

The Westbury Whistler

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Diary Dates

- **Mon 4th May** May Day Holiday (school closed)
- **Thurs 7th May** WJS Election
- **Mon 11th – Fri 15th May** Year 6 SATs
- **Fri 15th May** OFSTED School Celebration
- **Mon 18th May** Drop-in Parent Evening for Years 3, 4 and 5
- **Tues 19th May** – Year 6 trip to Hampton Court
- **Wed 20th May** – Year 6 Tag Rugby tournament
- **Thurs 21st May** – WOW Day, Prefect Afternoon and School Disco
- **Fri 22nd May** – Last Day of Term 5
- **Mon 1st June** – First Day of Term 6
- **Tues 2nd June** – Year 5 to Natural History Museum
- **Tues 16th June** – WOW Day
- **Mon 22nd June** – INSET Day for staff

WE ARE GOOD!

Following our visit from OFSTED at the end of Term 4, we have now received our report and are so pleased to have achieved 'good' in every category. The full report is now on the school website if you would like more information. There will be a celebration with all the children on Friday 15th May and we would like to thank all parents for their continued support.

Term 4 Reviews

Check the school website to find out what each year group got up to last term.

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Easter Bingo

Many thanks to all the parents and friends of Westbury Juniors who came to support our Easter Bingo event.

It was a really fun evening and the winners of the Easter eggs were definitely happy!

The School Association managed to raise over £500 which is wonderful and will certainly go towards helping the school subsidise class trips and provide classroom equipment and books.

Easter Shows

A big 'Well Done' to years 3 and 5 for putting on two excellent Easter shows.

The children in both year groups worked hard to learn their lines and songs; both the parents and staff were impressed by their efforts.

Our next school show will be the summer production by the drama club.

Lions Concert



The Westbury Junior Ukulele Group was amongst the local schools that performed at the annual Lions Concert. Held at Matravers School, our children were great ambassadors for WJS and their hard work in rehearsals paid off as they played flawlessly to parents and students.

Celebrated Children

- Year 3 celebrated Alfie B, Lincoln V, Ria O, Amber L, Joshua C, Honey M, Ashton Y, James H and Eloise D
- Year 4 celebrated Ishana P, Joseph C, Dudley S, George O, Abbie C and Marley B
- Year 5 celebrated Jaykay R, Madison S, Tiffany C, Vinnie B, Eva R and Ellen A
- Year 6 celebrated Connor W, Ellie T, Simas J, Sophie C, Leo D, Cameron Y, Florrie P, Robyn M, Bethany S and Natthi S

The Eclipse

Despite it being a rather cloudy morning, the children at WJS grabbed their viewfinders and enjoyed the solar eclipse that took place on March 20th.

Each class spent some time studying the orbits of the Earth, moon and sun so that we could understand what was happening and we all managed to get a glimpse of this rare occurrence.



Science Dome

Following on from our Science lessons on the solar system, years 4 and 6 enjoyed a visit from the Science Dome. Once inside, we were treated to an interactive tour of the solar system and beyond with a chance to have our own questions answered. This was a really fun activity!



Year 6 SATS Our Year 6 children start their SATs in a few weeks and we wish them all the very best. We have a record number of children sitting the Level 6 tests and are hoping for a great set of results.

Mothers Days Morning

Thank you to all the Mums who came in to school for tea and biscuits last term – it was really lovely to see so many of you!

Comic Relief

This year, WJS joined in with making our faces 'funny for money' and came to school in a variety of costumes. We sold red noses and the children also organised and held various charity events at break and lunch time.

Overall we raised over £500 for charity which is an amazing amount – well done WJS!

Assertiveness Afternoon

On Monday 16th March, each class spent the afternoon working on assertiveness. Using a combination of role play, discussion and a written task, the children were able to practice dealing with difficult situations in passive, assertive and aggressive ways. We discussed how each one made us feel and identified ways we can be assertive in school.

Pupil Conference

WJS were able to send several children to represent the school in a recent pupil conference. The children were extremely eloquent in their ideas and contributed some excellent plans for the future of our school and community – great work!

Reading Lists

Following on from a successful Book Week, we have had a number of requests for some recommended reading lists.

It is important to ensure your child is reading a wide variety of books and genres including fiction, non-fiction and poetry to foster a lifelong love of reading.

We have collated several lists with recommended titles for different ages and abilities.

The links to all these reading lists can be found on the school website. If you have any other questions about books to read with your child, then do pop in and see their class teacher who will be able to help.

Year 3 Roman Baths Trip

Following on from studying the Romans in their Topic lessons, Year 3 visited the Roman Baths in Bath.

They had a super day out and were able to observe genuine Roman artifacts in their original environment as well as dressing up in Roman-style costumes. It was just a shame they couldn't have a dip in the baths!