

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

27/03/26

Dear Parents,

In our last week of term, we have spent time reflecting on what the meaning of Easter really is, reflecting on the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. Easter is a time of forgiving and new life. We asked the children to reflect on their Easter traditions and think about what the Easter story means to them – can they see signs of the Easter Story throughout Easter time, such as hot cross buns, easter eggs and baby chicks?

I can't quite believe it is the end of the Spring Term already. We have an action-packed summer ahead of us, but we have had an eventful end of spring term as well.

This week Year 4 held their production of Sir David Hattenscarf and The Seven Wonders of The World. They all did exceptionally well. The production was filled with fantastic songs, some brilliant acting and a lot of educational information about how we should be looking after our planet better. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to the parents who came along to watch.

Also, this week, our Key Stage 2 Performing Arts club performed at the Anvil in Basingstoke alongside fifteen other school choirs as part of Hampshire Music Service's Choir Spectacular concert. We are so proud of them, they sang beautifully and it was great to be part of such a wonderful occasion.

I'm really pleased to share that as a school we have been awarded the Silver Accreditation Award from My Happy Mind. We achieved this because of the way our whole school have committed to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing, including happy breathing, wellbeing sessions in class and classroom displays. A big thank you to everyone who took part in the videos, pictures and mini missions to help us achieve Silver, and a special thank you to our very dedicated Happiness Heroes who have supported lots of activities since October to help us achieve this award.

Following on from our recent parent forum, one request was to share future INSET Dates with you as far in advance as possible. As a result, I can confirm the INSET dates for the next academic year will be:

1st and 2nd September 2026, 2nd October 2026, 12th February 2027 and 28th May 2027

Thank you for your ongoing support, I hope you have a lovely Easter break.



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
- Fri 17 April – Year 1 Jungle Jonathan visiting
- Thu 14 May – Year 5 theatre visit
- Sun 17 May – Whitchurch 5K
- 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
- Fri 26 June – Year R Wellington Country Park trip
- 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
- Tue 1 September – INSET Day**
- Wed 2 September – INSET Day**
- Friday 2 October – INSET Day**
- Fri 12 February 27 – INSET Day**
- Fri 28 May 27 – INSET Day**

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

**Good Friday
All Age Service**

Friday 3rd April
10am

All Hallows
Whitchurch



- Easter Story
- Craft
- Music
- Chocolate
- And more!

Free event
All welcome

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Oliver
Monday – Oscar
Tuesday – Summer
Wednesday – Lucas
Thursday – Arwen

Puffins

Friday – Jj
Monday – Cillian
Tuesday – Fleur
Wednesday – Georgia
Thursday – Harry

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Genevieve
Turtles – Matilda F
Dolphins – Harrison L
Seals – Lily
Jaguars – Rose
Leopards – Theo I
Pumas – Nova
Tigers – Daniel
Doves – Edward
Kingfishers – Violet
Falcons – Lewis
Kestrels – Isabelle G

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Harriet
Jaguars – Erin
Leopards – Olive
Pumas – Jessie
Kingfishers – Thea

Focus – Year 4

This week Year 4 have worked incredibly hard to present their production of Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World. In just 4 weeks, they have learnt songs, learnt lines, followed direction, produced props and scenery, put together their costumes and entertained and educated their audiences. We are immensely proud of every single one of them for what they have achieved. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of a hall full of adults and perform so confidently, each of them showing our school value of courage magnificently! Well done Year 4.



Dear God, Thank you for Easter. Thank you for giving your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Help us to remember and celebrate your love and forgiveness this Easter and help us to live in the new life you offer. Amen

House Points



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

Primary Maths Challenge

Well done to Jack D in Year 5 for achieving a Silver Award in the Bonus Round of the Primary Maths Challenge.

Performing Arts Club Perform at The Anvil!

On Wednesday evening the Key Stage 2 Performing Arts club took to the stage at The Anvil in Basingstoke alongside fifteen other school choirs as part of Hampshire Music Service's Choir Spectacular concert. They were all impeccably behaved and performed the most fantastic rendition of Consider Yourself from Oliver. A brilliant opportunity and I know the audience loved it. Well done to you all!



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Spring into Whitchurch starts tomorrow!

