

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

19/09/25

Dear Parents,

This week, through collective worship, we have been discussing our school value of **love** through the story of The Good Samaritan. The children have been exceptionally receptive of this, and I have seen children going above and beyond with kindness towards each other.

It has been lovely all coming together as a whole school (in the hall) each week for our celebration worship. The children have enjoyed all being together and it has been a pleasure to present them with their Lead Learner and Roll of Honor awards. Year R will join in after half term.

I would like to add my thanks to parents, that so early in the school year I can already see how committed a community we are to our children's attendance and learning. Already our attendance is above 97.1%, and lateness is very rare. There is always a queue of smiling, enthusiastic children (and parents) at the gate to welcome into school in the morning.

We have had a huge response to our parent survey around homework, which again highlights our community's investment in our children's learning. With over 170 responses so far, it will take us a little time to analyse this information and plan any next steps or changes to policy that we need to make. We will keep you updated when this becomes available.

From next week, as part of our review of our behaviour policy, we will be issuing children with positive notes to take home. Keep an eye out in your child's bags for these and please celebrate with them every time they get one.

Thank as always for your continued support and kind words. Have a lovely weekend.



**Mr D Ware**  
Headteacher

### Any key messages:

Parent Governor voting will start on Monday, when you will receive the candidate statements and a link to the voting form. Please only one vote per parent and give your full name when voting.



## Key Dates

Next Week – Lunches Week 1

KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month

Thu 25 September – Testbourne open evening 6-8pm (Open Mornings – via booking, Tue 30 September, Thu 2 October, Wed 22 October 9am)

Tue 7 October - Individual photos

Mon 13-Thu 14 October - Parent consultation week (details to follow)

Mon 20 October - Whole school flu immunisations (details to follow)

Fri 24 October - Inset day

Mon 3-Fri 7 November - Book look week (details to follow)

Wed 12 November – Whole school visit to All Hallows (helpers needed)

Thu 13 November – Open Day for Sept 26 starters – 10-11am or 6-7pm (no need to book)

Mon 24-Fri 28 November - Year 6 Calshot trip

Mon 1 December - Inset Day

Thu 11 December – KS2 panto visit to school

Mon 5 January – Inset day

Wed 21 January – Year 5 Hampton Court

Thu 12 February – Year 3 Fishbourne

Fri 17 April – Year 1 Jungle Jonathan visiting

Friday 22 May – Inset day

Mon 15-Wed 17 June – Year 4 Ufton Court

Thu 18 June – Class and group photos

[School holiday dates | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council](#)

# Celebration

## Year R Stars of the Week

### Pelicans

Monday - Olivia  
Tuesday - Jaydon  
Wednesday - Arwen  
Thursday - George

### Puffins

Monday - Oliver  
Tuesday - Tigerlily  
Wednesday - Tommy  
Thursday - Raphael

## Lead Learners

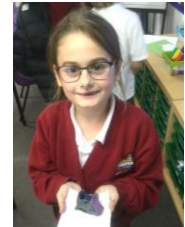
Seahorses – Teddy  
Turtles – Poppy  
Dolphins – Matilda  
Seals – William  
Jaguars – Ayla-Rose  
Leopards – Clemmy  
Pumas – William  
Tigers – Lola  
Doves – Blake  
Kingfishers – Mia  
Falcons – Abi  
Kestrels - Thomas

## Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Yestyn  
Turtles – Olive  
Dolphins – Oliver  
Seals - Lily  
Jaguars – Savannah  
Leopards - Annabelle  
Pumas – Dorothy  
Tigers – Jack Sn  
Doves – Amelie D, Rozzy, Ffion  
Kingfishers - Ryan  
Falcons – Rory  
Kestrels – Corie, Brooke

## Focus Year – Year 5

The children explored the art technique of slabbing using clay. They learned how to properly score the surface of the clay and use slip—a mixture of clay and water—to securely join pieces together. It was important for them to work carefully and efficiently so the clay didn't dry out too quickly from being overhandled. They then ventured into the playground to collect natural materials like leaves and sticks, which they used to press into the clay and create unique, textured designs. After drying, they painted them, resulting in a beautiful collection of creative and nature-inspired clay slabs.



## House Points



**House Point winners** this week are Endeavour, well done children!

This year's House Captains have been chosen and are as follows:

Victory – Caelan & Elsie / Endeavour – Alex S & Christa / Endurance – Liam & Isla / Discovery – Rory & Brooke

## Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for teaching us the true meaning of love through the story of the Good Samaritan. Help us to open our hearts to those in need, to show kindness without hesitation, and to love not just in words, but in action. Amen



## School Fundraising

### 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](http://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](mailto:admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk)

## 2nd Whitchurch Brownies are looking for new members to join their unit!

The unit meets on a Monday evening 6-7:30 in central Whitchurch and is open girls age 7 to 10 years old.

To find out more about what Brownies get up to have a look at the girl guiding website here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/>

### **Growing Food in Whitchurch**

#### *Community Garden Project*

We are planting the seeds for a new Community Garden in the centre of Whitchurch and we need your help to grow it. Come along to our stall at the Silk Mill's Michaelmas Fayre, see our ideas and tell us what you think it should offer – how to grow fresh food to eat, workshops, cookery classes – what would you use it for?

Free packets of seeds for children to take away and plant. Hope to see you there!!

Michaelmas Fayre, Whitchurch Silk Mill  
Sunday 28 September 10.30am – 4pm

