

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

28/11/25

Dear Parents,

It has been a little bit quieter this week without our Year 6 children. We have all missed them this week, whilst they were in Calshot. However, I know they have had an amazing time. It is lucky for them that we have an INSET day on Monday, so that they can get an extra day of rest.

This week, it has also been lovely to see some of our Nativity practices begin, I am very much looking forward to my first Christmas at Whitchurch!

I am very pleased to announce that, we have been notified that one of our children was an overall winner with the HCC Walktober competition. A huge well done to Luke from Seals class – congratulations.

I wanted to share that this week we received the donation of a book called 'Rory Green – The Space Beez and the World Saving Sneeze' – this is part of the Rory Green series by Kerry McIntosh. Kerry, who has close family links to our school, sadly passed away last year and her final book has now been published in her memory. Please click on the link for more information. [In Memory of Kerry McIntosh](#)

As winter is setting in, please make sure your children have appropriate clothing for this weather: **hats, gloves and coats** for playtime. Our school site is already VERY muddy. We like our children to be able to use all our outside space, but to ensure we keep our school clean and protect your children's footwear, we ask them to change into school wellies (we have plenty). Please remind your children that to play on the field, they must change into them at break times. Thank you.

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

Tue 2 December – change to lunches (pizza day)

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

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

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

Wed 17 December – Christmas Lunch

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

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

INSET Day - School is closed on Monday 1st December, due to staff training.
Tuesday will be pizza day.

Year R 2026 applications opened on 1st November [Apply Here](#)
Please don't miss the deadline in January!

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Oscar
Monday – Lucas
Tuesday – Summer
Wednesday – Emilia
Thursday – Ophelia

Puffins

Friday – Georgia
Monday – Alfie
Tuesday – Tigerlily
Wednesday – Cillian
Thursday – Fleur

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Levi
Turtles – Archie
Dolphins – Lenny
Seals – Luke
Jaguars – Alfie
Leopards – Jaxon
Pumas – Ricky
Tigers – Leo
Doves – Kylo
Kingfishers – Heidi

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Ted
Pumas – Matilda R
Tigers – Daniel
Kestrels - Brooke, Zainab,
Evelyn, Summer, Aston,
Ben, Aria who didn't go to
Calshot
All of Year 6 at Calshot

Focus Year – Year 6

This week Year 6 have been on their residential to Calshot. We have had an action-packed week of a range of activities including: climbing, skiing, snowboarding, cycling in a velodrome, archery and aerotrek. We have also spent some time in the forest, orienteering, and doing a scavenger hunt on the beach. It has been great to see the children get stuck into all of them activities, even when facing their fears (such as heights). It has been great to see them grow in confidence and independence across the week and it has also been lovely to see them building on their co-operation and teamwork skills. The children have really shown how caring and supportive they are of each other. Of course, these trips can't happen without the support and dedication of the staff who attend and give up so much of their own time to support and care for the children, so thank you to them too. Below are just a few photos showing what we have been doing this week.



Dear God, we thank you for walking with us as we journey together through life. Thank you for walking with us through good times, as well as times when we might feel worried. Help us to be thankful for all good things, and to have hope each and every day. Amen.

House Points



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



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Friends of Whitchurch Primary School Christmas Fair

🎵 Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la, la la la la. The Christmas Fair will be quite jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la! 🎶 Mark your advent calendars for **Friday 12 December** between 3.30 and 5.30pm and prepare for an epic collision of school spirit and tinsel-fueled merriment at the FOWPS Christmas Fair. Among the many activities on offer there will be food and drink, a raffle, tombolas, games and performances by the School Choir and Marina's School of Dance. We guarantee fun, festive tunes, and the distinct possibility of leaving with a glitter tattoo!

And while you're doing your Black Friday online shopping, don't forget to pay a visit to the FOWPS Christmas Fair event page at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=108107> to reserve your timeslot in Santa's Grotto, purchase fair tokens in advance, and also let the team know if you can volunteer on the day for as little or as long as you can spare.

Raffle prize donations and in-person token purchases

Did we mention there would be a raffle and tombolas? We couldn't hold those without prizes, and the FOWPS team will be at the top and bottom school gates before and after school next **Friday 5 December** to collect any generous donations you may have. Toys, craft sets, books, toiletries, Christmas decorations, chocolate boxes – please bring them along and we'll take them off your hands and turn them into raffle prizes. Thank you very much in advance.

Next Friday 5 December is also the time to purchase fair tokens in person from the FOWPS team, or to collect any tokens you've bought in advance at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=108107>

Looking further ahead, we're also keen to receive any donations of cakes or baked goods please, but not until nearer the date of the fair – look out for more information closer to the time.

More info

Want to keep up to date with FOWPS and our fundraising activities which are designed to enrich school life? Follow <https://www.facebook.com/F.O.W.P.S/> or the **FOWPS channel on WhatsApp**. You can also email us at 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 marked for the attention of one of the safeguarding leads.

Whitchurch Silk Mill is bringing festive magic to the town with its Elf on the Shelf Trail, a perfect day out for families this Christmas season. Children can explore the historic Mill and spot cheeky knitted elves hidden throughout the building and grounds, each lovingly knitted by our amazing volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to creating these charming characters.

The trail offers fantastic value for money: buy a child's ticket and an accompanying adult goes free. Families can enjoy the Mill's picturesque riverside setting, discover its fascinating history, and take part in seasonal activities that make this a memorable experience for all ages.



WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

Elf on a Shelf Trail

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025
10.30 AM – 12 PM OR 1.30 PM – 3 PM

BUY A TICKET FOR YOUR CHILD AND
ONE GROWN-UP JOINS THE
ADVENTURE FOR FREE.



Scan here to find out more!



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Charity No. 900621



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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Donation Point
Donate new & unwrapped toys for children this Christmas
Deadline for donations 1st December

Nationwide Basingstoke

3/4 Clapham House, Basingstoke, RG21 7JN

For More Information:
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