



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to attend the town VE day celebration service yesterday at the Methodist church. The four Year 6 children who came with me were a real credit to the school and took part in the service, reading a poem about the end of the war. A number of members of the community who attended the service commented on their confidence when reading. Next week Year 6 have their SATs tests which they have all been working hard to prepare for and we wish them the best luck as they use this opportunity to 'show off' all of their learning over the last few years.



This week Year 1 have been working very hard created their clay minibeasts ready for their Ugly Bug Ball! Year 4 have been looking at money which builds on their work on decimals. They have converting between pounds and pounce and estimating amounts. In English, they have been collating information about their author Faith Ringgold and written a biography about her. Year 5 have been completing their bike ability award. On day one, they had to complete a number of tasks on the playground before moving out onto the roads for the rest of the week. They learnt how to safely cycle around parked cars, various junctions and general road safety. They have also been using different types of figurative language to write an alternative ending for the Highwayman. In science, they have been learning about how to measure your heart rate and investigating whether the resting heart rate is the same for everyone.

Year R have learnt about VE day. Some children shared their stories about their great, great grandparents. They looked at some photos that showed the street parties that were held as celebrations and took part in their own street party, eating their lunch outside and listening to music. Year 3 enjoyed planting seeds with the wonderful ladies from 'Whitchurch in Bloom'. The children must now look after their seeds, making sure they are watered and protected until ready to be sold at our 'Farmer's Market' in July. In Geography, they learned how to locate different towns using a compass and in English, they learned how to recognise and write in the 'present perfect tense'. Year 6 have been busy this week with their final preparations for their SATs tests next week and also completing their newspaper reports based on 'The Giant's Necklace'. Finally, Year 2 have been writing their own narrative based on their Titanic story in English. The children have been including contractions such as 'wouldn't, couldn't, won't' in their work to make it more exciting. In Art they have continued to look at impressionist artists such as Monet. They have used the same brush stroke technique to experiment making their own bridge over water scene including the reflection in the water.

Our worship has continued on the theme of our Tri-Wonder project, focusing on awe and wonder in the world around us. This week we explored some of the weird and wonderful things about creatures in our natural world. In class worship this week, some of the older year groups discussed the VE day celebrations that have taken place this week and how this might have felt if you were had been alive to experience this 80 years ago at the end of the war.

Have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Dunwell
Acting Head Teacher

Year R Stars of the Week



	<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Puffins</u>
Friday	Vera	Barney D
Monday	Bank holiday	Bank holiday
Tuesday	Dexter	Isla-Rose
Wednesday	Leo	Thea
Thursday	Rafe	Harry

Lead Learner

Seahorses	Jack	Tigers	Esme
Turtles	Daisy	Doves	Valeriia
Dolphins	Theo I	Kingfishers	Abi
Seals	Thomas	Eagles	Grace
Jaguars	Kyra	Falcons	Monty
Leopards	Wilf	Kestrels	Emily
Pumas	Hugo		

Roll of Honour

- Year 1 for working really hard for their Ugly Bug Ball and putting on a really great performance for parents!
- Lucas of Seahorses for how helpful he has been this week.
- Lily of Seahorses has achieved a 100 day streak on DoodleMaths. Well done!
- Eliza of Turtles for her perseverance in English this week!
- Alex G of Dolphins for being a good friend and making sure everyone is included at playtime.
- Benjamin of Seals for your amazing story writing this week.
- Florence of Jaguars for being such a kind and helpful member of the class this week!
- Ezra of Pumas for his improved effort in all areas of the curriculum.
- Blake of Tigers for supporting others.
- All of Year 5 for their attitude and resilience doing Bikeability this week. All of the instructors gave such positive feedback and they represented the school superbly.
- Ethan of Kestrels for excellent journalistic writing for the Overton Parish Magazine and Basingstoke Gazette, after interviewing an elderly resident who is doing a sky dive to raise funds for the Overton Swimming Pool.
- Sienna, Lily and Isla of Kestrels for litter picking and promoting eco-friendliness within our school environment.
- Barnaby, Iris, Jonnie and Toby of Year 6 for being positive ambassadors for the school at the town VE day service.

