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Westbury Infant School Newsletter

2026-27 Issue No. 8 **6th November 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful half-term break! The children have settled back into their learning brilliantly, and we are so proud of them.
This is always a very busy term, particularly once December arrives! Christmas in an infant school is such a special time, and we are really looking forward to sharing the excitement and celebrations with our children and families.
Please take a little time to read through this newsletter, as it includes lots of important information, upcoming events and key dates for your diary. We wouldn't want you to miss anything!

Parent Questionnaire Results

During our recent Parent Consultation meetings, families were invited to share their views through our Parent and Carer Questionnaire. We have included the results in this newsletter and would encourage everyone to take a few moments to read through them.
We received 96 responses and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views. Your feedback is really valuable and helps us celebrate what we are doing well, as well as identify areas where we can continue to improve and grow as a school community.

Online Safety Newsletter

Our latest Online Safety Newsletter is included in this newsletter. Please take a few moments to read through it, as it contains useful information and advice to help keep your children safe online.
For further online safety information, advice and support, please visit the Online Safety section of our school website. We share a new Online Safety Newsletter every term, so please remember to check the Online Safety page on our website at the end of each term for the latest edition.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 9th December

Our Christmas dinner menu is included in this newsletter for you to have a look at.
When booking your child's meal on the Arbor Parent App, you may notice that the usual menu options are still showing. **Please ignore these and select one of the Christmas dinner choices below instead:**

Arbor Option	Christmas Dinner Choices
Option 1 – Green	Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties / **Rudolph's Root Veg Toad in the Hole**
Option 2 – Red	Roast of the Day with Roasties and Gravy / **Traditional Christmas Turkey**

Please note: Jacket Potato (Option 3) and Tomato Pasta (Option 4) will not be available on this day.
If your child doesn't want either of the two Christmas dinner options, they are welcome to bring a packed lunch from home as normal.
Children with special dietary requirements will be contacted by email once we have received the allergen information from Edwards & Ward.
Children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumper to school on the day to add to the festive celebrations! **The deadline for placing your child's order through Arbor is Friday 27th November.**

Change of Dates – Bumblebee & Honeybee KS1 Christmas Performances

Please be aware of a change to the Christmas performance arrangements for **Bumblebee and Honeybee (Year 1 & 2)**. These classes will now be joining Meerkat and Panda classes for their Christmas performances, instead of Giraffe and Leopard classes.
The updated performance dates are:

- **Wednesday 16th December – 9:30am**
- **Thursday 17th December – 2:00pm**, followed by the Christmas Fayre.

Please make a note of these updated dates in your diary. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.
Please note: Reception children in Honeybee class are unaffected by this change and their previously published performance dates remain the same.

Reception PE Timetable Update

From next week, our Reception classes will move from two PE sessions a week to one PE day per week:

- **Kangaroo Class: Wednesday**
- **Koala Class: Friday**

The children will still have lots of opportunities to keep active, play and enjoy time together throughout the week, making friends and developing their social skills. Please remember to send your child to school wearing their PE kit on their class PE day. Thank you for your continued support!



Children in Need – Friday 13th November

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school, if possible. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards this wonderful cause, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support!



Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November 2026

In celebration of Anti-Bullying Week, we are inviting all children to take part in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th November**.

It's a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique and to show that it's okay to be different.

Children are encouraged to come to school wearing their brightest, craziest odd socks – no uniform changes needed, just socks!



Young Litter-Picking Heroes!

A big well done to Reggie and Jacob and their sister Elsie, who spent some of their school holidays litter picking along the lane behind our school!

They took the initiative to help tidy up the area, making it a cleaner and more pleasant space for everyone who uses the lane, particularly families during school drop-off and pick-up times.

We are so proud of their kindness, community spirit and willingness to make a difference. What a lovely example of looking after our local environment!

Well done, Reggie, Jacob and Elsie! You are superstars!



★★★ Reminders ★★★

- **Bag2School:** Please note the change of collection date. Donations will now be collected from school on **Monday 7th December**.
- **Flu Vaccinations – Friday 13th November:** If you haven't 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

Road Safety and Parking Reminder

With the darker mornings, evenings and wetter weather approaching, we ask all families to take extra care when travelling to and from school.

