning.

Important reminder: the school register is taken at 08.55am!

BEING LATE AFFECTS YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

Children arriving after this time will be registered late, which has an enormous impact on attendance figures.

After 9.10am it is recorded as an **unauthorized** absence. By law we are required to register in this way. We must also report to the **Educational Welfare Officer** if your child has had over a certain amount of unauthorized absences

On average around 10% of our children are registered late everyday!

If your child is unwell please phone the school before **08.55am every day** that they are unwell.

Let's work on improving our attendance together!

If you need support with this, please let us know.

Please see our Attendance Policy

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Weekly attendance for 25th September– 29th September

The UK Government expectation is **96%**. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement .

This week, our whole school attendance is **92.3%**

This week's winners are : **BOLT Class** and
WHITLOCK Class



DALEY	75.6%
BOLT	97.4%
EVERSON	90%

WHITLOCK	91%
AINSLIE	82.1%
ADAMS	90.8%
BROWN	85.3%



Oak Villa Car Park

Please ensure any parents using the Oak Villa Car Park take care when driving and parking, and hold your child's hand, if appropriate, when walking through the car park. This is to ensure that all children remain safe whilst arriving and leaving school each day. We appreciate your continued support with this to support our school community.



PLEASE NOTE ALL THESE DATES ARE ON OUR CALENDAR

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar](#)

BROWN CLASS FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2.30PM TO 3.00PM

WHITLOCK CLASS FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2.30PM TO 3.00PM

EVERSON CLASS FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2.30PM TO 3.00PM

ADAMS CLASS FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2.30PM TO 3.00PM

BOLT CLASS FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2.30PM TO 3.00PM

AINSLIE CLASS FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 2.30PM TO 3.00PM

DALEY CLASS FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2.30PM TO 3.00PM



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TERM DATES 2023/24



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
Total	365

term	start	end	days
1	04-Sep-23	20-Oct-23	35
2	30-Oct-23	19-Dec-23	37
3	03-Jan-24	09-Feb-24	28
4	19-Feb-24	28-Mar-24	29
5	15-Apr-24	24-May-24	29
6	03-Jun-24	23-Jul-24	37
Total			195

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	7	14	21	28	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29

	OCTOBER				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	NOVEMBER				
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		

	DECEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

	JANUARY				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	

	FEBRUARY				
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23		

	MARCH				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

	APRIL				
	1	8	15	22	29
	2	9	16	23	30
	3	10	17	24	
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	

	MAY				
Monday	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

	JUNE				
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	JULY				
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
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	AUGUST				
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	

Communication and Reminders



We use **ParentPay** as our main method to communicate **important messages**, send weekly newsletters, book breakfast and after school club, payments for school dinners, clubs, educational visits (including residential) and discos.

A GREAT BIG CONGRATULATIONS! 100% OF PARENTS HAVE ACTIVATED THEIR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT

Please continue to sign into your ParentPay account when personal details require updating.

We ask that you ensure a mobile number and email address has been added to your account, so all future information is received. **PLEASE TURN ON YOUR EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS.**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR DETAILS ARE ALWAYS KEPT UP TO DATE!

You may already have an account but we would like to highlight the importance of adding all your children.

If a message is sent for a specific child, in a specific class and you have not added that child, you will not receive those messages.

If you need support with adding children or activating an account for the first time, please ask Mrs Powney or Mrs Searle.

A NUMBER OF PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS ARE IN DEBT FOR LUNCHESES, AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND BREAKFAST CLUB. PLEASE CHECK YOUR ACCOUNTS AND ENSURE ALL PAYMENTS ARE MADE AND KEPT IN CREDIT. WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO SEND REGULAR REMINDER EMAILS TO THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN DEBT. TO HELP PREVENT DEBT MOUNTING.

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW FOR OUR SCHOOL MEALS DEBT POLIICY.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Plymouth City Council are promoting applying for FSMs on the portal below.

Please apply or reapply if your circumstances have changed. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) **but it is important to remember that by being eligible for FSMs you will receive eVouchers during the holidays and the school will receive additional funding for your children.**

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(plymouth.gov.uk\)](http://plymouth.gov.uk)



Medication In School.

At the start of the new academic year ALL medication must be brought to the office for Mrs Powney to process. Without fresh consent your child's medication **WILL NOT** be administered.

Ensure any new medical conditions are updated with Mrs Powney at the office.

If your child has asthma, please check your child's details are up to date on their file held at school and an inhaler is in school. There are NO emergency inhalers....Your child WILL need their own.

