



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been busy as always this week with so much going on around school. Thank you to those of you who have come to various events at school (or online) this week. We have had our Tri-Wonder exhibitions, Smartphone free childhood presentation for parents and online meetings for part of PSHE curriculum in Year 5 and 6. The children have been working hard on their Tri-Wonder projects and it was lovely to see so many of you in school to look at the work that your children have produced. The Smartphone free presentation contained some very thought-provoking information around the impact that this technology can have on our children and some ideas of how to reduce the impact of this – some useful resources and links containing further information will be sent out soon.

Although the weather has not been kind this week, we have had groups out in the local community linked to some of their learning and have tried to get the children outside for playtimes as much as possible. Please ensure that your child always has a light raincoat as we do like to get out in the school grounds whenever we can at lunch and break times.

MAD day today has been a fun-filled day as always and the weather was kind to us. It's been great to see the children in all of their outfits. We had everything from fairies, witches, minions, bananas, bumble bees and dinosaurs, to Donald Trump who even made an appearance! Thank you for your support with this. We would also like to say a huge thank you to FOWPs and the volunteers who have made the day possible – it really would not be able to happen without them. If you would still like to donate, you can do either by dropping cash to the office or transferring to their account, details of which you have received already.

In Year 5 this week, the children created their own sacred place based on a set of rules in RE. In English, they have started their new book which is a modern-day twist on Rapunzel. Year 4 have enjoyed starting their new English journey based on The Iron Man. They have completed their time topic in maths and in P.E. they have begun their athletic practise ahead of sports day. Year 3 have had a busy week finishing off their report writing and learning how to find fraction of amounts. They enjoyed their walk into the town centre to carry out a Geography survey about what makes Whitchurch unique and special and were so surprised to see how busy the town centre is and how many vehicles cross the central roundabout. The number of different types of vehicles was also very surprising and the children enjoyed chatting about that. Year R have enjoyed the story 'Paddington at the Circus' in Drawing club and enjoyed lots of fun circus activities.

Year 1 have been learning about quarters in Maths. They have been finding a quarter of a shape and quantity. They know that each part has to be equal. In Science, they have been learning about habitats. They discussed how animals adapt to their environment and then we went on a habitat hunt around the school. Year 6 have started a new English writing unit using a short film called 'Alma' as a stimulus. It is a brilliant, albeit a little spooky, short film centered around a child and a shop full of dolls. We have also introduced our new geography topic, focusing on Australia and have used this as inspiration for some water colour artwork too. Finally, Year 2 have received a letter from Mityana Junior School to read in Geography. They have used the maps and globe to find where Mityana is and have started thinking about what questions they might like to ask them in return.

Worships this week have focused on completing the Tri-Wonder project work and sharing this with the other classes and year groups.

Next week is our Book Look and we hope to see lots of you in school for this on Wednesday. This is held after school this term to hopefully allow those of you who find it difficult to attend during the school day to be able to come and view your child's learning. It is a good opportunity for your child to share their work with you. Please remember to sign up to a time slot to ensure that we have your child's books ready for you.

Safeguarding

Please can we remind you all that you are not to enter the school building at any time unless asked to by a member of staff and you have signed in at the office. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Dunwell
Acting Head Teacher

Year R Stars of the Week



	<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Puffins</u>
Friday	Half term	Half term
Monday	Rafe	Timothy
Tuesday	Jennifer	Barney
Wednesday	Evie	Darcie
Thursday	Eloise	Arthur

Lead Learner

Seahorses	August	Tigers	Louie
Turtles	Lucy	Doves	Summer
Dolphins	William	Kingfishers	Zarah
Seals	Giorgia	Eagles	Agatha
Jaguars	Isla	Falcons	Tabby
Leopards	Dorothy	Kestrels	Emily
Pumas	Emma		

Roll of Honour

- Evie of Seahorses has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Eric of Seahorses has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Ernest of Seahorses has achieved a 100 day streak on DoodleMaths. Well done!
- William of Seahorses has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Ollie of Turtles for making good behaviour choices and encouraging other to do so as well. Well done!
- Scarlett of Turtles has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Eliza of Turtles has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Reggie of Dolphins for being super motivated and giving 100% during learning this week.
- Finnian of Seals for being such a kind friend.
- Finnian of Seals has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Ryan of Seals has achieved a 250 day streak on DoodleMaths. Amazing!
- Phoebe of Jaguars for being a kind and supportive friend and helping children into school.
- Bradley of Pumas for being very kind to a younger child.
- Reuben of Tigers for always helping around the class and school.
- Flo of Doves for being kind and caring towards a younger child when they hurt themselves.
- Pippa, Zarah, Darcie, Heather and Frankie of Kingfishers for their hard work putting class Tri-wonder project together.
- Scarlett of Falcons for always working hard and putting her best effort into everything we do.
- Sienna of Kestrels for an extremely well-articulated letter to the Prime Minister on the topic of climate change, that caught the Prime Minister's attention and received a positive response.

Achievements

- Matilda R of Leopards – HMS Certificate of Achievement for Beginner Stage Keyboard.
- India of Leopards – HMS Certificate of Achievement for Beginner Stage Keyboard.

House Points

House Point winners this week are. Well done children!

Youth-led Service at All Hallows

The amazing young people of All Hallows Church will be leading the service this Sunday 8th June at 10.30am. They will be presiding, reading, praying and singing, on the theme of Pentecost when Jesus' Apostles were given the gift of speaking languages from all the nations, beginning the sending of the church into the world. Come and support them - all are welcome. This will be followed by the monthly Bring & Share lunch to which everyone is invited.

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.

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 9th June

Lunches Week 1 from the Edwards and Ward menu, found at

www.whitchurchprimary.com:

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

Wednesday 11th June

Book look evening

Thursday 12th June

Year 6 Natural History Museum

Monday 16th June

Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service (children only)

Wednesday 18th June

Year R Wellington Country Park Trip

Friday 20th June

FOWPS Mufti Day – bring a bottle

Tuesday 24th June

Year 3 trip to the Silk Mill

Wednesday 25th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne

Thursday 3rd July

USA Day themed lunch

Friday 4th July

KS2 hotdog Friday

Friday 4th July

Reserve Sports Day

Monday 7th July

Meet the new teacher (after school)

Saturday 12th July

Parish Fete

Wednesday 16th July – Friday 18th

Year 4 Ufton Court residential trip

Wednesday 16th July

Year 6 production (afternoon)

Thursday 17th July

Year 6 production (evening)

Saturday 19th July

Happy's Circus

Tuesday 22nd July

School community picnic (pm) and end of term

Wednesday 3rd September

INSET Day

Thursday 4th September

Children return to school

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

Rising Fives Open Afternoon

Rising Fives has an open afternoon on Wednesday 18th June 2025 from 1.30pm - 2.45pm. You are very welcome to come and have a look around, see what activities we have to offer and chat to a member of the team. If you would like to book a place please just give us a call on 01256 893708 or email rising.fives@btinternet.com