

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

27/02/26

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring Term. I hope you all had a lovely break. There is a lot to look forward to this half term. I hope all of you have managed to have a parent consultation this week and have found them useful.

World Book Week

Next week is world book week. You should have received information about this already. Children will also receive their book token, and take part in a range of activities across the day on Thursday 5th March – including dressing up as their favourite book character! There is a theme lunch too, so look for details of that below.

Parent Workshops

We have parent workshops coming up, led by Primary Behaviour Services – and are there to help support parents with strategies to support their children. They are on Thursday 5th March 6-8pm (Managing Big Emotions) and Thursday 12th March 6-8pm (Managing Anxiety). Please do book a place via this link [Parent Workshop Responses – Fill in form](#)

Additionally, below in the newsletter you will see the FACE flyer, advertising online sessions parents can access in March. To access these [click here](#) then go to PARENTS – Live talks page. **Accessing the talks free of charge:** the **Whitchurch CofE Primary School** access code is **WC271125**

Performances

This half term I am excited to see we have two different performances due. Our school choir will be performing at the Anvil on 25th March – which is sure to be a real treat. Year 4 are also busy preparing for their Production of “Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World” on 24th and 26th March. I have been hearing them practice on the hall and they are singing beautifully.

Sticker Request

We are seeing an increase in children bringing in stickers from home. Although it might seem harmless, it is leading to disagreements and arguments in school. Please do not send children in with stickers. The same applies to cards such as football cards and Pokemon cards.

A Big well done to all of our sports stars recently. We did extremely well at the Cross Country and also managed a well earned 1-1 draw in Netball this week.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely half term.



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 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

Wed 25 March – Choir Performance at the Anvil

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

Sat 11 July – Parish Fete at the school

Mon 13 July – Year 6 Testbourne Transition Day

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

Thank You!

A massive thank you to FOWPS for clearing our allotments ready for Spring use by classes. They look amazing and the children will really benefit from them.

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Noah
Monday – Harrison
Tuesday – Ellis
Wednesday – Olivia
Thursday – Eleri

Puffins

Friday – Asher
Monday – Nella
Tuesday – Tommy
Wednesday – Rufus
Thursday – Alfie & Aria

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Darcy
Turtles – Grayson
Dolphins – Joseph
Seals – Arthur
Jaguars – Savannah
Leopards – Emilie
Pumas – Jessie
Tigers – Teddy
Doves – Luna
Kingfishers – Esme M
Falcons – Elizabeth
Kestrels – Flo

Roll of Honour

Kingfishers – Anna-Rose

Focus – Year R

This week, Year R have been learning all about Chinese New Year. They explored a world map to find China, discovered the traditions people follow to prepare for the celebration, and learned how it is enjoyed around the world. The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including arts and crafts, dragon dancing, and food tasting. They have been wonderfully curious throughout the week and have asked lots of thoughtful questions.



House Points



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

Dear God, As we walk through this season of Lent, help us to pause, to be thankful, and to show kindness to others. Teach us to make good choices, to care for those in need, and to grow in love each day. Amen.

World Book Day Menu – Thursday 5th March

The lunch choices today will be Roald Dahl themed: Red – James's Mud Burger with Wedges (Beef Burger), Green – Mrs Twit's Wormy Spaghetti (Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce), Orange – usual cheese jacket potato. There will be no yellow choice today, as this is nearly the same as the green choice. Followed by Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Cake.

Netball News

Well done to the children who played in the netball match this week: Florence, Mia, Ella, Amelie, Danny, Heidi, Ffion and Theo. They draw the match 1-1. They all played fantastically and worked amazingly as a team. Watching the team play in not only my first match, but it was also a couple of players first match too and I'm very proud of their team spirit and hard work. Well, done guys. - Miss Phillimore



School Fundraising with FOWPS

FOWPS and the school allotment

The FOWPS team have been hard at work over the autumn and spring, reinvigorating the school allotment. The team have weeded the beds and topped them up with soil and mulch, have replaced the bark on the paths and generally reset the space so it is ready to go for the spring and summer. Special thanks to Jane who has helped us on many a Friday morning (previous FOWPS Chair and now back as a grandparent!) and Oli who pruned the wonderful grape vine ready for this year.

A big thank you to the Isle of Wight Garlic Farm for their huge donation of garlic for the children to plant, and to Apsley Farm for their donation of a bag of mulch to top off the beds with. CBD Landscaping were very helpful in delivering soil and bark very early and right up close to the allotment.

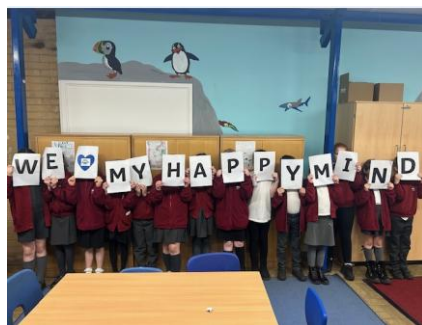
Next, the children will start to grow things! If anyone is willing to help us with sewing a few extra seeds, please do reach out to us at admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk.



Don't forget – you can support FOWPS's work with the allotment by shopping at Waitrose Andover in the Chantry Centre before the end of March, grabbing some Waitrose green tokens from their till and dropping them in our box. Every token helps and FOWPS could generate up to £1,500 this way which can be used to buy equipment, seeds and bulbs.

And it's also the final couple of days to secure additional funding when you sign up to easyfundraising for free and shop as usual with thousands of retailers including Amazon, Sainsbury's, John Lewis, Next and eBay. It's quick to sign up, doesn't change your shopping experience and doesn't increase prices at all. Join today using our link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowps> and secure a bonus for FOWPS if you do so before the end of February.

My Happy Mind



We are proud to announce that we are a myHappyMind Silver Accredited School! This means that as a school, we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence and self-esteem as well as teaching them how to self-regulate in those stressful times.

This accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to all the effort our staff, children, governors and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappyMind to life all around our school!

To learn more about the myHappyMind for Schools programme, visit their website here - <https://myhappymind.org/>

School Nurse Clinic On Tuesday 10th March 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:



Please email our Family Link Worker Mrs Cooke at m.cooke@whitechurch.hants.sch.uk if you would like to book a 1:1 slot with Michelle on 10.03.26 stating your preferred time slot.



March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm



Scouts

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA FUN DAY!

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
MIDDAY-3PM

£2 ENTRY*

EASTER TRAILS
FOR ALL AGES!

FUN GAMES
& STALLS!

BBQ &
REFRESHMENTS



TOMBOLA!

ARTS &
CRAFTS

VISIT FROM THE
EASTER BUNNY!

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

AT THE SCOUT HUT, BERE HILL, WHITCHURCH

*Entry £2 - includes Easter Trail
with guaranteed prize for all entrants

MIDDAY-3PM

LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY!



POLSKA 2027
World Scout
2027 Jamboree
ScoutMondial

Project 27 Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Scouts -
America 2027