



# WELCOME TO WEST PENNARD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING



# Welcome to West Pennard School





# What makes West Pennard Special

## The children

Our children are our best advocates – talk to them as you go round the school. Find out about their experiences of school and what they like about coming here. Many come back!







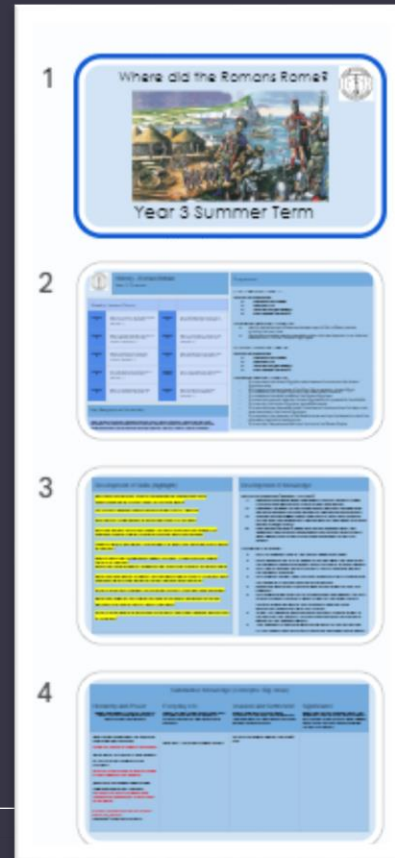
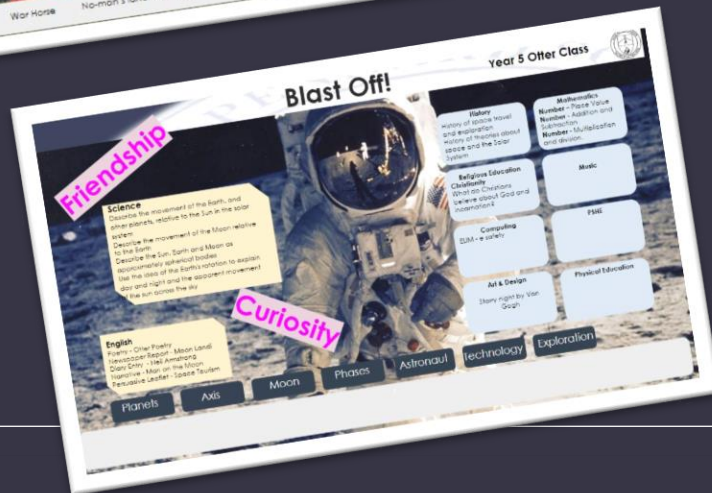
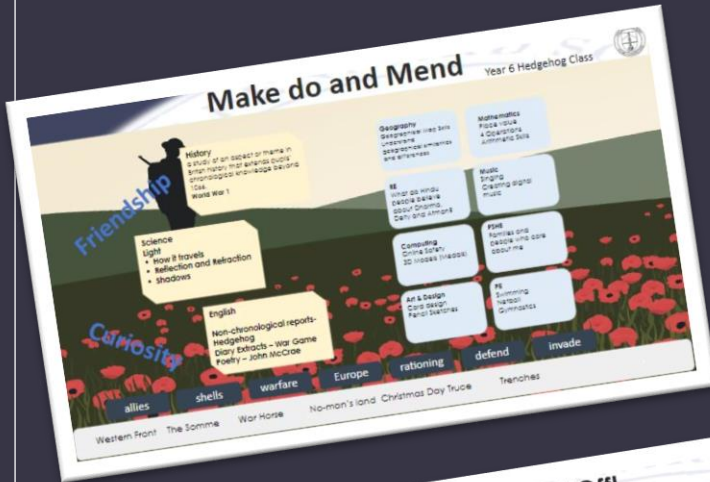
## The staff, parents and governors

We have people that have a close association with the school and really care about it. Many of our staff and governors actually attended the school and strive to continue to make it a place where children and adults thrive. We draw from a catchment of the surrounding villages, but most of our children come from out of catchment – meaning that we are one big family of people that come from all over and happen upon a place where they can come together.



# Our curriculum

We are lucky to have 7 straight year groups and a team of very experienced and motivated staff. We have developed our own curriculum that is suited to the needs and circumstances of our children and the local area. The Local Authority are using our curricular documents as examples of best practice.





