

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

07/11/25

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term. I hope you all had a lovely week last week and managed to get out for a few autumnal walks. Following the break, it is lovely to celebrate all things new. We have a newly refurbished school hall floor, which looks fantastic. I have seen so many children wearing the new school fleece too, they look cosy and warm. We welcome two new LSAs in the school: Mrs Beecroft and Mrs Jones. We will also be joined by our new Family Support Worker – Mrs Cooke. I am sure she will introduce herself when she starts next week.

There is so much to look forward to this half term. It is always a busy one, but is one of my favourites. Christmas time in primary schools is always magical, and I can't wait to see all of our Nativity performances. It has been a busy start already, with book looks this week; I hope you have all enjoyed sharing your children's learning with them.

Thank you to all the children and families that took part in Walktober. The teachers have been busy looking at the entries that were brought into school, and have chosen the following winners Summer Venning, Yestyn McAslin, Matilda Woodham, Elsie Oliver, Romola Privett-Main, and Alex Strong.

Following on from your parent feedback, we have begun to introduce some additional clubs. Some of these are lunchtime and some after school. Hopefully you have seen a new after school Computing Club advertised and next week an Art Club. We have also started up our Choir. KSI have also started a lunchtime art club.



At the end of each half term, we will now be sending attendance emails for every child, you will have all received one before we broke for October half term. The update you will have received will completely depend on which 'bracket' your child's attendance fell into. These updates are shared to help keep parents informed about their child's attendance, celebrate strong attendance where possible, and offer support where attendance may have dipped. We recognise that after a short 8-week term, even a few days off for illness will have a big impact on your child's overall attendance percentage so far. Our aim is always to work together to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to achieve and enjoy school life to the fullest. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Lastly, Online safety is so important in our ever-changing technology world. We will begin sharing a monthly Online Safety Newsletter. This month's addition is attached.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your continued support.  
All the best

**Mr D Ware**  
Headteacher



## Key Dates

### New dates in yellow

Next week – Lunches Week 2

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

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)

Friday 21 November – Mufti Day (bring a bottle for FOWPS Christmas Fair)

Mon 24-Fri 28 November - Year 6 Calshot trip

Mon 1 December - Inset Day

**Fri 5 December – Christmas Fair Raffle Donations Collection**

Tue 9 December – Puffins Nativity 9.30am

Wed 10 December – Year 1 Nativity 2pm

Thu 11 December – Pelicans Nativity 9.30am

Thu 11 December – KS2 panto visit to school

Fri 12 December – Year 1 Nativity 9.30am

Fri 12 December – Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm

Mon 15 December – Year 6 Greek Museum (2.15pm)

Tue 16 December – Year 2 Nativity 9.30am

Wed 17 December – Year 2 Nativity 2pm

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

### Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the Scouts, Rainbows, Cadets etc may wear their uniforms to school as a mark of respect.

**Year R 2026 applications** open on 1<sup>st</sup> November [Apply Here](#) Please don't miss the deadline in January!

# Celebration

## Year R Stars of the Week

### Pelicans

Monday - Oliver  
Tuesday - Summer  
Wednesday - Florence  
Thursday - Henry

### Puffins

Monday - George  
Tuesday - Archer  
Wednesday - Grace  
Thursday - Delilah

## Lead Learners

Seahorses – Ava  
Turtles – Jenson  
Dolphins – Millie  
Seals – Raisa  
Jaguars – Mia-Paisley  
Leopards – Oswyn  
Pumas – Ava  
Tigers – Leila  
Doves – Jake  
Kingfishers – Michael  
Falcons – Holly  
Kestrels - Rowan

## Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Pearl  
Jaguars – Indiana  
Leopards - Ada  
Tigers – Daniel and Andrei

There are less on the Roll of Honour this week, as we have returned to only giving the award to children who have gone above and beyond this week, rather than one per class.

## Focus Year – Year 4

This week Year 4 started their new unit on plants. We learned the names and different functions of the different parts of a flower. This included the petals, stem, style, stigma, ovules and sepals.

We then put our theory to practice by dissecting a variety of flowers and found an example of each part which we stuck down onto paper. The children worked brilliantly and produced some lovely specimens.



## Prayer:

Dear God, Thank you that you are always with us, watching over us, right by our side, No matter what may be happening in our lives. Thank you that we can always trust you. Thank you that there are always people we can talk to. Thank you that you always listen. Amen.

## Flu Immunisations

If your child missed their flu immunisation and you would still like them to have it, access to the electronic e-consent will soon reopen and if you then submit a form, you will be invited to a community clinic. The community clinic will not be held at the school.



## School Fundraising with FOWPS

Firstly, FOWPS are delighted to share that an incredible £1,800 was raised through ticket sales and purchases at the school disco last month. We'd like to thank all parents and carers for purchasing tickets, and of course all of the children for getting stuck in and throwing their best shapes on the dancefloor.

Many thanks to all of the parent and teacher volunteers who gave their time to help the event run so smoothly and make it super fun for the children. FOWPS really appreciates all your help. If you would be interested in helping with any future FOWPS activities – please enter your details [HERE](#) or we have a WhatsApp channel for volunteers [HERE](#). You can do as much or as little as you like – even an hour or two would be great.

### Christmas Cards and Gifts

You should by now have received your child's Christmas design – we hope you love their festive creations! Visit Class Fundraising Parent Shop and you'll be able to place an order using your child's design – products on offer include Christmas cards, mugs, jigsaws, soft toys, tea towels and many more Christmas present ideas. The FOWPS team have negotiated an extra week of browsing with Class Fundraising, and so their shop will now close at noon on Tuesday 18 November.

### Upcoming FOWPS events

Planning for our Christmas Fair on 12 December is now in full swing. Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

Mufti Day – Friday 21 November – Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

Raffle Donations – Friday 5 December – Collection point will be after school, in the playground

FOWPS Christmas Fair – **Friday 12 December** – the main event, beginning at 3.30pm

### More info

Want to keep up to date with FOWPS? Find out more at our website [www.fowpswhitchurch.co.uk](http://www.fowpswhitchurch.co.uk) or follow FOWPS on Facebook or the FOWPS channel on WhatsApp. You can also email us at [admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk)



Whitchurch CofE Primary School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in its care. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr David Ware and the Deputy DSLs are Mrs Michelle Dunwell and Mr David May. The Designated Safeguarding Leads can be contacted through the school office on 01256 892755 or email to [adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk) marked for the attention of one of the safeguarding leads.

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Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026?  
(4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026)

We would like to invite you to come and have a look around our school.

## OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

10.00am-11.00am, or

6.00pm-7.00pm

(no need to book and children are very welcome)

There will be an introduction from the Head Teacher and you will be able to visit the classrooms to see our children at work during the school hours.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



Isis Out of School Club

After School Club  
3.30-6pm

Based in Testbourne,  
collection from  
Whitchurch Primary

Email  
[isisclub@aol.com](mailto:isisclub@aol.com)

Qualified,  
experienced  
staff

Arts & craft,  
board games,  
dress up,  
construction,  
outside play

Healthy  
snacks  
provided

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## *Run for the fun of it!*

Are you between the ages 4 and 11?

Come and run with us on Saturdays at 9am at the Testbourne Football fields where we will enjoy some fun, interactive games, an obstacle course and do some speed, coordination and agility exercises.

**£5 for a 45 min to 1 hour session**

Please book your place on spond

<https://group.spond.com/SKLWT> or for more information email [kycathletics@gmail.com](mailto:kycathletics@gmail.com)

**Please remember to bring a water bottle and a snack**

