

West Pennard C of E VC Primary



Hedgehog Class enjoying a session of Cosmic Yoga in PE using one of our new giant interactive displays.



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

Heads Up

Hints of warmer weather were around for all to see this week with lovely bright sunshine at the start of the week and even some children wearing shorts! It is still too early for me, but still, it lifts the spirits and makes you look forward to the summer to come. It was great to see everyone making use of the field once more and simply enjoying being in each other's company.

As a school we are busily getting children back into the swing of things, educationally. Could I ask that you support us with this by ensuring that your child(ren) are wearing the correct school uniform. I have observed a number of children wearing colourful trainers. I do understand that, at present, you can not visit shoe shops for fitting purposes. However, it is a long way from the end of July and large supermarkets, such as Tesco in Glastonbury, do have a stock of school shoes to cater for the unexpected need that has been created by this latest lockdown. In experience, I have found that they are more than happy for you to try them on off the shelf. Dressing correctly is all part of being in the right mindset for school and for learning.

Mrs Pinsent has been busy preparing for a new incentive to get children reading. She has organised for a vending machine to be purchased that will be stocked with books for children to receive as a reward for their efforts with their reading.

A great many thanks to Mrs Pinsent for organising this facility for the children. We are currently designing the artwork to go on the machine which will also include details of the organisations that helped fund it.

Kind Regards
Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes



- Year R Layla & Freya
- Year 1 Joe & Frankie
- Year 2 Henry & Pixie-Fae
- Year 3 Thea & Jacob
- Year 4 Nikita & Zachary
- Year 5 Liam & Kai
- Year 6 Jacob & William

Winners with Dinners

A big well done to Fox Class who had the highest % of pupils this week having a Universal Free School Meal. Well done to Hare Class who were the highest in KS2

- Fox - 29 meals (94%)
- Dormouse - 25 meals (76%)
- Mole - 28 meals (93%)
- Hare - 17 meals (59%)
- Squirrel - 17 meals (52%)
- Otter - 16 meals (52%)
- Hedgehog - 6 meals (23%)

Please support our production kitchen by having an on-site cooked meal



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Headteacher Mr T. Wheat

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Monday – Friday 12.00pm – 1.00pm
 Post 5 hours per week, 38 weeks (term time only)
 Grade 16.2 – £9.43 per hour
 Closing date: Midday on Tuesday 23rd March 2021
 Starting: as soon as possible

We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and caring person to join our team of dedicated staff as a midday supervisor assistant.

This role involves helping whilst the children eat, cleaning the tables, supervising children in the playground, and helping to ensure playtimes are lots of fun and safe.

Information about our school and an application form can be downloaded from the school website: www.westpennardschool.co.uk
 Alternatively, to request an application form to be sent out via the post please email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com

In the subject area, if emailing the school, please type 'Midday Supervisor Application Form Request'

West Pennard Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons, and will ensure that the highest priority is given to following guidance and regulations to safeguard children and young people. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

West Pennard Primary School is an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.

Please note CVs will not be accepted for this position.

Interviews will take place the week commencing 29th March.

Safeguarding



Mr T Wheat
 Designated Safeguarding Lead
 DSL



Mrs Lorraine Clarke
 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 DDSL

The safety and welfare of all children is everybody's responsibility.

Our School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Tony Wheat. The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lorraine Clarke. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare or safety please speak to them immediately.

Alternatively if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger out of school please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police.

Year 6 DT Project

Year 6 had a great time last Friday afternoon designing and creating their own models of the Parthenon in Athens. They worked in teams to design their buildings, then collaborated on building their models. They did a brilliant job!

Miss Morris



100 Books to Read Before the End of Primary

A recent survey came up with a list of the top 100 books to read before you leave primary school. This list includes books for children of all ages, old and new titles, classics and recently published and are sure to inspire more reading and a love of books for years to come. How many of these books have you read? Can you think of any books that you have enjoyed that should be on the list? Every week, we will list 10 books starting from 100. Will your favourite make the list?

50. Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding, the usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt—and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea.



49. The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg The Jolly Postman delivers cards and letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, and so on.

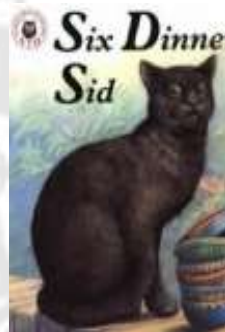
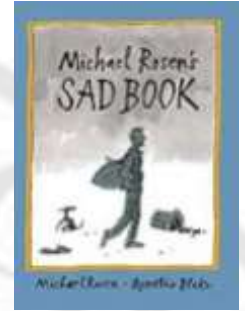


48. A Dark, Dark Tale by Ruth Brown Children will delight in following the black cat's progress through the dark wood, into the dark house, and eventually to the surprise discovery at the back of the toy cupboard, in this mysterious, beautifully illustrated picture book.

47. The Borrowers by Mary Norton The Borrowers live in the secret places of quiet old houses: behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsicord, under the kitchen clock. They own nothing, borrow everything, and think that human beings were invented just to do the dirty work. Arrietty's father, Pod, was an expert Borrower. He could scale curtains using a hatpin, and bring back a doll's teacup without breaking it. Girls weren't supposed to go borrowing but as Arrietty was an only child her father broke the rule, and then something happened which changed their lives. She made friends with the human boy living in the house.

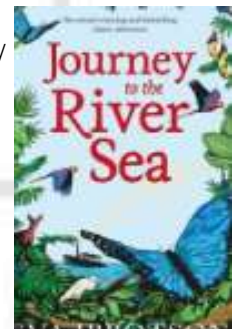


46. Sad Book by Michael Rosen Very occasionally the term non-fiction has to stretch itself to accommodate a book that fits into no category at all. Michael Rosen's Sad Book is such a book. It chronicles Michael's grief at the death of his son Eddie from meningitis at the age of 19. A moving combination of sincerity and simplicity, it acknowledges that sadness is not always avoidable or reasonable and perfects the art of making complicated feelings plain.

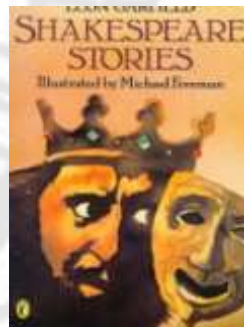


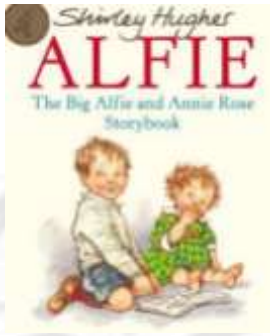
45. Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only...until the day he is found out!

44. Journey To Sea by Eva Ibbotson It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences.



43. Shakespeare Stories by Leon Garfield Twelve Shakespeare plays presented afresh by Leon Garfield in narrative form. There are no simple retellings, but more like a refashioning of the dramas as stories, which remain true to the essential spirit of the original versions. The author has captured all the richness of character, plot, mood and setting in Shakespeare's works. It is the perfect introduction to Shakespeare for the young.





42. The Alfie And Annie Rose Series by Shirley Hughes This gorgeous storybook is full of snapshots of family life, from breakfast to bedtime and from birthdays to walks in the park. All small children will be able to identify with Alfie and Annie Rose, two hugely appealing pre-schoolers who are constantly tackling new experiences and making new friends.

41. The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy Hold on to your broomstick for magical mayhem! Jill Murphy's much-loved classic The Worst Witch is the original story of a life at a magical boarding school. Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues.



Wellbeing Support Videos

This is the first of a set of short videos by paediatrician Jo Crane, aimed at parents. Each video is less than 5 minutes long. The introductory video explains **Dan Siegal's hand model** and how cortisol and adrenaline affect our brains when reacting to things seen as a threat. The hand model is a really useful way to explain to children and young people (and adults too) what is happening when they 'flip their lids.' Subsequent videos explore how other hormones affect our brains.



