

A Year at West Pennard

(in numbers)

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 6th 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'

Ofsted
Outstanding

West Pennard Primary School

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



We Offer:
Breakfast Club 7:30 – 8:30 am
After-School Club 3:15 – 6:00 pm
Onsite Cooked Meals
Extra-Curricular Clubs and Enriching
Opportunities

www.westpennardschool.co.uk
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Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to West Pennard School



What to see

1. Our 7 classes from Year R to 6
2. Our kitchens and on-site cooked meals
3. Our beautiful grounds
4. The Music Room and Library
5. Our Cookery Room and SEND Support Room
6. The Church and our Christian Values in action
7. Our Breakfast Club and After School Club provision

What to do

1. Talk to our wonderful children and ask them about their experience of school. They are our best ambassadors and are the experts in school life.
2. Speak to our staff. West Pennard is a special place where children enjoy learning and the staff really care about the school and those within it.
3. Look at the learning environments and the range of lessons and activities we offer.
4. Find out about the range of extra-curricular clubs that we offer (range from 12 to 16 clubs each term)

Q. Will I get a place if I live out of catchment?

A. Most of our children come from out of catchment. There is often a perception that West Pennard will be full and that it is hard to get a place. With falling numbers of children nationally, this is not necessarily the case.

Q. When is the deadline to apply?

A. 15th January, although you can apply and amend at any time up to that date.

Q. Is there a bus service to school?

A. Yes, but only for residents of Pilton and North Wootton.

Q. How do we know what is going on in lessons?

A. Each class has a Sway page on the school website, which keeps you up to date with the goings on in school. In Year R we use a platform called Tapestry to keep you up to date with milestones. The teachers are contactable via the Class Dojo APP and are always available on the playground on pick-up at the end of the school day.

Q. Do you have a PTA?

A. Yes. The FWPS raise a lot of funds for the school, which is why we can offer so very much! They are always looking for new members and new ideas.

Q. Does the school offer Full Time from day 1?

A. Yes. The children in Reception can come in full time from the first day of school in September. However, if you feel that this is not right for your child we can equally make adjustments and work with you to a situation that suits best within the rules of school attendance.

Q. How long is the school day?

A. The school day starts at 8:45 and finishes at 3:15. You can drop off from 8:30. Breakfast Club operates from 7:30 and After School Club runs until 6:00pm.

Q. Do you offer cooked meals?

A. Yes. Our meals are cooked on site and the ingredients come from local suppliers. All children from Year R to Year 2 receive a free school meal each day. Additionally, your child will receive free milk until they are 5, and free fruit / vegetables as a snack until they are in Year 3.

Q. My child is gluten free / vegetarian / has allergies – can you cater for that?

A. Yes. Our dedicated kitchen staff can cater for all, and know all children by name.

Q. What is the uniform and where can we buy it?

A. Details are on the school website. Orders can be placed through Tor Printing.

Q. Are your class sizes large?

A. Yes they are. We are a very popular school, which is greatly pleasing. We do have full time teaching assistants in every class, though, so that every child is in receipt of the support, extension and pastoral care that they need each day.

Q. What is your curriculum offer? What do you teach?

A. We believe strongly in a broad and balanced curriculum, as well as excellence in core subjects such as English and Maths. Each teacher oversees a curriculum subject and updates a subject sway page on the school website frequently. Have a look on the website to find out more.

Q. I have another question that hasn't been asked here.

A. Drop us an email or give us a call. We are happy to help.