IT MUST BE BOXED, WITH A PRESCRIPTION LABEL AND INSTRUCTIONS, FRESH CONSENT WILL ALSO NEED TO BE COMPLETED AT RECEPTION OR IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

This will also apply to all other medications. It is YOUR responsibility to provide medication and consent for the school to administer if needed and you must make a note of any expiry dates.

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[I'm worried about my child vaping - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)

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

[Let's Get Chatting | Livewell Southwest](#)



SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH
MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY

Approved and signed by the Board of Trustees
24.09.22

Renewal Date: May 2024

IMMUNISATION ADVICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS - THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Starting or returning to school is an exciting time for children, but as they will be mixing with lots of other children, making sure they are up to date with their routine immunisations gives them the best protection from what can potentially be very harmful infections. But if you're not sure if your child has had all of their vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (their red book), or if you have questions, you can contact your child's doctor's surgery. If you have any concerns about vaccinations, you can read more about them on the NHS website. There are also vaccination tips for parents and carers to help your child's vaccination appointment go smoothly. The NHS also has helpful information online to help parents and carers know how long their child should be kept off school when they are ill. It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, but if you or your child missed a vaccine, contact your GP to catch up.

Managing medicines on school premises and record keeping

At Discovery Multi Academy Trust the following procedures are to be followed:

- Medicines should only be administered at school or nursery when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so;
- No child under 16 should be given prescription medicines without their parents written consent (see template B) - except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parents. In such cases, every effort should be made to encourage the child or young person to involve their parents while respecting their right to confidentiality;
- It is trust policy to **not** administer non-prescription medication on school premises
- Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours;
- The trust academies and nursery will only accept prescribed medicines, with written permission from parent/carer that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin which must be in-date, but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather than its original container;
- All medicines will be stored safely in a locked first aid cupboard/fridge. Children should know where their medicines are at all times. Where relevant, they should know who holds the key to the storage facility.
- Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens should be always readily available state where and not locked away. Asthma inhalers should be marked with the child's name.
- During trips the first aid trained member of staff will carry all medical devices and medicines required;
- We will keep all controlled drugs that have been prescribed for a pupil securely stored in a non-portable container and only named staff will have access. Controlled drugs should be easily accessible in an emergency. A record should be kept of any doses used and the amount of the controlled drug held in the school;
- Staff administering medicines should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions. The trust's academies and nursery will keep a record (see template C and D) of all medicines administered to individual children, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects of the medication to be administered at school should be noted. Written records are kept of all medicines administered to children. These records offer protection to staff and children and provide evidence that agreed procedures have been followed;



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A practical
guide
for staff

Managing **infectious** cases of **diseases** in all education and childcare settings

The online guide offers information and resources for the following:

Introduction to infection control in all education and childcare settings

Prevention and control

Outbreak management

Immunisation

Staff health, pet and animal contact

Cleaning the environment

Managing specific infections

Exclusion table

Diarrhoea and vomiting outbreak action list



Advice and guidance

To find out more, visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities or bit.ly/2xiJpPZ.





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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

School Uniform.

Over the last few weeks we have noticed children coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform. As part of our home-school agreement, we ask that our children come to school dressed in their school uniform and with the correct PE kit. Your child's class teacher will have notified you of PE days, but we recommend having a PE kit in school each day. Please see details of the our school uniform below.

School uniform at Weston Mill is as follows:

Navy jumper or sweatshirt

White or light blue shirt or polo shirt

Grey trousers or skirt

Black school shoes



PE kit:

White t-shirt

Plain Black/Navy shorts or jogging bottoms

Trainers



LINK FOR OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

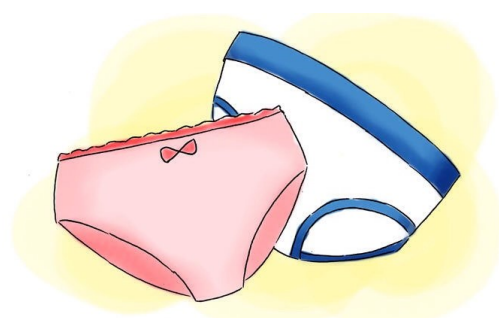
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Spare Underwear Appeal

Please could we make an appeal for clean pants , socks, tights and vests for those little accidents for children of all ages.

If your child has needed any spare clothes please ensure they are washed and returned.

