

The Westbury Whistler

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Diary Dates

- **Tues 30th Sep** MINT Day
- **Thurs 2nd Oct** Harvest Festival
- **Mon 6th Oct** Year 5 'Bring Your Folks' and Year 3 visit to Morrisons
- **Tues 7th Oct** Year 3 and 4 'Bring Your Folks'
- **Wed 8th Oct** WOW Day and Year 6 'Bring Your Folks'
- **15th – 17th Oct** Year 6 Camp
- **Wed 22nd Oct** Last day of term 1
- **Mon 3rd Nov** INSET day for staff
- **Tues 4th Nov** First day of term 2 for children
- **Fri 7th Nov** WJS firework display
- **Tues 11th Nov** Year 5 Victorian Day
- **Thurs 13th Nov** WOW Day
- **Tues 25th Nov** Year 3 trip to SS Great Britain
- **Wed 26th Nov** MINT Day
- **Tues 2nd Dec** Year 5 Victorian Museum
- **Thurs 4th Dec** Number Fun Christmas Show
- **Fri 5th Dec** WOW Day
- **Fri 12th Dec** Year 6 Christmas Show
- **Wed 17th Dec** Year 4 Christmas Show
- **Fri 19th Dec** Last day of term 2

Welcome Back

The staff at WJS would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families to this academic year.

We hope you enjoyed the summer break and are ready for another great year at WJS.

Our Newsletter

Each month, your child will bring home a copy of our school newsletter, The Westbury Whistler. This will keep you informed of key dates, school and community events and will also celebrate the children's successes throughout the year.

Our Website

As well as our monthly newsletter, WJS also has a website:

www.westburyjun.wilts.sch.uk

There is lots of useful information on here including school policies, a regularly-updated calendar, lunch menus, school clubs and updates on what each year group has been up to.

Year 6 Sponsored Walk



On Friday 19th September, Year 6 took part in a sponsored walk to climb to the Westbury White Horse. It was a real challenge but the views from the top were breathtaking.

We also managed to raise money towards the cost of the coaches for Year 6 camp. Thank you to our parent helpers who came along and to those who sponsored the Year 6 children.

Year 4 Cake Sale

Year 4 held a cake sale on Tuesday 16th September and raised over £30 towards their trip to the Roman Baths.

Thank you to all those who baked a cake and to all the children and parents who bought them.

Parent Helpers: If you are able to volunteer any time to hear our children read, please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

Year 6 Camp Meeting

Year 6 held an informal drop-in session on Wednesday 17th September for parents to speak to Year 6 staff about any medical or dietary needs your child may have prior to Year 6 Camp (15th – 17th Oct). If you missed this meeting then do pop in to speak to your child's class teacher before we go.

Table Tennis

Westbury Youth Centre is now offering Table Tennis coaching on Saturday mornings 9:30 – 11am. It is suitable for Year 4, 5 and 6 boys and girls and the first session is free, then £2.50 per week.

For more information call **01225 755450**

Year 4 Trip to the Roman Baths



On Wednesday 24th September, the Year 4's made their way to Bath to visit the Roman Baths. They all had an enjoyable day and learnt lots of new things to help with their topic work. They were amazed by what the baths were like especially the bubbling, steaming water and the old statues that were around 2000 years old. The teachers were very pleased with how well behaved everyone was and the interest they showed.

Morrison's Let's Grow Vouchers

WJS are collecting these vouchers again and would welcome any that you receive.

Last year, we were able to buy a fantastic selection of equipment for gardening and cooking and would love to do the same again this year.



Year 6 Cake Sale

It seems that the baking bug has hit WJS and Year 6 also held a cake sale this month! They raised almost £130 to help with the costs of school trips and want to say a big thank you to all bakers and those who bought the cakes.

European Day of Languages

WJS celebrated this year's European Day of Languages in our usual fashion.

We attempted to learn some Spanish, Latin, Japanese and Italian and even did some food tasting, dancing and art based on the countries we studied!



WOW and MINT

You may have noticed your child talking about WOW and MINT days at school and not been too sure what these are!

WOW stands for 'Write On Westbury' which is a writing session held every 3-4 weeks to encourage the children to write at length.

MINT stands for 'Maths Is Number 1 Today' and is our school's dedicated Maths afternoon where we play games and carry out mathematical investigations.

For both WOW and MINT days, your child's class teacher will prepare a piece of 'talk homework' or a Maths game to be completed at home. We really appreciate your support in making sure these tasks are completed.

Have a look at the WOW and MINT pages on our website to see some photos and examples of previous work.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

WJS invited parents and friends into the school on Friday 26th September to enjoy coffee and cakes to raise money for the MacMillan charity. In total, over £140 was raised. Many thanks to all those who came along.