Achievements

- India of Leopards – HMS Merit Certificate for continuing to work hard on her pieces at home.
- Ella of Tigers – HMS Merit Certificate for making great progress on the piano.
- Emily of Tigers – HMS Merit Certificate for working hard on her right hand notes.
- Well done to Whitchurch U9 girls football team for winning their match 5-0 against Overton in the Rotten Hill Cup. The players were Heidi, Violet SS, Averly SS, Phoebe, Harriet, Ffion, Paisley, Alex (and Violet G missing on the day). The girls took the lead within the first few minutes and never looked back, powering their way to a fantastic 5 - 0 victory - the only Whitchurch team to win during the football festival this year. If any girls would be interested in joining the team next year, please email wufcgirls@gmail.com



House Points



House Point winners this week are Victory. Well done children!

Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular Minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner.

Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more: <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental-controls/>

Music Lessons from September

Parents of children currently in Years 2-5 – please remember to return your sign up forms for music lessons from September. Replies must be sent to replies@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk or returned in paper format **by Friday 16th May**. Decide very carefully, as your financial obligation is for a full school year once you sign up, as the school buys the time from Hampshire Music Service up front. The letter can also be found on our website under Parents/Letters.

Summer Concert

If you haven't already requested tickets to watch your young musicians in the Summer Concert on Wednesday 18th June, please email or send in your reply. If you have lost the email, the letter can be found on the website under Parents/Letters.

School Fundraising



Happy's Circus – 19th July

A third of tickets have sold in the first 24 hours, so don't delay in getting yours today at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93601> We'll need a few volunteers for before the show starts, the interval and at the end of the event, so please sign up at the same link.

School Disco – 22nd May

The school disco is less than two weeks away. Please get your tickets and sign up to volunteer at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98048>

We need volunteers to make these events happen, and other events this term. Please sign up at the following links:

MAD Day – 6th June

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98059>

Bring-a-bottle Non uniform day – 20th June

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98058>

Parish Fete – 12th July

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98054>

Match Fundraising

Rising costs coupled with a drop in funding may lead to FOWPS spending more than they raise this year to provide the children with the events, activities and equipment that they enjoy so much throughout the year. YOU CAN HELP! Match funding can double the funds raised by FOWPS. It really helps us meet our targets. Please ask your employers if they match funds for charity fundraising. It's quick, easy and could make all the difference. Want to keep up to date? Have any ideas for fundraising?

Find out more at our website www.fowpswhitchurch.co.uk or follow FOWPS on Facebook FOWPS

If you would like to help with any FOWPS activities – please enter your details [HERE](#). You can do as much or as little as you like. If you can regularly donate or match fund, please see the details on our [HOW TO DONATE PAGE](#)

You can also email us at admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk

Future School Dates (added or amended each week are in bold)

Week beginning Monday 12th May

WB 12th May

Thursday 15th May

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Friday 16th May

Tuesday 20th May

Lunches Week 3 from the Edwards and Ward menu, found at

www.whitchurchprimary.com:

[Whitchurch Church of England Primary - Lunches and Healthy Snacks](#)