We have recently received concerns about road safety around the school, particularly vehicles driving down the lane, reversing and parking along pavements during busy drop-off and collection times.

Please be considerate when driving and parking near the school. Keep pavements clear for pedestrians, including families with pushchairs and wheelchairs, and take extra care when reversing to ensure children and families are not put at risk. The safety of our children and families must always come first.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Best wishes for a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Budge

6 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Parent questionnaire results

During our recent Parent Consultation meetings, families were invited to complete our Parent and Carer Questionnaire. We would now like to share the results with you and thank everyone who took the time to provide their valuable feedback. We received 96 responses and really appreciate you sharing your views. Your feedback helps us celebrate what is working well and identify ways we can continue to grow and improve as a school community.

Overall Summary

Overall, responses were very positive. The majority of parents and carers selected 'Strongly agree' or 'Agree' across questions about children's happiness, safety, learning, communication and wider school experiences.

Pupil Experience

Happiness and safety: 100% agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at school (96 of 96) and feels safe at school (96 of 96).
Behaviour: 96.9% agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes sure pupils are well behaved.
94.8% agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at school.

Communication and Support

89.6% agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes them aware of what their child will learn during the year, and 92.7% agreed or strongly agreed that the school lets them know how their child is doing.
Among respondents who said they had raised concerns, 95.8% (68 of 71) agreed or strongly agreed that these had been dealt with properly. We value open communication and will continue to work in partnership with families.

Curriculum, Clubs and Personal Development

94.8% agreed or strongly agreed that there is a good range of subjects available. 95.8% agreed or strongly agreed that their child can take part in clubs and activities, and 89.6% agreed or strongly agreed that the school supports their child's wider personal development.

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

A total of 22 parents/carers indicated that their child has SEND. Of these, 100% (22/22) agreed or strongly agreed that the school provides their child with the support they need to succeed.

Bullying

70 respondents selected 'My child has not been bullied'. Among the 26 respondents who gave an agree/disagree answer about how bullying was handled, 24 agreed or strongly agreed (92.3%). We take any concerns about bullying seriously and encourage families to contact the school if they need support.

Overall Impression

All 96 respondents who answered the recommendation question said they would recommend Westbury Infant School to another parent or carer. We are very grateful for this vote of confidence.

Key Findings Summary

Parents and carers were overwhelmingly positive about children's happiness and safety.
Feedback on children's achievement, behaviour, communication and the curriculum were positive overall.
Clubs and wider personal development were viewed positively, while we will continue to listen to feedback and look for ways to improve.
We will continue to work in partnership with families, particularly when concerns are raised or individual support is needed.

Detailed Results Table

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree / strongly agree
My child is happy at this school	65	31	0	0	0	100.0% (96/96)
My child feels safe at this school	68	28	0	0	0	100.0% (96/96)
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	50	43	0	0	3	96.9% (93/96)
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	45	41	3	0	7	89.6% (86/96)
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly	37	31	3	0	0	95.8% (68/71) – among parents who raised concerns
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	13	9	0	0	0	100% (22/22) – among parents with a child with SEND
The school has high expectations for my child	35	43	4	0	14	81.2% (78/96)
My child does well at this school	53	38	2	0	3	94.8% (91/96)
The school lets me know how my child is doing	41	48	3	0	4	92.7% (89/96)
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	44	47	0	0	5	94.8% (91/96)
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	45	47	1	1	2	95.8% (92/96)
The school supports my child's wider personal development	39	47	2	0	8	89.6% (86/96)
Bullying handled effectively (among those giving an agree/disagree answer)	10	14	2	0	—	92.3% (24/26)
Concerns dealt with properly (among those who raised concerns)	37	31	3	0	—	95.8% (68/71)

Note: Percentages are calculated from the number of responses to each question, excluding blank answers.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for taking the time to share your views. Working together helps us create the very best experiences for our children, both in and out of the classroom.

