

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

26/09/25

Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by and I am sure you and your children are looking forward to the weekend ahead. Hopefully you can get out and enjoy this lovely autumnal weather – probably my favourite time of the year for a walk.

I do appreciate your understanding of the need to change some of our collection arrangements. I am receiving several requests from Year 3 and 4 parents to ask if their children can either be brought to a younger siblings class or be allowed to walk to meet parents there. Unfortunately, this will not be permitted. I do appreciate the added time it will take to collect from multiple classes. I will be working with our teachers to ensure they dismiss promptly, but also understand that Year 3 and 4 teachers may need to hold onto children a little longer whilst parents collect younger siblings. As mentioned, our children's safety is my priority, and therefore I need to ensure their class teachers know they have been handed over to an adult. For children to be brought down to younger classes, requires an adult to either leave their class to ensure safe handover of children or let the children move through the site at dismissal time without supervision. Neither of which are suitable arrangements. Thank you for your understanding.

Harvest is fast approaching; All Hallows Church will be having their Harvest Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We will also be celebrating Harvest in school between 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October. Once again, we will be asking for you to donate an item of food for our food bank collection. Details of this can be found further on in School Matters. Please send items in with your child from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

A plea to LABEL all clothing. We are increasingly collecting a large number of jumpers and cardigans without a name, making it impossible to find their owner. Please encourage your child to look after their clothes, but also write on the label with a sharpie or biro! The name stickers are a nice idea, but these often fall off. Any jumpers left without names in school at the end of the week will be given to FOWPS.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to Jamie Oliver for all he has done as Chair of FOWPS over the last two and a half years, we are glad to hear he is staying on as part of the committee. Sarah McDermott will be taking over as Chair and a full list of members is in FOWPS section. Thank you all – the work FOWPS do is so valuable to the running of the school and I look forward to working with you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.



**Mr D Ware**  
Headteacher

Any key messages:

Governor voting ends 12pm Monday [Parent Governor Votes September 2025](#)



## Key Dates

Next Week – Lunches Week 2  
KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month  
Tue 30 September, Thu 2 October,  
Wed 22 October 9am – Testbourne  
Open Mornings – via booking  
Tue 7 October - Individual photos  
Mon 13-Thu 14 October - Parent  
consultation week  
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

Friday - Oscar  
Monday - Freya  
Tuesday - Ellis  
Wednesday - Evie  
Thursday - Gian

### Puffins

Friday - Lilian  
Monday - Fleur  
Tuesday - Georgia  
Wednesday - Harry  
Thursday - Cillian

## Lead Learners

Seahorses – Eva  
Turtles – Dexter  
Dolphins – Evie  
Seals – Benji  
Jaguars – Elsie  
Leopards – Reggie  
Pumas – Elliot  
Tigers – Aoife  
Doves – Delilah  
Kingfishers – Ryan  
Falcons – Connor  
Kestrels - Robbie

## Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Vera  
Turtles – Ralphie  
Dolphins – Elodie  
Seals - Eliza  
Jaguars – Ollie  
Leopards - Amelie  
Pumas – George  
Tigers – Rachel, Emmett  
Doves - Ern  
Kingfishers - Rowan  
Falcons – Frankie  
Kestrels – Pippa, Eliana

## Focus Year – Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about Harvest in RE and how this is celebrated. The children have enjoyed tasting different types of bread and exploring how the wheat is harvested. The children were excited to mix ingredients together and knead the dough to create their own roll. As we waited for the dough to rise the children were very excited to see how each roll doubled in size! We hope you enjoyed sharing your roll at home and talking about Harvest time and what this means.



## House Points



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

## Parent Consultations – Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October

Bookings have opened today at 11am and will remain open until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm.

Bookings and online meetings are via [Login | Parents Booking](#), not Google Classroom.

Face to face meetings are on the Wednesday in the main hall, if you would prefer rather than online.