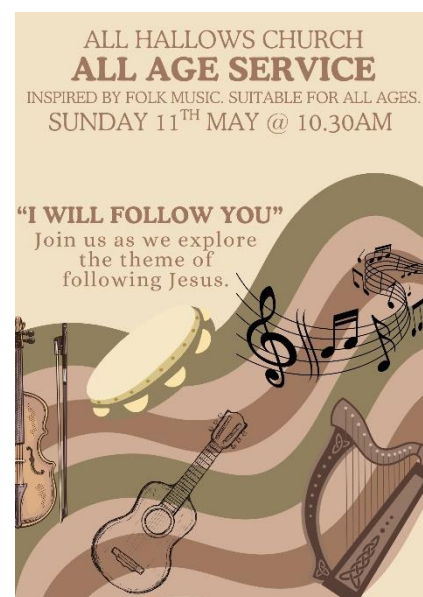
Year 6 SATS WEEK

Year 2 Lepe Trip

Year 5 Theatre Trip

Deadline for returning music lesson requests

Taco Tuesday Lunch Theme Day



Thursday 22 nd May	School Disco
Friday 23 rd May	INSET DAY
Monday 26 th May	Start of half term holiday
Monday 2 nd June	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 3 rd June	Year 6 parents: Sex and Relationships Education (virtual) 5:00-5:30pm
Tuesday 3 rd June	Smart Phone Free Childhood Parent information evening (time tbc)
Thursday 5 th June	Year 5 parents: Sex and Relationships Education (virtual) 5:00-5:30pm
Friday 6 th June	MAD Day
Friday 6 th June	KS2 hotdog Friday
Wednesday 11 th June	Book look evening
Thursday 12 th June	Year 6 Natural History Museum
Monday 16 th June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service (children only)
Wednesday 18 th June	Year R Wellington Country Park Trip
Friday 20 th June	FOWPS Mufti Day – bring a bottle
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 3 trip to the Silk Mill
Wednesday 25 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne
Friday 4 th July	KS2 hotdog Friday
Monday 7 th July	Meet the new teacher (after school)
Saturday 12 th July	Parish Fete
Wednesday 16 th July – Friday 18 th	Year 4 Ufton Court residential trip
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 production (afternoon)
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 production (evening)
Saturday 19 th July	Happy's Circus
Tuesday 22 nd July	School community picnic (pm) and end of term
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school

Details of future term dates can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>



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CHILDREN'S MAY HALF TERM 2025 ACTIVITIES!!

Sports Xtra will be coming to **EVEREST COMMUNITY ACADEMY** during **HALF TERM** and courses are now available to book on our website (www.sports-xtra.com). Come and join the fun and enjoy fantastic sports and activities from all of our Xperience Courses. There will be many traditional and non traditional Sports, Spy Games and Adventure Games. If you are looking for something for your child to do during this time then look no further. All of our coaches have Enhanced DBS, Emergency First Aid, Safeguarding and Sport Coaching Qualifications and they will make sure the children have fun packed days with their friends!

EVEREST COMMUNITY ACADEMY, BASINGSTOKE (9am – 4pm)
Tuesday 27th May – Friday 30th May 2025
 £29.50 per child per day (10% discount for all week bookings)



To ensure the children get the best possible care, where applicable, we place children in age specific groups. All children will need a packed lunch, a water bottle, trainers and suitable clothing. Childcare Vouchers are accepted at some venues, please contact by email if you wish to book using Childcare Vouchers. mark.rowland@sports-xtra.com



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TWO WEEKENDS OF FREE FAMILY FUN WITH WHITCHURCH FOLK FESTIVAL!

This weekend

BEAST HEADDRESS MAKING WORKSHOPS

Help create incredible river creature headdresses for the festival parade!
When: Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May
Where: Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch
Time: 2pm-5pm
Who: For adults and children aged 10+
Cost: Free!
How: Book your free place. email whitchurchfolkfestival@gmail.com



Next weekend

WHITCHURCH FOLK FESTIVAL



Featuring a free Children's Festival full of music, dancing, crafts, workshops, and a huge parade of musicians, folk beasts, and Morris dancers!
When: Saturday 10th May
Where: All over town!
Time: All day
Who: Open to all children and families.
Cost: All kids' events are free!
How: Find out more and see the full Children's Festival programme here:
www.whitchurchfolk.com/childrens-festival

Plus food stalls, craft stalls, face painting and a chance to meet the goats, all in the Gill Nethercott Centre car park.
www.whitchurchfolk.com