

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

23/01/26

Dear Parents,

This week we have continued to talk about our school value of 'Respect' – however we have turned our focus onto respecting our environment. This includes looking after our resources, tidying up our classrooms (and bedrooms at home) as well as recycling and not littering. Talk to your child about how they have shown respect for their environment this week.

I would like to remind all parents that our school is a smart phone free school. Where children have permission to bring in a phone (in Year 5 & 6) these must be handed in to the teacher who sends a box to the school office to be collected at the end of the day. In addition, no child is permitted to wear a smart watch, this is made clear in our uniform policy. Any watch with games, camera, internet or mobile connectivity is not permitted. Please do not send your child in wearing one, as they will be confiscated. As a reminder, as we phase out smartphones at the end of Year 6 this year, the current Year 5 will not be allowed them in school at the start of September 2026. They will be permitted to bring 'brick phones'.

Please find attached parent leaflets about Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN support. These have been developed by Hampshire County. The purpose of these is to provide information about Hampshire support for children with special educational needs and more information about what support is available.

Parent Forum will be starting again soon. We received several volunteers, and where multiple parents came forward from the same year group, we have aimed to give opportunities to those who may not have had the chance previously. We will aim to have our first meeting this half term. The representatives for each year group are:

Year R – Ruth Jefford
Year 1 – Daniel Gender-Sherry
Year 2 – Esther Privett
Year 3 – Louise Hayes
Year 4 – Chris Gale
Year 5 – Alison Burt
Year 6 – Justine Josey

As a final thought, some children may come home today and say there was a dog in the grounds while they were at PE. There was briefly, but he quickly left again when his owner called.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a good weekend.



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 3 February – Papaya Online Parent Talk about Tech Use (see details on our website under Parents/Letters)

Thu 12 February – Year 3 Fishbourne

Thu 12 February – FOWPS Disco

Thu 26 February – Papaya Online Parent Talk about Tech Use (see details on our website under Parents/Letters)

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

[School holiday dates | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council](#)

A reminder that children are allowed to wear small stud earrings only, not hoops for safety reasons.

They must be removed for PE or taped with home provided tape.

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Henry

Monday – Effie

Tuesday – Jaydon

Wednesday – Reuben & George

Thursday – Eleri

Puffins

Friday – Lyra

Monday – Raphael

Tuesday – Reuben

Wednesday – Sylvie

Thursday – Oliver

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Aubrey

Turtles – Matilda G

Dolphins – Ella

Seals – Zachary

Jaguars – Rafe C

Leopards – Lacey

Pumas – Arlo N

Tigers – Aurion

Doves – James

Kingfishers – Bradley

Falcons – Jacob

Kestrels – Callum

Roll of Honour

Dolphins - Lucy

Jaguars - Evie

Pumas – Matilda

Tigers – Mabel

Kestrels - Riley

Focus – Year 5

This week, Year 5 went to Hampton Court to give them more of an insight into their Tudor Monarchy learning in history. The children were all excited and keen to learn more but also show off their existing knowledge. All groups had the opportunity to explore the palace freely and visit the different areas, ranging from The Royal Chocolate Room to the corridor supposedly haunted by the ghost of Catherine Howard.

It was a great day out and the children represented our school well - despite the miserable weather!



Dear God,

Thank you for the beautiful world that you created. Help each of us to take responsibility for our planet by making small differences in the world around us. Amen.

House Points



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



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Tokens, Tea Towels and Tunes!

Firstly, if you are shopping in the Andover Chantry Centre between now and the end of March, grab some **Waitrose green tokens** from their till and drop them in our box to support the school's allotment. FOWPS would like to re-establish this much-loved space where the children can learn first hand about growing and sharing fresh food and which also serves as a quiet and calming area where children can connect with nature. Every token helps and FOWPS could generate up to £1,500 this way which can be used to buy equipment, seeds and bulbs.

Just in time for spring, we have ideal gifts for Mother's Day and Easter. Treat yourself or surprise your family and grandparents with the 2025/26 academic year **FOWPS tea towels** featuring sweet self-portraits from all children in the school (unless they were absent on the day they were completed). These popular 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>. There are two versions available, one with all KS1 classes and one with all KS2 classes.

Don't forget that tickets for the next **FOWPS School Disco on Thursday 12 February** are on sale at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111092>. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help us with running the disco, that link is also the place to sign up!

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.

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



FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAYCAMPS

Monday 16th - Friday 21st February 2025

AGE: 5 - 12 Years

VENUES

BASINGSTOKE SOCCER CENTRE RG22 4HS 9am - 5pm	TESTBOURNE SCHOOL RG28 7JF 9am - 4pm	THE HURST SCHOOL RG26 5NL 9am - 4pm	VIGO SCHOOL SP10 1JZ 9am-3.30pm
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Charity No. 1129258



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10PM - 12PM**

Easter Egg Hunt 2026

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CRAFTS & EGG HUNT**

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