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# Westbury Infant School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Fundraising

- Discothon – The children had a fantastic time at the Discothon last Friday and thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £1,554! Congratulations to Tommy, who was our highest fundraiser and received a special prize.
- Cake sale – As part of our fundraising, we will be holding a school cake sale on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm in the playground**. If you're able to donate cakes, please hand them to your child's class teacher by Monday morning. Homemade cakes are fantastic, but if you don't have time to bake, shop-bought cakes are just as welcome.
- Harvest drawing competition – All children are invited to create a picture using any medium they like, such as pencils, pens, or paint. The artwork should be on A4-sized paper. The entry fee is £1.00, which can be paid via Arbor. Please ensure your child's completed drawing is handed in to their class teacher by **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.
- The Longleat raffle was drawn this morning, and we're pleased to have raised £75! A big thank you to everyone who took part and for your continued support.

## Harvest Festival – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be celebrating Harvest Festival during a special assembly at school. The children will enjoy a welcome and talk from the Reverend, sing two songs they have been practising during assembly time, and share some Harvest poems. Our Reception children will be having their own Harvest celebration within their classes.

**We kindly ask that children bring in an item for our local food bank, ideally a tin of food, along with 10p for a charity chosen by the church.** Donations will be collected in the children's classes. If, for any reason, you would prefer your child not to attend the Harvest assembly, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Parent Consultation Meetings – Booking Information

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and sharing an update on your child's progress. Parent consultation meetings will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** and will be booked through Arbor. Once you have booked your appointment, you will receive an email confirmation with your chosen time slot.

## Year 2 Parents – Junior School Applications for September 2027

A reminder for all Year 2 parents that you will need to apply for your child's Year 3/Junior School place for September 2027. Applications can be made [via the Wiltshire Parent Portal](#). Paper application forms are also available from any Wiltshire Council office and should be returned to the School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge. **The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027. Please note that there is no automatic transfer from the linked infant to junior school, and sibling places are not guaranteed automatically.**

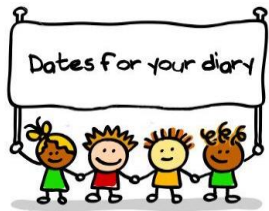
## Wasp Update

We have received some concerns about a wasp/bee nest at the corner of our pedestrian entrance gate. We have had a wasp specialist visit the school, and has confirmed that there is no nest. The wasps are simply feeding on the ivy, which is very common at this time of year. With the cooler nights, the wasp activity should naturally die down over the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, there is nothing further that can be done at this stage.

## Important Reminders

1. **Afterschool Clubs** – A reminder that completed afterschool club forms should be returned to school by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**.
2. **School Photos** – Free delivery is available for orders placed by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Orders placed by this date will be delivered to school, with no delivery charge. Orders can still be placed after 9<sup>th</sup> October, but a delivery charge will apply as they will be sent directly to your home address.
3. **Christmas Artwork** – Order forms, including a preview of your child's artwork and details of the keepsakes available, have been sent home in book bags. The deadline for placing orders is **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**.
4. **Flu Vaccination Reminder** – The flu vaccination will take place at school on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2026. If you have not already done so, please complete the consent form using the link below, whether you wish to accept or decline the vaccination. [Westbury Infant School Flu Vaccination Consent Form](#)

Best wishes for a super weekend.  
Mrs Budge



## 2026-27 School Diary Dates

| Date             | Diary Title                                                                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 October 2026   | Cake sale                                                                    |
| 8 October 2026   | Harvest Festival Assembly                                                    |
| 9 October 2026   | Deadline for ordering school photos with free delivery                       |
| 14 October 2026  | Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm                                         |
| 15 October 2026  | Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm                                         |
| 15 October 2026  | Harvest Drawing Competition entries in                                       |
| 21 October 2026  | Non-Uniform Day                                                              |
| 21 October 2026  | Parent Celebration Events (Whole school) at 2.30pm                           |
| 21 October 2026  | End of Term 1                                                                |
| 2 November 2026  | Start of Term 2                                                              |
| 6 November 2026  | Open Day for 2027 Reception pupils 1:30-3pm                                  |
| 12 November 2026 | Bag2School Collection                                                        |
| 13 November 2026 | Flu Vaccination                                                              |
| 13 November 2026 | Children in Need                                                             |
| 19 November 2026 | SS Great Britain School Trip (Giraffe, Leopard and Bumblebee classes)        |
| 20 November 2026 | SS Great Britain School Trip (Meerkat and Panda classes)                     |
| 27 November 2026 | Non-Uniform Day + Tombola prize donation                                     |
| 4 December 2026  | Christmas Story Telling Event                                                |
| 9 December 2026  | Open Day for 2027 Reception pupils 5pm                                       |
| 9 December 2026  | Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day                                       |
| 10 December 2026 | Christmas Jar Competition entries in                                         |
| 10 December 2026 | KS1 Christmas Church Service                                                 |
| 11 December 2026 | Christmas Performances for Giraffe, Leopard and Bumblebee classes at 9.30am  |
| 14 December 2026 | Christmas Performances for Giraffe, Leopard and Bumblebee classes at 2.30pm  |
| 16 December 2026 | Christmas Performances for Meerkat and Panda classes at 9.30am               |
| 17 December 2026 | Christmas Performances for Kangaroo, Koala and Honeybee YR classes at 9.30am |
| 17 December 2026 | Christmas Performances for Meerkat and Panda classes at 2.30pm               |
| 18 December 2026 | Christmas Performances for Kangaroo, Koala and Honeybee YR classes at 2.30pm |
| 18 December 2026 | End of Term 2                                                                |
| 4 January 2027   | INSET Day (School closed to pupils)                                          |
| 5 January 2027   | Start of Term 3                                                              |
| 8 January 2027   | Open Day for 2027 Reception pupils 1:30-3pm                                  |

For the full list of upcoming dates and events,  
please [click here to view our complete Diary Dates](#)



### Giraffe class

with **97.24%**  
attendance this week

Whole school  
attendance: **95.29%**



See what we've been  
learning... explore our  
class blogs!

