

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

06/02/26



Dear Parents,

We have continued to talk about respect this week and encouraged the children to think about 'self-respect' – and to consider what makes them special and what are they proud of themselves for. Please discuss this at home. Book Look week is also next week. Please make sure you know when your class have their timetabled session. It is always lovely for children to share with you a favourite piece of work or some work they are proud of.

Next Tuesday is Safer-Internet Day. We will be sending out further information about this and asking you to join us for Tech-Free Tuesday at home.

Thank you for all the positive feedback about the FACE workshops sent out by Mr May. Following on from this we will be hosting two parent workshops here at Whitchurch. These will be led by the team from Hampshire Primary Behaviour Services. Flyers for both are attached.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 6-8pm – Big Emotions

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 6-8pm – Managing Anxiety

These will be open sessions that you can just turn up to, but to help us get an indication of numbers, please can you complete the attached form.

[Parent Workshop Responses – Fill in form](#)

### Staff Announcements

Mrs Woodward will be going on maternity leave at February half term. We wish her all the best of luck and can't wait to meet baby number 2. For the remainder of the year Mrs Kaschula will teach Pumas class three days a week and Mrs Spencer will teach Pumas the other two days.

Mrs Oliver will also be leaving us at February half term as she is expecting twins very soon. Mrs Oliver has made the decision now that she will not be returning after her maternity leave. We will be very sad to see her go but equally understand that she is going to have her hands full for a while. Taking over Kestrels Class, we will welcome a new teacher Mrs Pieters – who will be visiting the class next Thursday.

In other staffing news, I would like to announce a change of role in the school. Mr May has successfully been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher – with lead responsibilities for Inclusion and Behaviour. His existing SENCO role is included within this position.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely 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

W/B 9 February – Y1-6 Book Looks

**Wed 11/Thu 12 February – Kestrels online parent consultations**

Thu 12 February – Year 3 Fishbourne

Thu 12 February – FOWPS Disco

W/B 23 February – Parent Consultations

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

**Tue 24 March – Y4 Production 2pm**

**Thu 26 March – Y4 Production 6pm**

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](#)**

Bookings for Kestrels parent consultations are now live and close on 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. [www.parents-booking.co.uk/whitchurch](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/whitchurch)

Bookings for the rest of school open on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm and close on 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm.

# Celebration

## Year R Stars of the Week

### Pelicans

Friday – Lucas  
Monday – Dilara  
Tuesday – Leah  
Wednesday – Flo  
Thursday – Ellis

### Puffins

Friday – Asher  
Monday – Evie  
Tuesday – Rufus  
Wednesday – Alfie  
Thursday – Harry

## Lead Learners

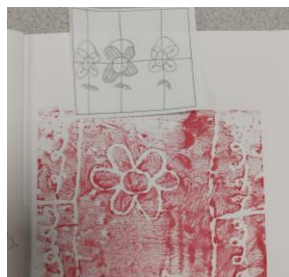
Seahorses – Yestyn  
Turtles – Ralphie  
Dolphins – Molly  
Seals – William  
Jaguars – Indiana  
Leopards – Albie  
Pumas – Violet  
Tigers – Scarlett  
Doves – Alex B  
Kingfishers – Thea & Emily  
Falcons – Grace  
Kestrels – Alex

## Roll of Honour

Turtles – Paxton  
Jaguars - Lacey  
Leopards - Kyson  
Falcons - Seb & Alex S  
Kestrels - Danny

## Focus – Year 2

Year 2 have been designing tiles in the style of Herbert Minton. We copied our tile designs on polystyrene and then went over the design with a roller and paint. The children worked hard to include flowers and leaves, ensuring their pattern was symmetrical. Next, they will make a clay tile using the same design.



Lord, Thank You for making each of us unique and special. Help us to see ourselves as You see us—with love and value. Teach us to make good choices, to care for our bodies and minds, and to believe in the gifts You have given us. Amen.

## House Points



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

### Care about Your Air – Switch off Your Engine

We receive lots of comments about car engines running whilst waiting for the end of school and the impact this could have on our lungs. Engine idling is bad for the **environment** – running engines emit carbon dioxide, considered the main greenhouse gas responsible for climate change. Idling is bad for air quality. Young people are at greater risk of the **health** impacts of air pollution because their lungs are still developing. Idling is a waste of **money!** It wastes fuel that you are paying for. Running engines can be noisy and this becomes a **safety** issue when pupils need to cross the road and can't hear the cars that are actually moving. Please consider turning your engine off while you are waiting for your children to finish school. Thank you.



### School Fundraising with FOWPS

#### FOWPS Spring School Disco

Less than a week to go until the **FOWPS School Disco on Thursday 12 February**. The hottest tickets in the Ton are on sale for just £3 per child at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111092>.

More information can be found at that web page, including timings, confirmation of face painting and the opportunity to submit songs for possible inclusion in the disco playlist.

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 to help make this glittering event happen! Thank you for your support.



With a small break in the clouds this morning, the FOWPS team were busy in the school's allotment tidying up and laying down fresh soil and bark. The allotment space serves as a quiet and calming area where children can connect with nature. Don't forget that if you are shopping at Waitrose in the Andover Chantry Centre between now and the end of March, **grab some green tokens** and drop them in our box to support this project. FOWPS could generate up to £1,500 this way which can be used to buy equipment, seeds and bulbs.

A reminder too that 2025/26 academic year **FOWPS 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>.

#### More info

Find out more by following [FOWPS on Facebook](#) or sign up for updates on the [FOWPS channel on WhatsApp](#), or by taking a look at our pages at [PTA Events](#).

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.

**WHAT'S ON** January - April 2025

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## FEBRUARY HALF TERM

**Hands on History: Castles and Catapults (6+)**  
Mon 16 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Introducing Acrylics - Winter Scenes (8+)**  
Mon 16 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Tour for All: Saxons, Vikings and Normans Walking Tour**  
Tue 17 Feb | 11am | Tudor House | £10 (accompanying children FREE)

**Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)**  
Tue 17 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Great Fire of London Clay Scenes (5+)**  
Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Bluey Inspired Pen Pots (3+)**  
Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: K Pop Demon Hunters Clay Sculpture (6+)**  
Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**NEW FOR 2026**  
**Toddler Time: Characterful Dogs! (under 4s and friends)**  
Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am | SeaCity | £6

**Hands on History: Awesome Egyptians (7+)**  
Fri 20 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | SeaCity | £8

**Junior Art School: Go Wild with Wool (7 - 13 years)**  
Drop off your young people  
Fri 20 Feb | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £26

**CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS ACTIVITY DAYS**  
(Age 6½ - 12 years)  
Drop off your young people  
Three days per week | 9am-4pm (drop off from 8.45)  
SeaCity | £35 per day or £90 for all three days  
Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days.  
Cruise Adventures  
Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18 Feb

See venue websites for further details on events and to book  
[seacitymuseum.co.uk](http://seacitymuseum.co.uk) | [tudorhouseandgarden.com](http://tudorhouseandgarden.com) | [southamptoncityartgallery.com](http://southamptoncityartgallery.com)

## February Half Term

**Make a Portrait that POPs!**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
10.30 am to 12 pm  
£6 per child, one adult joins the adventure for free. Explore the popstastic exhibition 'Visible Threads' for FREE.

**Young Makers Weave A Wall Hanging Workshop**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
10.30 am to 12 pm  
£60 per child. No experience needed, just bring your imagination! Perfect for ages 8 - 16

**Whitchurch Silk Mill**  
28 Winchester Street, Whitchurch, RG28 7AL

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