**A GREAT
THANK**



**BIG
YOU!**



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

NURSERY

**Spaces are currently available
for 2, 3 and 4 year olds within
our Nursery.**

**We offer 15 funded hours per child,
opening during term time only.**

Me2 funding now accepted.

**Please see the contact details below to
express an interest in applying for a
nursery place.**



For more information, please contact the
school on **01752 365250** or email
westomill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk.

LUNCH MENU

WEEK BEGINNING: 17 th APRIL • 8 th MAY • 5 th JUNE • 26 th JUNE 17 th JULY • 11 th SEPTEMBER • 2 nd OCTOBER		WEEK BEGINNING: 24 th APRIL • 15 th MAY • 12 th JUNE • 3 rd JULY 24 th JULY • 18 th SEPTEMBER • 9 th OCTOBER		WEEK BEGINNING: 1 st MAY • 22 nd MAY • 19 th JUNE • 10 th JULY 4 th SEPTEMBER • 25 th SEPTEMBER • 16 th OCTOBER	
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY Jerk chicken with rice and peas H/V 	Vegan balls with pasta H/V/V 	MONDAY Spanish chicken served with new potatoes H 	Vegan nuggets with pasta H/V/V 	MONDAY Sausage roll with seasoned diced potatoes H 	Mexican bean quesadilla with rice H/V
PUDGING Fruit salad, yoghurt V/V and fresh fruit		PUDGING Real fruit ice lolly, yoghurt and fresh fruit v		PUDGING Yoghurt and fresh fruit v	
TUESDAY Macaroni cheese with garlic bread H 	Courgette burger in a brioche bun H/V 	TUESDAY Cheese wheels served with seasoned diced potatoes H/V 	Vegetable Korma with rice and naan H/V/V/V 	TUESDAY Homecooked ham and pineapple pizza with wedges H/V 	Vegetable and tofu Chow mein H/V/V
PUDGING Strawberry dessert whip H/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDGING Yoghurt and fresh fruit v		PUDGING Fruity rocky road H/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
WEDNESDAY All day breakfast H 	Vegan all day breakfast H/V/V 	WEDNESDAY Crispy Piri Piri chicken burger in a brioche bun with herb wedges H 	Vegetable fritatta served with garlic bread H/V 	WEDNESDAY Spaghetti and meatballs H/V 	Vegan chilli and rice H/V/V/V
PUDGING Custard biscuit and fruit H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDGING Fruity flapjack H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDGING Fruit salad V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
THURSDAY Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes H 	Butternut squash parcel served with roast potatoes, gravy H/V/V 	THURSDAY Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Vegetable sausage, served with roast potatoes, gravy V/V 	THURSDAY Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Broccoli and potato cheese bake with roast potatoes, gravy H/V
PUDGING Yoghurt and fresh fruit v		PUDGING Fruit salad V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDGING Jam and coconut sponge H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
FRIDAY Fish fingers and fresh chips H/V 	Baked vegetable omelette with fresh chips H/V 	FRIDAY Fish croquettes and fresh chips H/V 	Cheese and tomato pizza with fresh chips H/V 	FRIDAY Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips H/V 	Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips H/V/V
PUDGING Vegan orange cake H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDGING Vegan chocolate brownie H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDGING Fruit and jelly H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	



Weston Mill Nursery Lunch Menu

Week A (17th April, 8th May, 5th June, 26th June, 17th July, 11th September, 2nd October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jerk chicken with rice and peas H/V 	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread H 	All day breakfast H 	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes H 	Fish fingers and fresh chips H/V
Fruit salad, yogurt	Strawberry desert whip	Custard biscuit and fruit	Yoghurt and fresh fruit	Vegan orange cake

Week B (24th April, 15th May, 21st June, 3rd July, 24th July, 18th September, 9th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spanish chicken served with new potatoes H 	Cheese wheels served with seasoned diced potatoes H/V 	Crispy Piri Piri chicken burger in a brioche bun with herb wedges H 	Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Fish croquettes and fresh chips H
Real fruit ice lolly	Yoghurt and fresh fruit	Fruity flapjack	Fruit salad	Vegan chocolate brownie

Week C (1st May, 22nd May, 19th June, 10th July, 4th September, 25th September, 16th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage roll with seasoned diced potatoes H 	Homecooked ham and pineapple pizza with wedges H/V 	Spaghetti and meatballs H/V 	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips H/V
Yoghurt and fresh fruit	Fruity rocky road	Fruit salad	Jam and coconut sponge	Fruit and jelly