Best wishes,



Mrs Budge
Headteacher

Westbury Infant School Diary Dates

Date	Diary Title
13 November 2026	Flu Vaccination
13 November 2026	Children in Need
16 November 2026	Odd Socks Day
19 November 2026	Little City Trip – Koala, Kangaroo & Honeybee classes
19 November 2026	SS Great Britain School Trip (Giraffe, Leopard and Bumblebee)
20 November 2026	SS Great Britain School Trip (Meerkat and Panda)
27 November 2026	Non-Uniform Day + Tombola prize donation
See poster for complete list of all Christmas activities/events	
7 December 2026	Bag2School Collection
9 December 2026	Open Day for 2027 Reception pupils 5pm
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
5 February 2027	Non-Uniform Day
9 February 2027	Sponsored Pancake Toss
11 February 2027	Valentine Poem Competition entries in
12 February 2027	Parent Celebration Events (Whole school) at 2.30pm
12 February 2027	End of Term 3
22 February 2027	Start of Term 4
1 March 2027	Cake sale
19 March 2027	Red Nose Day
24 March 2027	Parent Celebration Events (Year 1 and Year 2) 2.30pm
24 March 2027	Easter Egg Competition entries in
25 March 2027	Non-Uniform Day
25 March 2027	Reception Easter Church Service
25 March 2027	End of Term 4
12 April 2027	Start of Term 5
14 April 2027	Warleigh Lodge Farm YR Trip (class to be confirmed)
14 April 2027	Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm
15 April 2027	Warleigh Lodge Farm YR Trip (class to be confirmed)
15 April 2027	Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm
12 May 2027	Bag2School Collection
13 May 2027	Class Photos
17 May 2027	Cake and Plant sale
19 May 2027	Sports Day (Time TBC)

For the full list of upcoming dates and events, please click here to view our complete Diary Dates

Excellence: Keanu, Emblyn, Gloria
Resilience: Jonah, Emblyn, Greyson
Friendship: Grayson W-H
Teamwork: Mollie

Kangaroo class
with 99.25% attendance
whole school: **95.55%**

Click here to explore our class blogs!

Click here to see our Lunch Menu

Junior Adventures Group
Breakfast & Afterschool club
Click here to book your place

2026 Christmas Events

AT WESTBURY INFANT SCHOOL

FRIDAY DEC 4
4PM YR | 5PM Y1&Y2
Christmas Storytelling

WEDNESDAY DEC 9
Christmas Dinner
Christmas Jumper Day

THURSDAY DEC 10
Christmas Jar competition entries due in

THURSDAY DEC 10 2 PM
Christmas Church Service
Y1&Y2 Parents invited

FRIDAY DEC 11 9:30 AM
Christmas Performance
Giraffe & Leopard
children allowed

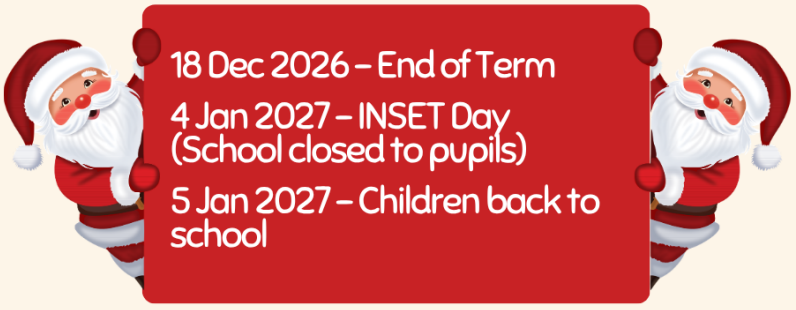
MONDAY DEC 14 2 PM
Christmas Performance
Giraffe & Leopard followed by Christmas Fayre
adults only

WEDNESDAY DEC 16 9:30 AM
Christmas Performance
Meerkat, Panda, Bumblebee & Honeybee (Y1&Y2 only)
children allowed

THURSDAY DEC 17 9:30 AM
Christmas Performance
Reception classes
children allowed

THURSDAY DEC 17 2 PM
Christmas Performance
Meerkat, Panda, Bumblebee & Honeybee (Y1&Y2 only) followed by Christmas Fayre
adults only

