



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have all enjoyed the sun and warmth this week and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying playing outside at break and lunchtime and using the school grounds for their learning. You may have seen myself and Mr May out at the gates at the beginning and end of the day, where possible. Please come and talk to us if you have any questions or things you need to raise with us. Alternatively, if your question or query is more suited to the class teacher then please remember to use the phase leader email addresses to make contact with them. Below is an overview of the learning that has been happening around school this week – you will find more detail on the class pages on Google Classroom. Please log-in to this and have a read. I know the teachers like to receive an emoji or short comment so they know that people have read these.

This week, Year 4 have been practising their writing of speech in English and they are now moving on to looking at Biography. They have completed their work on decimals by ordering and rounding them. In PE, they have begun to look at rhythmic gymnastic sequences and in Science they have looked at the diets of different athletes to see how they compare to ours. Year 1 have been very busy preparing for the Ugly Bug ball. They have need making their clay minibeasts, writing minibeast fact files and learning their songs! We can't wait to show parents all their hard work. In English, they have been planning their fairytale stories. In Maths, they have been looking at equal and unequal group and how to make arrays. Year 5 created a fact file about Brazil learning more about their culture. In maths, they have been using protractors to draw and measure angles and in Science they have been learning about the functions of the different parts of the heart and lungs. In English, they have been writing direct speech using the poem 'The Highwayman'. Year 3 have continued to work with grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres in their maths this week. They enjoyed having a first attempt at using a 'vanishing line' to draw with perspective and will continue to work on this in the coming weeks.

Year R have been scientists investigating where seeds come from, they explored lots of different fruits and then planted some of the seeds. Year 2 have been looking at impressionist artists such as Monet and Degas. They have been looking carefully at their brush strokes and using their work to scrap book our own beach scene. They have continued their story Samson's Titanic journey. They have been looking at the possessive apostrophe and how they use this e.g. Sam's bag, Bob's hat. Finally, Year 6 have been exploring the world of Pop-Art more in their art lessons, including creating some comic-book-style words. The children have been talking about the project for their leavers' day at the cathedral this year - it is an art project based on the natural world. All schools have to complete a given task, based on the same theme, which will be displayed in Winchester Cathedral.

Our worship this week has continued to focus on our Tri-Wonder project, where we are looking at the awe and wonder in the world around us. This week we were thinking about how amazing some of the creatures in our natural world are. We found out some really interesting facts about rats such as the fact that their whiskers are more sensitive than human fingers so that they can sense what is going on around them. The children then went away to find out some amazing animal facts of their own.

Have a lovely weekend – let's hope the beautiful weather continues!

Michelle Dunwell
Acting Head Teacher

Year R Stars of the Week



	<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Puffins</u>
Friday	Robin	Austin
Monday	Ted	Hattie
Tuesday	Ava	AJ
Wednesday	Cameron	Grayson
Thursday	Noah	Thea

Lead Learner

Seahorses	Zachary	Tigers	Kai
Turtles	Max	Doves	Elsie
Dolphins	Oscar	Kingfishers	Caleb
Seals	Lacey	Eagles	Neddy
Jaguars	Lila-Rose	Falcons	Joshua
Leopards	Adam	Kestrels	Philip
Pumas	Amelie		

Roll of Honour

- Arthur of Seahorses for all of his kind sharing.
- Millie of Seahorses has achieved a 100 day streak on DoodleMaths. Well done!
- Poppy of Turtles for always accepting other into games during playtimes!
- Clemmy of Dolphins for showing great independence and having the best can do attitude all week.
- Rafe of Seals for being such a curious learner!
- Thomas of Seals has achieved a 500 day streak on DoodleMaths. Excellent!
- Jack Sm of Leopards for being a curious and enthusiastic learner.
- Esme H of Pumas for always working hard.
- Violet of Tigers for kindness towards others.
- Sophie and Amelie of Tigers for being polite, ready and respectful.
- Alex K of Doves for always being enthusiastic about his learning and pushing himself every day.
- Jack of Kingfishers for being really supportive of others in the class and for helping his peers when they were stuck.
- Mollie of Kingfishers for politeness and cheering everyone up in the dinner hall.
- Martha and Wilf of Kestrels for always having a positive attitude and helping others.

Achievements

- Ella of Falcons – Certificate of Achievement for Introductory Stage Guitar.
- Halle of Kestrels - 2nd place Gymfinity Award.
- Vicky of Kestrels - Silver Star in Ballet and Tap.
- Some of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from Whitchurch took part in the St George's Day Parade in Andover last Sunday. They paraded with other groups from Andover District along the road to the Memorial gardens at St Mary's Church where they renewed their promises with the rest of Andover District Scouts. They then moved on to parade through the town. With how warm it was they did the Leaders and themselves proud.

