

# The Westbury Whistler

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## Diary Dates

- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** Year 3 trip to SS Great Britain
- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** MINT Day
- **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Year 5 Victorian Museum
- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** Number Fun Day
- **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** WOW Day
- **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** Year 6 Christmas Show
- **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** Year 4 Christmas Show
- **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Last day of term 2, reports sent home, and whole school carol service
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** INSET day for staff
- **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** First day of term 3 for children
- **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** WOW Day
- **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan** Parent evening
- **Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** MINT Day
- **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Jan** WOW Day
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** Last day of term 3
- **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** First day of term 4
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** WOW Day
- **2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March** Book Week
- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day

## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 enjoyed an action-packed three days at Hooke Court Residential Centre. We enjoyed a variety of activities including shelter-building, barn-dancing and foraging and cooking wild food. Despite some rather wet weather, both staff and children had a great time and worked brilliantly as a team.



## WJS Fireworks

Once again, the School Association put on an incredible firework display for the whole community to enjoy. Despite our 'drone drama', it was a great evening and we managed to raise over £1,500 which will go towards new reading books and to subsidise school trips.

## Year 3 Morrisons Visit



As part of their Fairtrade topic, Year 3 paid a visit to Morrisons to investigate where different foods are grown and what produce supported Fairtrade. They also had a chance to do some food tasting...the olives didn't go down too well with some children!

## Term 1 Highlights

Have a look on our school website to see what each year group has been up to so far this year!

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**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.**

## Tubs4Tablets

We are collecting promotional 500g tubs of Flora and Stork to try and get a brand new Samsung Galaxy tablet for the classroom.



Just 50 tokens will buy us 1 tablet so please send in any used tubs to school and help us bring some new technology to our computing lessons.

## Children in Need

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Westbury Junior School was taken over by superheroes for Children in Need! The staff and children all dressed up to raise as much money as possible and each class had a winning costume.



As well as being in non-uniform, Year 6 also planned and carried out a variety of fundraising events from singing competitions to arm wrestling contests to a scooter wash! The staff were very impressed at their organisation and teamwork skills and the rest of the school thoroughly enjoyed the activities on offer.

Overall, WJS raised £406 for Children in Need – thank you for all your support.

## Year 5 Victorian Day

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 brought the Victorians to life as they experienced a school day from the 1800s. The children practiced poetry, times tables and handwriting under the watchful eye of some very strict teachers. Next term, Year 5 will be inviting in parents to view their 'Victorian Museum' and completing a walk around Westbury to visit buildings from Victorian times.



## Bring your folks

As is now WJS tradition, we invited the children to bring their parents or carers to school for a morning to experience our school day. The children love showing their parents their learning and the staff wanted to thank everyone who attended and took part in our lessons.



## Prefect Trip

You may have spotted some children in our school wearing their red prefect badges.



WJS are keen to reward our children who show excellent behaviour and attitude towards their learning and this term we took a coach full of prefects to Bath to watch an exclusive showing of Earth To Echo.

Speak to your child's class teacher to find out what they need to do to become a WJS prefect.

## Class Councils

WJS now have a School Council that will be discussing key issues in our school and creating solutions and new initiatives.

Each class has voted for a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary who will attend monthly meetings and represent the student voice in our school.