

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

13/03/26

Dear Parents,

This week we have spoken about forgiveness in our school worship time – using the story of the prodigal son from the bible. We teach children to not hold grudges and to forgive others. However, we discussed why the ‘prodigal son’ is forgiven by his father – that he sought forgiveness, acknowledged what he had done wrong, and tried to make up for his mistakes and to be better. Again, we encourage children to understand when they might need to do the same.

I am very excited with the announcement of the Whitchurch 5K event on 17th May. Hopefully you have all seen the flyer and will be joining us on what I am sure will be the beginning of a great Whitchurch annual tradition. I may even run it myself this year – I know Mr Rutledge has already signed up.

Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas to our parent forum this week. Our conversation was mostly food based this time around, but future agendas will be focussed on behaviour rewards, communication, homework and playtimes. Following our discussions this time round though I will share that, going forward:

- All snacks at break time must be either a piece of fresh or dried fruit, or vegetable (such as cucumber or carrot sticks). This does not include fruit winders.
- KS1 children are provided a fruit choice in school but can bring their own if they want to.
- We ask parents NOT to send in sweets or cakes on their child’s birthday. Send them in with a badge, and we will make a fuss of them in class, and ensure we sing happy birthday.
- School lunch portions were discussed. I have spoken to the caterers today, who will shortly provide me with example portion size images, separate for KS1 and KS2 which I will share with you once I have them.

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

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

Please read attached ‘Healthy Food Guidance’ for parents.

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Leah
Monday – Oliver
Tuesday – Noah
Wednesday – Edith
Thursday – Ophelia

Puffins

Friday – Evie
Monday – Sylvie
Tuesday – Lyra
Wednesday – George
Thursday – Theo

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Isobel
Turtles – Arthur
Dolphins – Daisy
Seals – Scarlett
Jaguars – Phoebe
Leopards – William
Pumas – George
Tigers – Jack Sm
Doves – James
Kingfishers – Anna-Rose
Falcons – Isla
Kestrels – George

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Teddy
Turtles – Matilda G
Jaguars – Isla Rose
Pumas – Romola & Phoebe
Falcons – Kaiden-Lee x2
Kestrels - Danny

Focus – Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard on their Australia topic. They have been learning about the different places in Australia and the types of people who live there, particularly Indigenous Australians. They have explored Aboriginal art, which is traditionally created using natural resources, and have learned how artwork can tell stories through the use of symbols. Working in pairs and groups, the children created their own Aboriginal-style artwork, telling a story using symbols and the dot technique seen in traditional Aboriginal art.



Dear God, thank you for always giving us a fresh start. When we make mistakes, help us to learn and grow. Teach us to forgive others and to feel peaceful inside. Amen.

House Points



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

Football News

On Wednesday, Riley D, Jack D, Edward T, Ollie C, Evan M, Barney K, Reuben S and Kylo J played in the Andover league against Bawksbury. After a defeat in the previous game and knowing that a win would help the chances of progressing to the knockout rounds, the pressure was truly on. The pressure showed in the early moments with Bawksbury on top. Whitchurch, however, began the next part of the match with more intensity and eventually led to a stunning half volley by Kylo tying the match 1-1. The lead lasted barely 30 seconds before Bawksbury quickly made the score 2-1. Whitchurch needed to dig deep and that is exactly what they did at 2-2. Whitchurch showed more skill just before half time, but Bawksbury scored against the run of play, and we went into half time 3-2 down. In the second half, Whitchurch locked in from the very beginning, beating players down the wings, passing the ball through the Bawksbury midfield and with some clever long balls from Evan, they were putting Bawksbury under a lot of pressure. Jack and Edward were rocks in defence and Ollie and Reuben were doing a brilliant job putting pressure on the home team. 5 minutes into the second half, Whitchurch scored a deserved equalizer. They continued to dominate and some clinical finishing from Barney and Evan put us in control scoring 3 goals within the space of 10 minutes. Evan, on two goals was desperate to bag himself a hatrick and did so in extraordinary fashion having a go from 30 yards out and nestling in the top corner. Whitchurch kept their foot on the gas and despite Bawksbury scoring the next 2 goals, some solid goalkeeping by Riley ensured we kept hold of the victory. The match ended with Whitchurch winning 7-5 and with a real shot of making the quarter finals. What a result and well done to you all!



