

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

12/12/25

Dear Parents,

As I am writing this, FOWPS volunteers are very busy getting ready for our Christmas Fair. It looks like it will be an amazing event and I am looking forward to my first experience of that here at Whitchurch. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who make events like this happen, and to everyone else for any donations they made or money they spent at the fair.

It has also been lovely this week to be able to watch the Year R and Year 1 nativity performance. The children made as all very proud and were brilliant on their day. Thank you for all of your support and comments of appreciation when you came to watch. I look forward to watching Year 2 put on their nativities next week and also the Year 3 and 5 carol concert.

This week in collective worship we looked at the story of David and Goliath. We spoke about how important courage is, especially when faced by a challenge or something we think we cannot do. We encouraged the children to think about what gives them courage to carry on, to try and who they can turn to for help when things feel difficult. Perhaps you could carry on this conversation on at home.

Some staffing news – next week we welcome Mrs Langfeld back to Tigers class, Miss Allen has made a successful start as an LSA, working with several children and next week we welcome Mr Parkes as an LSA, followed by more interviews for LSAs next week. We say goodbye to Mrs Clarke and Miss Cameron, who are moving on to pastures new. They will be missed by both staff and the children, but we wish them every success with the next stage of their careers. Thank you both for working so hard to support the children.

Well done to the children who took part in the basketball. They tried very hard, but unfortunately they lost, but they showed great determination and courage.

Well done also to Mrs Kashchula and the children who decorated a tree at All Hallows tree festival for winning their group. Well done too, to Simply Out of School, who won their group.

It was lovely to see Year 2 getting creative with their history topic this week. They built Tudor Houses and then set them on fire to learn about The Great Fire of London. I am sure this will be something they remember for a long time. See pictures below.

A couple of reminders:

If you would like to put yourself forward for the Parent Forum – please email [adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)

Thank you to those of you who have completed our survey about attending Parent Workshops by Primary Behaviour Services – about anxiety or managing big emotions. There is still time to give your feedback on preferred dates and times, so we can book the most suitable date. Please complete the form if you are interested in attending. [Parent Workshop – Fill in form](#)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

All the best



**Mr D Ware**  
Headteacher



## Key Dates

### New dates in yellow

Next week – Lunches Week 1

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

**Tue 16 December – Year 6 Greek Museum (2.30pm) CHANGE OF DATE**

Tue 16 December – Year 2 Nativity 9.30am

Wed 17 December – Year 2 Nativity 2pm

Wed 17 December – Year 3&5 Carol Concert 6pm

**Wed 17 December – Christmas Lunch (uniform and a Christmas jumper or similar. No fancy dress please). No need to pre-book lunch.**

Thu 18 December – Year 3&5 Carol Concert 9.30am

**Fri 19 December – mufti day for Endeavour (half term house point winners)**

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

**Year R 2026 applications** opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November [Apply Here](#)

Please don't miss the deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> January! Please check with friends and neighbours to see if they've applied. Thank you.

# Celebration

## Year R Stars of the Week

### Pelicans

Friday – Eleri  
Monday – Mason  
Tuesday – Olivia  
Wednesday – Henry  
Thursday – Buzz

### Puffins

Friday – Zarah  
Monday – Asher  
Tuesday – Ada  
Wednesday – Cillian  
Thursday – Grace

## Lead Learners

Seahorses – Amelia  
Turtles – Rafe  
Dolphins – Ivor  
Seals – Poppy Co  
Jaguars – Thomas  
Leopards – Alexander S  
Pumas – Phoebe  
Tigers – Mabel  
Doves – Hugo  
Kingfishers – Jo  
Falcons – Darcie  
Kestrels – Robbie

## Roll of Honour

Dolphins – Molly  
Falcons – Emily  
Kestrels - Rowan

## Focus Year – Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They all made some incredible Tudor houses and bakeries at home which we took down to Forest School this week to burn. We recreated the fire to understand how quickly the fire spread from house to house and to understand how people must have felt when their houses were burnt down. It took 26 minutes for all the houses to burn. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your child build their houses. They were amazing and we appreciate all the effort that was put into them.



Dear God, help us to be brave like David. Give us courage to face big challenges with faith. Help us to be brave enough to do the right thing, not the easy thing. Amen.

### House Points



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

### Half Term House Point Winners



Endeavour collected the most house points this half term. The children in Endeavour House may come to school dressed in mufti (home clothes) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Parents of children in this house will receive an email.



### School Fundraising with FOWPS

At the time of writing this, the FOWPS Christmas Fair hasn't yet taken place, but a huge thank you to all those who have helped with prep for the Fair, gave donations, volunteered on the day or simply came along and had a great time! We hope you all had fun, and we'll have more info on how it went in next week's School Matters.

The Friends of Whitchurch Primary School is your parent-teacher association and a registered charity whose mission is to enhance the educational experience and wellbeing of all the children at school. FOWPS supports initiatives that enrich school life – and we had a great example of this on Thursday when we were very proud to present the pantomime for KS2 children, funded by FOWPS.

The panto, Snow White, was put on for us by M&M Productions, the largest theatre-in-school entertainment provider. The title character struggled to know her three times table, but was joined by some forest people and a puppet to complete her quest. She also had the whole of KS2 singing the song from the Jet2 advert?! FOWPS was very pleased to support this panto from our funds. Feedback has been really positive from KS2 students and it was great to see them enjoying the performance. Oh yes they did!!!

#### 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](#).

If you would like to help with any 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 could help.

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)



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, Mr David May and Mrs Emma Cooke. 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.

## All Hallows Family Carol Service

Featuring a mix of contemporary and traditional carols played by the All Hallows Worship Band as we celebrate the events of the first Christmas.

Sunday 14th December 10.30am  
Followed by refreshments

Join us afterwards for the Bring & Share lunch 12 o'clock in the Church Rooms.

Everyone welcome.

# WHITCHURCH UNITED YOUTH

## U7 TEAM TRIAL SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Fantastic opportunity for 25/26 season footballers to play for our club within an exciting pathway structure.

Training Thursday's  
5-6pm  
Testbourne school 3G pitch, RG287JF



**WUFC PATHWAY**

- Women's League Men's team / Women's 1st team (EBC) - Competitive Senior level football
- Performance U19-U23 - Providing players further on their development with a competitive level of football at the highest levels available to allow a clear pathway and progression into senior level football
- Development U17-U23 - Community football for all development levels with focus on development and progression into performance teams
- Mini Kidz U5-U8 - Introduction to football

**WHATS AVAILABLE?**

- PLAYING IN THE PHYL ON SUNDAYS
- A CLEAR PATHWAY TO SENIOR FOOTBALL
- ADIDAS HOME KITS
- YEAR ROUND 3G PITCHES
- LOTS OF FUN IN A FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

For more info or to register interest:  
[wuyouthsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wuyouthsecretary@gmail.com)

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Join us for a **Family Carol Service**



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am**

Invite your friends and family to join in the fun as we celebrate the events of the first Christmas with carols old and new!




Suitable for all ages with refreshments served afterwards

**Pop Up Ensemble**

**FREE**


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**Pop Up Ensemble**  
**Lift Winton, Andover**

JMST theatre, Lift Winton, London Road,  
Andover, Hampshire, SP10 2PS  
Sunday 18 January 2026 9.15 - 13.15


**Beginner to Grade 4**





**Back by Popular Demand!**

**Come and be part of a 'from scratch' orchestra!**

Scan the QR code to register your place





Music Service