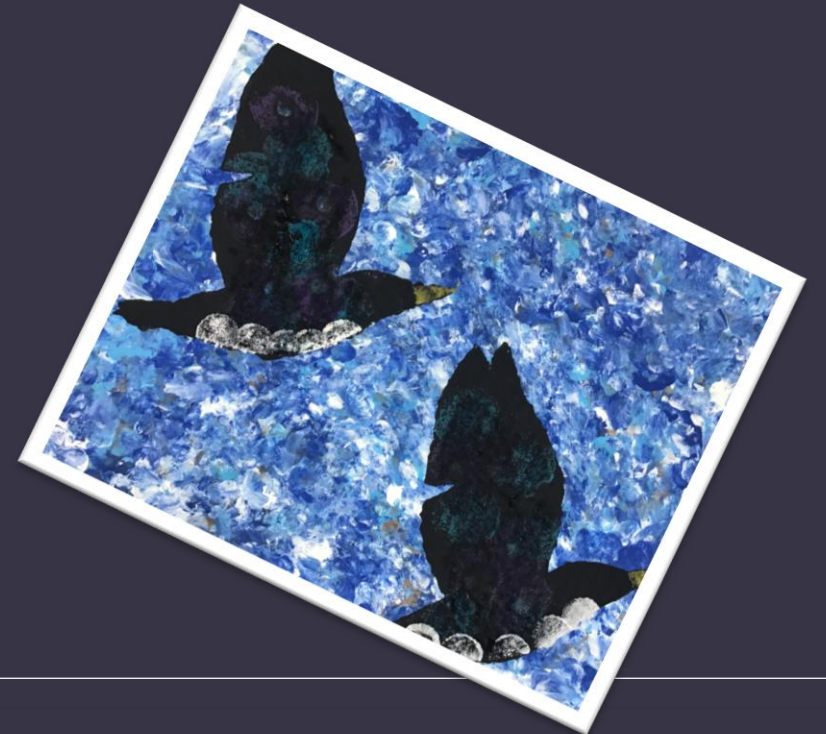
## Our learning experiences

We try to give context, enjoyment and breadth to learning by providing stimulating learning experiences throughout the year. The children go on many trips and we have a number of visitors and workshops to bring learning to life. We take part in sporting events and play a part in our community with special commemorations e.g. D-Day, Jubilee etc, as well as music concerts at the Cathedral and Stode. We are even having a very special (secret) visitor on 3<sup>rd</sup> December!!!



## Our enrichment

We have been doing enrichment days for about 20 years. The children enjoy either a morning or an afternoon on a Friday taking part in wider curricular activities, designed to help them try new things and to develop new skills. The children do yoga, forest school, STEM, alternative sports, marvelous Maths, art, gardening and eco-education. All children swim for two half terms a year from Year R to Year 6 (every year).





## Our values

We are a Church school and have Christian Values that underpin all that we do:



**OUR SCHOOL VISION**

'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another'  
(1 John 4v11)

**Valuing our Christian foundation, we care for each other and our world**  
We develop resilience, confidence, creativity and independence through our innovative and diverse curriculum; inspiring and motivating everyone to thrive.

Christian Values	Learning Behaviours
Friendship	Curiosity 
Thankfulness	Independence 
Truthfulness	Creativity 
Forgiveness	Collaboration 
Respect	Aspiration 
Compassion	Pride 

Our motto, 'To Try is to Triumph', our Christian Values and Learning Behaviours are central to all that we do.



## School meals

We are fortunate to have a production kitchen that provides on-site cooked meals. They cook between 130 – 140 meals a day and around 200 Christmas dinners for all the school to enjoy. The food is locally sourced, with suppliers such as Arthur David and Griffiths butchers mostly used.





## FWPS

We have a wonderful PTA (FWPS – Friends of West Pennard School) that raise a great deal for the school. There are discos every half term, Christmas and Summer Fayres and even a Fish and Chip Bingo. They provide a significant number of stewards for the Glastonbury Festival each year.

The monies raised allows us to provide all the extra activities and opportunities that we do e.g. some of the enrichment activities, specialist music provision, pantomimes. The list could go on...





## Breakfast Club / After School Club

We have offered Breakfast Club and After School Club for well over 20 years, as we recognize how useful a facility they are.

Breakfast Club is available from 7:30am each day

After School Club runs from 3:15 – 6:00pm every day.



## Extra Curricular Clubs

We run extra-curricular clubs after school from 3:15 – 4:15. There are usually 12 – 16 to choose from. This term the children could attend the following clubs:

- Kids with Bricks
- Dance
- Board Games
- Girls' Football
- Construction Club
- Ocarina
- Art
- Handbells
- Drama
- Choir
- 3D Printing
- Multi Skills
- Boys' Football
- Bubble Club





## To summarise - West Pennard School in numbers 2023-24

- The children's learning was enhanced with 9 workshops delivered by outside agencies such as the NSPCC, South West Heritage and Lloyds Bank.
- The children went on 17 school trips and had 13 visitors to bring their learning to life, with visits from the RNLI, RSPCA, Zoolab and the mounted police to name but a few.
- There were 3 residential visits – Mill on the Brue, Kilve and Okehampton, enjoyed by children in Year 4, 5 and 6 as well as the adults that accompanied them.
- The children developed life skills with Bikeability courses, swimming, cookery, yoga and forest school and enjoyed 38 enrichment days through the year in order to develop interests and try new things.
- There were 9 performances and concerts, with termly Rocksteady concerts, the KS1 Nativity, Year 6 play and musical performances at Wells Cathedral and Strode Theatre. Children also performed on stage at Glastonbury Festival last year!
- There were 42 extra curricular clubs to choose from, ranging from Dance, 3D Printing, Ocarina, Djembe Drumming, Sports, Drama, Lego and STEM.
- 80% of our children reached the expected standard in Reading at Year 6, and 43% reached the higher standard – significantly higher than that achieved across Somerset or nationally! 77% of our children reached the expected standard in Maths and 30% the higher standard. Again, higher than the national standard. 100% of our children passed the phonics screening check at Year 1.
- The kitchen cooked around 24,700 meals, of which 193 were for whole school Christmas Dinner.
- 14 children joined the school mid-year and 4 left.
- We raised funds to send a child to school in the Philippines for the 6<sup>th</sup> year of her education.
- 228 pupils made lifelong friends and memories at a special school and place in the heart of Somerset, guided by our motto:

**‘To Try is to Triumph’**