

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

16/01/26

Dear Parents,

This week we continued discussing one of our core values of Respect. With KS1 we looked at the book, 'All Are Welcome Here' and with KS2 we discussed the act of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, as recorded in John 13:1-17. The purpose of this was to remind our children to show respect to everyone, regardless of our differences. We encourage our children to show respect through kind actions, words and thoughts and I challenged them to find ways to show this throughout the week.

This links nicely to the latest update of our behaviour policy, as well as a new parent conduct policy – both of which are attached to school matters this week.

Over the course of the Autumn term, we reflected on our behaviour policy, and spent some time fine tuning it. It was recently approved by our governing body too:

'As Chair of Governors, I am proud to fully support our school's Behaviour Policy and the work of the leadership team and all staff in creating a positive, safe, and nurturing environment for every child at Whitchurch CofE Primary School.

We believe that a happy school, where pupils achieve excellent outcomes and thrive under high expectations, is one that reflects our core values every day. Consistently high standards of behaviour are essential to this vision. Good behaviour is recognised and reinforced, ensuring that pupils feel valued and motivated. Equally, poor behaviour is never tolerated, as it undermines the learning and wellbeing of others.

As we begin a new year, it is a perfect opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and to set new habits for the future. By continuing to promote love, courage and respect, we strengthen the culture that allows every child to succeed and flourish. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a place of excellence and joy for all. The Governing Body stands firmly behind this policy and the commitment of our staff to uphold it, ensuring that our values are lived out in every classroom and every interaction.'

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a good 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

Wed 21 January – Year 5 Hampton Court

Thu 12 February – Year 3 Fishbourne

Thu 12 February – FOWPS Disco

Fri 27 February – Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.30pm Small Hall

Thu 5 March – World Book Day

Fri 17 April – Year 1 Jungle Jonathan visiting

Thu 14 May – Year 5 theatre visit

Thu 21 May – FOWPS Disco

Friday 22 May – Inset day

Wed 10 June – Sports Day

Thu 11 June – Year 6 Natural History Museum

Mon 15-Wed 17 June – Year 4 Ufton Court

Thu 18 June – Class and group photos

Tue 23 June – Year 6 Winchester Cathedral

Tue 30 June – Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne

Wed 1 July – Reserve Sports Day

Mon 13 July – Year 6 Testbourne Transition Day

Whitchurch Smartphone Free

Papaya online parent talks - Let's Talk About our Kids and their Tech (flyer at the end of the newsletter).

[Smartphone Free Parent Pact](#)

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Buzz
Monday – Gian
Tuesday – Summer
Wednesday – Olivia
Thursday – Freya

Puffins

Friday – Ada
Monday – Georgia
Tuesday – Theo
Wednesday – Tigerlily
Thursday – Delilah

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Robin
Turtles – Jennifer
Dolphins – Kitty
Seals – Tobias
Jaguars – Freddie
Leopards – Nathaniel
Pumas – Jocelyn
Tigers – Clara
Doves – Jessica
Kingfishers – Barney
Falcons – Caelan
Kestrels – Danny

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Fergus
Dolphins - Evie
Leopards – Clemmy
Pumas – Florence
Tigers – Scarlett
Kestrels – Summer & Isabelle

Focus Year 6

Year 6 have been learning all about volcanoes this week. We began by exploring how to create our own volcano models using plastic bottles and paper-maché. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork as they worked together to build their structures.

The following day, the children observed the different shades and tones found on volcanoes and once again collaborated effectively to paint their models. We then watched a video of a real volcanic eruption and learned about the different parts of a volcano, as well as what causes an eruption.

Finally, we arranged our volcanoes to represent the Ring of Fire. One by one, we erupted them using a mixture of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to represent lava travelling from the magma chamber, up the main vent, and out through the crater. This was a very exciting experience for everyone!



Lord Jesus, You showed us that true greatness comes from serving others. Thank You for the people around us - our friends, teachers, and families. Help us to treat everyone with kindness and respect, even when it is hard. Teach us to listen, to share, and to care for those who need our help. Amen.

House Points



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



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Maximising your fundraising with FOWPS

Happy New Year to you all from the FOWPS team! We hope you had a lovely break and are looking forward to another exciting term of fundraising to help enrich school life.

We've got several events lined up for this term including:

- the next FOWPS School Disco on Thursday 12 February. Look out for more info nearer the time, and tickets are already on sale at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=11092> and

- just after half term we'll be holding the next uniform sale on Friday 27 February

Also, our popular school tea towels are available to pre-order now for delivery later this term at

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110484>

Help your support go further

In the meantime, make it your New Year's resolution to check in with your employer about their charitable giving schemes – an easy way to boost your support for FOWPS – or any other causes that you care about.

Some examples are:

o Match funding: some employers match employee donations, effectively doubling the money raised.

o Give As You Earn (GAYE): donate directly from your salary before tax so your gift goes further, often with employer matching.

o Paid volunteer hours: many employers offer paid time to volunteer, giving you the chance to support FOWPS during the working day.

Sometimes all it takes is asking around: your HR, payroll, or corporate responsibility team can tell you what's available and that could unlock a huge opportunity to make your generosity go even further.

More Info

If you can regularly donate or match fund, please see more details on our HOW TO DONATE PAGE. Find out more at our website www.fowpswhitchurch.co.uk or follow FOWPS on Facebook or sign up for updates on 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, 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 marked for the attention of one of the safeguarding leads.

Let's talk about our kids and their tech

ONLINE PARENT TALKS—REGISTER HERE:

TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2026

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM — [LINK](#)



TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2026

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM — [LINK](#)



THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2026

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM — [LINK](#)



Your Health Visiting and School Nursing records all in one place... at your finger tips



View and manage your appointments with Health Visitors



View your child's vaccination history and newborn blood spot screening results



Search a wide range of resources about children's health



View growth charts and add measurements



The Ages and Stages questionnaires are available for you to complete electronically before your child's 1 year/2 year health reviews



National Childhood Measurement Programme. Receive results of your child's height and weight measurements (Year R and Year 6).

Today's health, tomorrow's future

Sign up today! Email parent.portal@nhs.net



We CARE through:



FAMILY SILENT DISCO EVENING

TESTBOURNE SCHOOL SPORTS HALL
SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2026
FAMILY SESSION: 6:30PM - 8:30PM
TICKETS: CHILD: £5.00 PP
ADULT: £10.00 P
CASH BAR AVAILABLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION: COMMUNITY@TESTBOURNE.SCHOOL

School Nurse Clinic

On Tuesday 20th January

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:

- Sleep and Behaviour
- Toileting
- Emotional Well-being
- Healthy Lifestyle

Please email our Family Link Worker Mrs Cooke at e.cooke@whitechurch.hants.sch.uk if you would like to book a 1:1 slot with Michelle on 20.01.26 stating your preferred time slot.