Tomorrow FOWPS's Easter trail springs into action, so get those trail maps out of the children's bags and get egg-sploring the town to crack the clues and take home the prizes. More information about this egg-celent adventure supported by FOWPS can be found at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=114351>

Entries are still open for the Whitchurch 5K run on Sunday 17 May for adults and the fun run for children on the same morning. Registration details available here: fowpswhitchurch.co.uk/run

Finally, if you're out shopping for Easter treats it's the last few days for getting some green tokens at Waitrose Chantry Centre in Andover and dropping them in our box to support the school's allotment. Every token helps and FOWPS could generate up to £1,500 this way which can be used to buy equipment, seeds and bulbs.

Have a lovely and relaxing Easter break from all at FOWPS, and see you next term for some more fundraising!

More info

Find out more by following [FOWPS on Facebook](#) or sign up for updates on the [FOWPS channel on WhatsApp](#). You can also email us at admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk

Cleaner Supervisor and Cleaner Vacancies

We have vacancies at school for an evening Cleaning Supervisor and a Cleaner, Monday to Friday 15:45 to 18:15. if you are interested in keeping our school clean and welcoming for our pupils, please call Paula Crowe, Atlas Cleaning, on 07984 114233 or apply via Atlas Cleaning on the links below.

[Cleaning supervisor advert](#)

[Cleaner Advert](#)

Hampshire County Youth Choir

Open Rehearsal

Friday 17 April 2026

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

- 5-7pm - Show Choir (Y7 to Y13)
- 5:15-6:30pm - Junior Choir (Y2 to Y6)
- 7:30-8:45pm - Training Choir (Y7 to Y10)
- 7:30-9pm - Youth Choir (Y10 to Y13)

For more info and to sign up, please [Click Here](#).



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April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 50 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm

WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

FAMILY EASTER TRAIL

Tuesday 31st March or Thursday 2nd April 2026
 10.30 AM to 12 PM

ALL TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk
 Charity No. 500221

WHITCHURCH PARISH SUMMER FETE

Saturday 11th July, 2026
 11AM-4PM

STALLHOLDERS APPLY NOW!

Brought to you by:

LOCATION: **Whitchurch CofE Primary School**
 STALL BOOKINGS: fowpswhitchurch.co.uk/fete

Rising Fives
 Where Learning is Childsplay

RISING FIVES OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 22nd April 2026
 From 1:30pm to 2:45pm
 Places available

Rising Fives take children from 2 years old to 5.

Please call 01256 893708 or e-mail rising_fives@btinternet.com to book your space.

Rising Fives, Old School Canteen, Fairclose, Whitchurch, RG28 7FG
www.risingfives.co.uk
 Charity Number: 270065

Community Café

The community cafe will be back in All Hallows' Church Rooms over Easter on Monday 30th March and Wednesday 8th April from 9.30-12.00 .

Monday 30th March: Free crafts: Steve Court Wildlings Making woodland-pinwheels.
Wednesday 8th April - spring crafts and board games.

On both days: Free: Breakfast available for all including cereals and fruit.

Games and activities available for all.

Selection of Teas coffees and cakes to buy.

Donations welcome.



What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer



Calendar of events this spring

Lyndhurst Community Centre, Main Car Park, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY	Friday 20 March	2pm to 6pm
Leigh Park Community Centre, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park, Havant PO9 5BG	Saturday 21 March	10am to 1pm
Andover Community Church, Charlton Rd, Andover SP10 3JH	Thursday 26 March	2pm to 6pm
Farnborough Library, Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough GU14 7JZ	Tuesday 14 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Hampshire County Council HQ, Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Monday 20 April	1pm to 5pm
Xperience Youth Centre, 70 Trinity St, Fareham PO16 7SJ	Tuesday 28 April	12pm to 4pm
Gosport Discovery Centre, High St, Gosport PO12 1BT	Thursday 30 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Alton Maltings Centre, 2 Maltings Close, Alton GU34 1DT	Thursday 7 May	2pm to 6pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Potters Walk, Basingstoke RG21 7LS	Tuesday 12 May	2pm to 6pm
Pavilion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9LH	Friday 15 May	2pm to 6pm
Petersfield Festival Hall, Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4DZ	Monday 18 May	2pm to 6pm

To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer or scan the QR code.