[Bumblebees](#)

[Giraffes](#)

[Honeybees](#)

[Leopards](#)

[Meerkats](#)

[Pandas](#)

[Kangaroos](#)

[Koalas](#)



**Junior  
Adventures  
Group**

**Wraparound Care  
Breakfast &  
Afterschool club**

[Click here](#)  
to book your place



# STAR OF THE WEEK

w/b 28 September 2026



Respect

Awarded to:

Brodey



Teamwork

Awarded to:



Excellence

Awarded to:

Harry

Liam

Max L

Chester



Friendship

Awarded to:

Bea

Maeve



Resilience

Awarded to:

Raven

Belong, Thrive, Achieve, Play!  
Where Infants Shine Everyday!



# Harvest

## Drawing Competition

### for ALL CHILDREN

Children are invited to create a picture in any medium they wish e.g. pencil, pens paint.



The picture should be

**A4**



It will cost **£1.00** to enter  
Please make payment via Arbor.



All entries to be handed  
into the class teacher by  
**Thursday 15th October 2026.**

We hope the children enjoy creating their pictures  
and thank you for supporting this fundraising event  
which goes towards subsidising our school trips.





# SCHOOL CAKE SALE



Monday 5th October  
3.15pm  
in the Playground



Cakes 50p each  
or  
3 for £1





# Did You Know?

## Attendance Matters Every Day at Westbury Infant School



★ At Westbury Infant School, we want the very best for your child!

Children attending regularly and arriving on time helps them make the most of every learning opportunity.

Happy Children Learn Better!



### Every day counts!

If a child misses a significant number of lessons, their education is likely to be greatly affected. To help every child achieve their full potential, we have a **strict policy on attendance and punctuality.**



### Our Attendance Expectations

✓ **96% Attendance or Better**

- The expected level of attendance for all children is 96% or above.

! **Attendance Below 90%**

- Children whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as Persistent Absentees.

☎ **Support for Families**

- If your child's attendance falls below 96%, you may receive attendance letters and/or be invited to meet with the Head Teacher.
- These meetings help us understand any underlying reasons for absence and discuss support that may help improve attendance.

## Did You Know?

| Attendance Rate | Time Missed Over a School Year |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 100%            | No learning missed ★           |
| 96%             | About 8 school days missed     |
| 90%             | About 19 school days missed    |
| 85%             | About 29 school days missed    |

Even a few days of absence can mean missed learning, friendships, routines, and important experiences.



### Important Information

The law states that permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence under the Education Act 1996 and may result in prosecution.

## Working Together for Success

Good attendance helps children:

- ♥ Achieve their best academically
- ♥ Develop friendships and confidence
- ♥ Build positive routines and resilience
- ♥ Feel happy, secure and included at school

Together, we can give every child the best possible start.

## Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

### Westbury Infant School

Every child. Every day. Every opportunity counts.

Be Here  
Belong  
Thrive

Small Steps  
Big Futures



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## OPEN DAYS FOR 2027 RECEPTION PUPILS



**Friday  
2**

**OCTOBER 2026  
1:30-3:00pm**



**Friday  
6**

**NOVEMBER 2026  
1:30-3:00pm**



**Wednesday  
9**

**DECEMBER 2026  
5:00pm**



**Friday  
8**

**JANUARY 2027  
1:30-3:00pm**

 **Appointments are not required.**

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Cook great food in  
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Impress friends  
and family

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**CHANA MASALA**



**ITALIAN PASTA SAUCE**



**MIDDLE EASTERN PILAF**



## **To register**

Phone or text/Whatsapp **07463 111 006**

or email: **Wiltshire@bagsoftaste.org**

or you can sign up online: **<https://bagsoftaste.org/students>**

**Wiltshire Council**

**Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?**

**Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.**

**All you need is a kitchen and a phone!**



### About the course

- **FREE**, ingredients included\*
- Cook tasty, healthy meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

### How does it work?

- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

### What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

### How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

### How do I join?

- Register online:  
<https://bagssoftaste.org/students>
- Call/WhatsApp **07463 111 006**
- Email [Wiltshire@bagssoftaste.org](mailto:Wiltshire@bagssoftaste.org)

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery



**LEARN TO  
COOK**



**EAT LESS  
TAKEAWAYS**



**SAVE  
MONEY**



**IMPROVE  
HEALTH**



**HAVE  
FUN**

\*For qualifying participants only

# Got questions? We've got answers!

Your nurses are here to help-  
no worries too big or too small!

- Healthy eating & nutrition
- Sleep tips & routines
- Emotional wellbeing & stress
- Sexual health & relationships
- Bedwetting & toileting support

Family Hub-County Hall,  
Trowbridge,  
Bythesea Road,  
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Wednesdays 15.30-16.30



Join us at the  
Community  
Health drop-in!

For children and young  
people 5-19 and their  
families

No appointment needed!