School Fundraising with FOWPS

FOWPS – Whitchurch 5K entries are now live

Have you entered the new Whitchurch 5K run yet? Adults of all abilities can enter the run on Sunday 17 May and entry costs just £15. On the same morning, there will also be a fun run for children on the school field for a suggested donation of £2 and there will be free pre-event activities and refreshments available to purchase. Registration details available here: fowpswhitchurch.co.uk/run which is also the place to sign up for volunteering to make this new event 'run' as well as we can. Your support is vital to making events like this happen!

The FOWPS team will also be offering an egg-citing fun family activity for you to crack over the Easter holidays – coming soon – keep an eye out for more details in the next couple of weeks.

FOWPS can also earn funds 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. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-whitchurch-primary-school-hampshire>

ENGLISH YOUTH BALLET

DANCE | PERFORMANCE | EXPERIENCE

GISELLE

A DRAMATIC NEW PRODUCTION

English Youth Ballet presents an appealing and dramatic production of Giselle set on an English country estate with an 'upstairs downstairs flavour'. Giselle is a Governess, a young girl who is betrayed by the Prince Albert who unbeknown to her is also engaged to Lady Bathilde. This leads to a macabre, ghoulish scene dominated by Wilis who are young women jilted in love and who rise from their graves at night and take revenge on any man who crosses their path. With enchantingly sumptuous costumes, pretty scenery and spectacular dancing this production cleverly updates Giselle with its drama, colour and warmth.

A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE MISSED

"beautifully danced and innovative adaptation by English Youth Ballet" Dance Dynamic
"EYB cannot be faulted with sets and costumes of real quality" Dance Expression

A PHENOMENAL SUCCESS

Now entering its twenty-eighth year, English Youth Ballet has gained in popularity and has an established formidable reputation for classic and dramatic productions of the famous full length classical ballets. With professional dancers formerly from International ballet Companies taking the leading roles, the company gives young dancers throughout the UK a wonderful performance opportunity to dance alongside the principals in solo and corps de ballet roles. EYB promises a spectacular evening at the ballet.

EYB WINNER OF THE STAGE AWARD FOR
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN REGIONAL THEATRE

"English Youth Ballet is a triumph" Dance Expression
"It was a fantastically polished professional show" Nottingham Evening Post
"to say that the evening was impressive would be an understatement" Eastern Daily Press

WED 8 - FRI 10 APRIL 2026

7:30pm

TICKETS from £26



Whitchurch Town Council

Poster competition to reduce litter

The Council are holding a competition to design a poster to reduce litter in Whitchurch

Categories:

Individual Entry

- 7 years and under
- 8 - 12 years

Group Entry

- 7 years and under
- 8 - 12 years

Winners in each category will receive Amazon Gift Cards

Please send your entries to the Town Council Office by **29 March**. Remember to add your name and age on the back of your poster as well as an adult email address.

All entries to be A4 size (a digital photo of the group entry will be accepted)

All entries will be displayed for the public to view at the Town Hall during opening hours throughout the Easter holidays.



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EASTER Holiday Camp

SPORT - TEAM BUILDING - FUN

Lifestyle Fitness Basingstoke (Everest Academy)
March 30th - April 10th 2026

HAF Places available

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Whitchurch Town Council

Quiz

Annual Town Assembly

Short presentation from BDBC's Green Team

Presentation of the Annual Community Awards

Open to all residents.

There will be light refreshments available or you can bring your own. A small prize will be awarded to the winning quiz team.

Please contact assistantclerk@whitchurch-hampshire-tc.gov.uk to reserve your table for the quiz.

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Thursday 26 March - 7.30 - 9.30pm

Parish Hall

● Update on Council activities

● Ask Cllrs questions