## Prayer

Thank you, God, for all we have. Help us to share with others and trust that even small things can make a big difference. Amen

### **School Lunches – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is our Autumn School Census day. The number of school lunches chosen by the children in Years R, 1 and 2 is one part of how the budget is calculated. Therefore, please can we ask that as many children as possible in these year groups choose a school lunch on Thursday. At present, lunches are free for all children until they start Year 3. The choices for all year groups will be:

- Red – Beef burger and chips
  - Green – Vegetarian hot dog and chips  
with baked beans or peas
  - Orange – Jacket potato with cheese
  - Yellow – Tomato pasta
- followed by chocolate sponge cake



### **School Fundraising**

Following this week's AGM, we now have a new committee of sixteen members; Sarah McDermott (Chair), Nichola Grimshaw (Treasurer), Leigh Hanby (Secretary), Alison Burt, Chloe Corless, Colette Storer, Cordelia Williams, Ginny Smith, Hannah Wells, Louise Evans, Jamie Oliver, Jen Boatman, Rachel Breach, Stuart Butchers, Toni Hillyard and Vicki Brown.

We are in the process of planning the events for the year, so keep an eye out for all future notifications.

#### 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)

## School Nurse Clinic on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Starting at 8.45am 



Open to all parents!



Our School Nurse Michelle will be running a 1:1 clinic for parents to offer advice and signposting.

The 30 minute sessions will be running at:

8.45am, 9.15am, 9.45am, 10.15am, 10.45am and 11.15am.

The School Nursing Team can help with all kinds of things such as:



Please email our Family Link Worker Mrs Lovens at [m.lovens@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:m.lovens@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk) if you would like to book a 1:1 slot with Michelle on 08.10.25 stating your preferred time slot.

## Rhymetime & Storytime Free!

at Whitchurch Library



Storytime  
Saturdays 10:30

Rhymetime  
Fridays 10:30



## TCS COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

25th October 2025

at Testbourne Community's School Field  
Gates open at 5pm, fireworks at 7pm

ADULTS £9 / CHILD (4+) £6  
FAMILY (2 Adults, 2 Children) £25  
On the gate prices: Adult: £10 / Child (4+) £6  
Family (2 Adults 2 Children) £30  
Parking £6 (Per Vehicle)

Tickets on sale from 26th September 2025  
and can be purchased at [go.testbourne.school/fireworks](http://go.testbourne.school/fireworks)

For more information, please contact:  
[community@testbourne.school](mailto:community@testbourne.school) or 01256892261





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- Children experiencing loss or separation
- Children in care
- Children affected by domestic abuse
- Armed forces families with a parent serving abroad
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN

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Get in touch: 07804 880072 | [scarlettsmiles@spotlightuk.org](mailto:scarlettsmiles@spotlightuk.org)

**BOOK EARLY & SAVE!**

# GOL!

ELITE COACHING

## OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

**COST**

**EARLY BIRD OFFER:**  
ONLY £125 for a FULL week!  
(Must be booked and paid by 29th September)

Prices from £32.50 per day or FULL week from ONLY £137.50  
\* Sibling discounts available on full week bookings only. First time and bring a Buddy discounts available. Please see website for further details.



**3 VENUES AVAILABLE!**

Basingstoke Soccer Centre  
The Hunt School  
Testbourne School

BOOK NOW! [www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk](http://www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk)

Andover Foodbank  
Together with Trussell

## Harvest appeal

Help support Andover Foodbank this Harvest

So far this year the Foodbank has supported 4000 people in our community with over 40 tonnes of essential items

**Donate food**

Donate 1 or 2 items so we can provide food for people in your community who cannot afford the essentials

**Donate money**

Help to cover our operating costs, including a Citizens Advice caseworker to provide financial support



**Shopping list**

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned/instant potatoes
- Tinned soup
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Rice pudding/custard
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Milk (long life)

**01264 362111**  
[andover.foodbank.org.uk](http://andover.foodbank.org.uk)

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