Jo Crane [Introduction to the hand model](#)

Have Your Circumstances Changed?

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive certain benefits may be entitled to free school meals.

These are the benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related) – not Contribution related
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) – not Contribution based
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.

Click [here](#) to apply

During the coronavirus outbreak, the Government are temporarily extending free school meal eligibility to include children of families who have no recourse to public funds. Therefore, children will also be eligible for free school meals if their legal guardians' household income is £7,400 or below and they meet one of the following criteria:

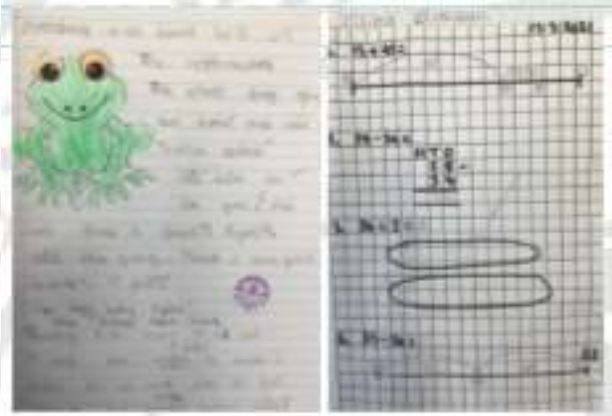
- you are a Zambrano Carer
- you have the right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and are subject to no recourse to public funds
- you are supported under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (Children in Need)

You may also be eligible if they are supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you meet this additional criteria, complete the [Free School Meals Application Form Covid-19 additional criteria Form](#) and send it in with the appropriate evidence.

Mathematician and Writers of the Week

Tabitha, Sophia, Kelcie, Ned, Brooke, Max, Wez, Lola, Lily R, Noah G



West Pennard PE

This week in PE, Hedgehog Class made the most of our brand new big screen to take part in some 'Minecraft' themed cosmic yoga! Even Miss Morris joined in.

Mr Bisgrove



Easter Hat Competition

Announcing an Easter Hat Competition on Wednesday 31st March.

There will be a prize for the best hat in every class. We are really looking forward to seeing your creations, so time to get cracking!



A prayer from 'Prayers for Schools' by Jamie Prouse

Dear God
 Help us to see in ourselves what you see in us.
 When we lack confidence, Lord encourage us.
 When we feel low, please pick us up.
 When we lack belief in our abilities and capabilities, remind us that all things are possible in you.
 We thank you for our friends who support us, for family who build us up and for teachers who encourage us.
 Most of all thank you for seeing the best in us and for loving us.
 Amen

Achievements

Well done to Ethan in Year 6 for receiving an award from DoodleSpell for completing all of the levels and activities. He's also on over a 100-day streak on DoodleMaths, so is an absolute superstar!

Miss Morris

Quote of the Week

'God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you'?'

William A. Ward

*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Key Dates: Spring Term 2021

Monday 22 nd - Tuesday 23 rd March	Easter Prayer Space
Friday 26 th March	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits*
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday
Monday 5 th - Friday 16 th April	Easter Holidays

Key Dates: Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 th April	First day of the summer term
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
May - TBC	Parents' Evening Phone calls
Friday 21 st May	Y6 Day Residential - Mill on the Brue
Tuesday 25 th May	Crispin Transition Meeting 9:00 at West Pennard
Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th - Wednesday 9 th June	Year 5 Kilve Residential*
Wednesday 23 rd June	Tempest Class Photos
Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th June	Festival of Reading
TBC	Transition Day CLP Year 6 Date TBC West Pennard - Move up morning
TBC	Moving on Prayer Space
Friday 16 th July	Year 2 Squash and Biscuits
Monday 19 th July	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 20 th July	Leavers' Service at the Church - 2pm
Wednesday 21 st July	School Leavers' Assembly Leavers' Race
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of academic year
Friday 23 rd July	INSET Day