House Points



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

Change to Lunch on Wednesday

Due to the Bank Holiday and the children missing pizza day, we are changing lunches on Wednesday to pepperoni pizza (red choice), margherita pizza (green), along with the usual tuna jacket potato and tomato pasta.

**FOWPS Dates
Summer Term
2025**

**THURS
22 MAY SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRI
6 JUNE MAD DAY**

**FRI
20 JUNE NON-UNIFORM**

**SAT
12 JULY PARISH FETE**

**SAT
19 JULY HAPPY'S CIRCUS**

This is going to be a really exciting term, but these events simply couldn't happen without the support of our school community. If you can spare a little time, we'd love to have you involved. Every bit of help makes a big difference! Scan here to see how you can help.

Bikes and Scooters

Please can we remind you again that all children (including toddlers), must push their bikes and scooters in the school grounds. Thank you.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Now the weather is warmer and the classroom windows are open, some children have reported that they can hear adults swearing as they walk past the classrooms around school. Please can you be mindful of language and loud voices whilst on the school grounds. We appreciate that this is a very small minority of people. Thank you.

Play Equipment at Pick Up

Please can we remind you that children are not permitted to play on any of the play equipment before or after pick up. We are not insured for these times and staff must supervise, which of course can't happen at this time. Thank you.

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.

School Fundraising

FOWPS are excited for the term ahead with lots of fundraising and fun for the kids. But we need your help to make this all happen. Please sign up at the following links:

School Disco – 22nd May

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98048>

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>

Happy's Circus – 19th July

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93601>



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 5th May

Lunches Week 2 from the Edwards and Ward menu, found at

www.whitchurchprimary.com:

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

Monday 5th May

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 6th May

Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 7th May

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Change to lunches – pepperoni or margherita pizza, jacket or pasta

Thursday 8th May

Year 5 Bikeability

WB 12th May

Year 6 SATS WEEK

Thursday 15th May
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 Friday 16th May
 Tuesday 20th May
 Thursday 22nd May
 Friday 23rd May
 Monday 26th May
 Monday 2nd June
 Tuesday 3rd June
 Tuesday 3rd June
 Thursday 5th June
 Friday 6th June
 Friday 6th June
 Wednesday 11th June
 Thursday 12th June
 Monday 16th June
 Wednesday 18th June
Friday 20th June
Tuesday 24th June
 Wednesday 25th June
 Friday 4th July
 Monday 7th July
 Saturday 12th July
 Wednesday 16th July – Friday 18th
 Wednesday 16th July
 Thursday 17th July
 Saturday 19th July
 Tuesday 22nd July
 Wednesday 3rd September
 Thursday 4th September

Year 2 Lepe Trip
 Year 5 Theatre Trip
 Deadline for returning music lesson requests
 Taco Tuesday Lunch Theme Day
 School Disco
 INSET DAY
 Start of half term holiday
 Pupils return to school
 Year 6 parents: Sex and Relationships Education (virtual) 5:00-5:30pm
 Smart Phone Free Childhood Parent information evening (time tbc)
 Year 5 parents: Sex and Relationships Education (virtual) 5:00-5:30pm
 MAD Day
 KS2 hotdog Friday
 Book look evening
 Year 6 Natural History Museum
 Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service (children only)
 Year R Wellington Country Park Trip
FOWPS Mufti Day – bring a bottle
Year 3 trip to the Silk Mill
 Sports Day
 KS2 hotdog Friday
 Meet the new teacher (after school)
 Parish Fete
 Year 4 Ufton Court residential trip
 Year 6 production (afternoon)
 Year 6 production (evening)
 Happy's Circus
 School community picnic (pm) and end of term
 INSET Day
 Children return to school

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



SUMMER OF DESIGN
 FOR BUDDING GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

Calling all 10-17 year olds...
 Have you ever wanted to know more about graphic design and the possibility of a career in design?

Please join me, Faye Brown, as I introduce you to many aspects of design over 6 weeks including:

Ideas and Inspiration
 Typography
 Colour Palettes
 Hieroglyphics to Emojis
 Logo Design
 Composition

The course is broken down into 6 weeks / modules. You will get instant access to all the mini masterclasses that are between 15-35 minutes long so you can easily fit them around vacations or visiting friends and family. (Your parents will need to sign up with their name and their email addresses due to various rules please!)

The perfect introduction to graphic design!
The masterclasses are inspiring and fun.

Elsie

For more information and to sign up, please visit:
www.summerofdesign.co.uk

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