

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

03/10/25

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone for getting on board with our new collection arrangements. From our perspective, the end of the day routine has felt calmer, more orderly and most importantly, safer.

I would also like to formally announce Stuart Jefford as our new Parent Governor. Thank you, everyone who put themselves forward for this role, and to everyone who voted. I am sure Stuart will be a great addition to the governing body.

Please remember that next Sunday, 12th October there will be a Harvest Service at All Hallows Church. We have been practising some songs in worship and any children you attend the service will have the chance to join the choir to sing them.

I hope that you are all on board with Walktober. Several members of staff are taking part, including myself - I cycled to school this morning and Mr May who has walked to school for the past two days. Pictured are some of the views from this morning:



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr D Ware
Headteacher



Key Dates

New dates in yellow

Next Week – Lunches Week 3

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

Tue 7 October - Individual photos

Mon 13-Thu 14 October - Parent consultation week

Fri 17 October – Mufti Day (non-uniform) in aid of Wear Red Day

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

Thu 23 School disco

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

Monday-Thursday – Please send in Harvest donations. List further down SM.

Tuesday 7th October – Individual photos. Please remember school jumpers and cardigans and please no large hair bows or large Alice bands. Thank you.

Bookings for parent consultations remain open until Friday.
www.parents-booking.co.uk

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday - Eleri
Monday - Flo
Tuesday - Ophelia
Wednesday - Harrison
Thursday - Leah

Puffins

Friday – James
Monday – Reuben
Tuesday – Sylvie
Wednesday – Oliver
Thursday - Zara

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Esme
Turtles – Cameron
Dolphins – Hazel
Seals – Zoe
Jaguars – Finnian
Leopards – Oscar
Pumas – Alfie
Tigers – Kyra
Doves – Amelie
Kingfishers – Reuben
Falcons – Caleb
Kestrels - Danny

Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Felix
Turtles – Ella
Dolphins – Joseph
Seals - Ernest
Jaguars – Phoebe
Leopards - Emily
Pumas – Nova
Tigers – Aurion
Kingfishers - Mia
Kestrels – Evelyn

Focus Year – Year 2

Year 2 have been making necklaces and games with conkers at Forest School this week. They learnt all about how conkers trees originated from other countries and were planted in the UK. They were able to recognise the difference between a conker and a walnut and then had a go at making holes in the conkers with a hand drill. They children really enjoyed this activity. We'd love to see any conker creations that they have made at home!



House Points



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

Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 17th October we are having a mufti day (non-uniform) to raise money for Show Racism the Red Card. Children and staff can wear something red if they wish, just wear non-uniform, or can still wear uniform if they prefer. Minimum donation of £1 to participate. There will be an activity appropriate for each class during the day.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for friends who care. Help us to be friends who lift others up and bring love wherever we go. Amen



School Fundraising

School Disco – Thursday 23rd October

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](#)

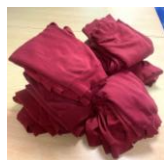
If you would like to help with any FOWPS activities – please enter your details [HERE](#). You can do as much or as little as you like. If you can regularly donate or match fund, please see the details on our [HOW TO DONATE PAGE](#)

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

Wraparound care

We are aware that more recently, it has at times been difficult to book places for after-school in 'Simply of out School'. Due to this, a new provider will be opening an after-school club based at Testbourne very soon. This will not be linked to the school in any way, but they will pick up from here each day to walk the children across to Testbourne. 'Simply' will remain on our school site providing the same before and after school care as previously and will not be affected by this. This will hopefully provide an additional option for those who need it.

Lucy Hopper, who will be running the new club, will be available out the front of school on Monday (6th October) from about 3.15pm should you wish to come and chat to her further about this. There is a flyer attached below with some further information.



Labelling

Please remember to label EVERYTHING. Unreturnable unlabelled items from the last two weeks.

sports xtra **October Half Term**

Fun & engaging

Multi-Sport
Try something new!

Friendly environment

Location: Lifestyle Fitness Basingstoke
Date: 27/10 - 31/10
Time: 9:00 - 16:00

- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
- £29.50/ day
- 10% discount for week bookings (£132.75)

All of our staff/coaches have Enhanced DBS, Emergency First Aid, Safeguarding and Sports Coaching Qualifications and will make sure the children have fun packed days with their friends!

www.sports-xtra.com
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Andover Foodbank
Together with Trussard

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

Registered charity in England & Wales 1199268

#WRD25 WORLDWIDE RACISM DAY

WEAR RED DAY 25

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025

CHANGE HEARTS. CHANGE MINDS. CHANGE LIVES.

ISIS
Out of School Club

COMING SOON!!!

After school club based at Testbourne Community School.

Collection from Whitchurch Primary School, Monday to Friday...

- ★ Collection from school with a short walk to club.
- ★ Healthy snack provided.
- ★ Choose and enjoy play opportunities with your friends.
- ★ Collect any time until 6pm.
- ★ Flexible payment options - bank transfer, childcare vouchers, tax free
- ★ Qualified and experienced staff

Currently serving: Park view, Kings Furlong, Kempshott, Winklebury, Oakridge, South view & Castle hill schools

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Baby Loss Awareness Week

BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 12th October @ 7.30pm
All Hallows Church, Whitchurch RG28 7AS

A reflective service to support bereaved parents and families, and to honour the tiny lives lost too soon. For anyone who has been touched by pregnancy or baby loss, no matter how long ago. All are welcome.