FRIDAY DEC 18 2 PM
Christmas Performance
Reception classes followed by Christmas Fayre
adults only



18 Dec 2026 – End of Term
4 Jan 2027 – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
5 Jan 2027 – Children back to school

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
9TH DECEMBER 2026

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY

with Stuffing & a Chipolata

or

RUDOLPH'S ROOT VEG TOAD IN THE HOLE (V)

with Stuffing

with

ROAST POTATOES

FESTIVE VEG

CANDY CANE COOKIE (VE)





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27TH NOVEMBER 2026

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Westbury Infant School

Parent Online Safety Newsletter

What's happening in the world of Online Safety? **October 2026- Term 1**

Welcome to our Online Safety Newsletter!

As we all continue to live and learn in different ways, sometimes relying more heavily on online learning, we want to reinforce the positive message of building safe behaviours, whether at home or in school. Please visit our Online Safety page on our website for more support.
http://www.westbury-inf.wilts.sch.uk/Online-Safety/

In This Issue:

CapCut
CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?
CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?
- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content- CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information
Wayne Denner provides further information about the social side of CapCut including a comments section:
https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/

CapCut

AI Companions

What are AI companions?
AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.

Why are children using AI companions?
There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:
To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?
- Age restrictions: it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.
- Inappropriate content: there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- Emotional dependence: AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.
- Relationships: repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.
- Privacy and personal information: children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?
Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online. Ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information
https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai-chatbots-and-virtual friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/

Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance, may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it **"is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."** Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look harmless because of its cartoon graphics, but the programme contains violence, death and blood. Clips of Happy Tree Friends are also circulating on social media platforms. As above, we would recommend that you have set up appropriate parental controls to limit exposure to content like this. Also, chat to your child about what they are watching online and ensure they know that if they do see something online that upsets them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult. Further information: Happy Tree Friends - Parents' Guide & Website Review | Common Sense Media



Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people **to chat to each other online**. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. **The App store rates it as 17+.**

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (rather than using the game's own chat facility). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available: https://discord.com/safety-family-center

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered.

Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language. Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions: https://discord.com/safety-library



5 fun online activities

Whilst we must be aware of the negative aspects of the internet, it's also important to remember that it can also be a great place to have fun or learn something new as a family.

Why not try the following?

1. Play a game together.
2. Take a family quiz- it could be around the topic of online safety (e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learn something new- explore BBC Bitesize, National Geographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Create something- make a digital drawing or video.
5. Read an Audio book.

Contact the compiler

If you would like more information about online safety, please put Online Safety in the subject line.
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OPEN DAYS FOR 2027 RECEPTION PUPILS

Where Infants Shine

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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FIREWORK & BONFIRE SAFETY TIPS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.



SPARKLERS

TIP #1

Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run with them.

TIP #2

Once sparklers are finished, put them into a bucket of water, don't pick them back up.

TIP #3

Wear your gloves when you hold sparklers and keep them away from your body.



BONFIRES



TIP #4

Stand at a safe distance from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.

TIP #5

Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.

FIREWORKS



TIP #6

Leave your dressing up clothes at home on fireworks night, wrap up warm instead.

TIP #8

Put toys and phones away when you're out and about so you can focus on keeping safe and having fun!

TIP #7

If you're going to a firework display, hold hands with your grown-up and stay with them all the time.

DON'T PANIC...

If you do catch your clothes on a flame:

STOP, DROP and ROLL

STOP what you are doing.
DROP to the ground and cover your face with your hands.
ROLL over and over to put out the flames.



Practice your **STOP, DROP and ROLL** before bonfire night. Get your friends to try it too!

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A...



CHILDREN'S CHOIR TASTER SESSION MON 16 NOVEMBER

4-4:45PM

PARISH HALL, CHURCH LANE, WESTBURY

IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN SINGING IN A GROUP, PLEASE COME ALONG TO FIND OUT MORE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL IAN MCMANUS AT MUSICDIRECTOR@WHTMINISTRY.ORG.UK