

Monday 10th March 2025

Our half term Core Value is **Perseverance**



This week a thank you goes out to all our parents and carers for the unwavering support you provide to our pupils. In recent weeks, I have been particularly impressed by the genuine care and awareness for the well-being of others shown by pupils. This sense of empathy is a testament to the values we uphold in our community.

There is a strong sense of belonging, purpose and a genuine concern for the feelings and thoughts of others at West Chinnock. This was evident at the cross-country event on Monday where children ran the very long course at Aldon Hill encouraging each other, proudly wearing their new team bibs.

The Parent Coffee event was well attended, with a special thank you to everyone who came along. It provided the opportunity for parents to connect and learn more about the vital work being done to support pupil well-being. Thank you to SENDCO, Mrs Jaggard, and our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, Mrs Brimble for presenting the work they do and for their dedication to supporting our pupils.

This week, pupils and staff celebrated World Book Day, where we were impressed by the creativity displayed in costumes and the book cover competitions. On the same day and in the spirit of community, we had a visitor from the UK Parliament who spoke to our Key Stage 2 pupils about democracy, the work of parliament and British values.

Lastly, children from Acorn Class visited Carymoor and learned about the seasons and their effects on wildlife and plants. They enjoyed activities, including a muddy walk to spot signs of spring and even discovered a crested newt! The day was filled with fun, from making pretend pizzas to planting cress seeds and playing bingo outside, using their senses to explore the natural world around them.



Upcoming Dates

Every Wednesday - Toddler Group at West Chinnock
2.00pm-3.00pm

Fridays until 28th March - Year 3 & 4 swimming

Friday 14th March (5.00-6.30pm) - PFA Bedtime reading in Church

Monday 17th March - Easter Garden/Bonnet competition launch

Wednesday 26th March - Acorn Class Mother's Day/
Special Person Open Morning 9.00-10.00am

Monday 1st April - Dance Show Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 2nd April - Year 5 Wow Day - Stanchester

Thursday 3rd April - Easter Service in Church and Easter Bonnet Competition 2 pm

Parents Evening and Awards Assembly dates and times to be confirmed

Wraparound Care

Early Bird Club every day from 7.55am

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday options available via ParentPay

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Monday 3rd March 2025

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We are truly blessed to have such an amazing school and community at West Chinnock.

I am continually humbled by the positivity and strength of character demonstrated by everyone as we navigate the challenges of the world together. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our pupils' growth and well-being.

Have a great week! Mr Caswell

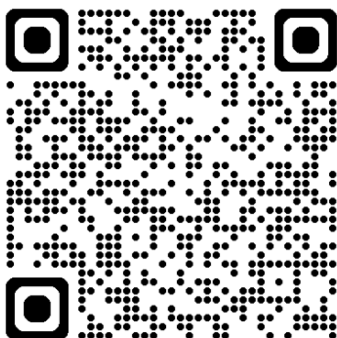
Please note some changes to dates above which we will confirm with you as soon as possible.



Mobile Phone Safety



More and more children own their own mobile phone, and it is an ongoing challenge for parents to keep them safe online. Data from Ofcom, the UK's communications regulator, show that the vast majority of children in the UK own a smartphone by the age of 11, with **ownership rising from 44% at age nine to 91% at age 11.**



One of our parents has highlighted 'ParentShield' a child safe mobile network service for your consideration (others options are available).

Scan the QR code for more information.

Please also see the poster from Childnet attached to the email today.



CHILDREN'S SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH IS HERE! Did you know that up to 50% of children struggle with sleep at some point, which rises to 80% where there is a diagnosis of SEND?



Poor sleep can lead to cranky mornings, trouble focusing in school, and even long-term health challenges - not to mention tired, stressed-out parents. That's why they're dedicating an entire month to raising awareness about the importance of sleep for children.

They want to work together with you to make bedtime battles a thing of the past. Follow them for updates, tips, and resources, and get ready to sleep. Download the supporter's pack here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/get-involved/awareness-events/>

Remember you can get in touch with requests for this support section via the school office:

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