

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

17/04/26

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. I am very excited about the summer term, it is always my favourite term in the school year. There is a lot to look forward to so please do check all the key dates each week. Already this week, I have been to meet Pele the snake as Jonathan Jungle came to visit Year 1 – more information to follow in School Matters next week.

Whitchurch 5km Run

I am very much looking forward to our first FOWPS led Whitchurch running event on Sunday 17th May. Please sign up to help show your support. **Early sign up is appreciated so we can best plan and prepare for the event.** You just need to decide if your target is to beat Mr Rutledge, Mr May, me or anyone else I can convince to sign up. Sign up here [Whitchurch 5k Run](#)

Refugees

This half term we are taking part in a primary school Diocesan project – called Bags of Hope. The focus and theme of this year's project is about refugees. This can raise some important but sensitive issues. Our school worship time each week will focus on these themes. Please do discuss these with your children, but if you need any guidance or support please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Screen Time Guidance

For those that have not read the latest advice on screen time, there is now clear guidance for under 5s – but I feel this guidance could easily apply for primary age children too. More information on the link below.

- Under 2s: Avoiding screen time other than for shared activities that encourage bonding, interaction and conversation.
- 2 to 5-year-olds: Trying to keep it to no more than one hour a day. Avoid at mealtimes and in the hour before bed

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-screen-time-guidance-for-parents-of-under-5s>

Online Gaming

There is also a lot of news coverage about the impact of social media on children and pushing for a ban for under 16s. Something I completely support. However, there is often not enough information about the risks of online gaming for younger children. Please watch this very short video to find out quick and easy ways to support keeping your child safe playing games online.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4>

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 3

KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month

Wed 22nd April – Year 4 Ufton Court meeting – Small Hall – 5pm

Thu 14 May – Year 5 theatre visit

Fri 15 May – Second hand uniform sale – small hall – 3.30pm

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

Fri 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](#)

Online Safety Page

We now have a dedicated Online Safety page on our website under the Parents tab.

Here we will add the Online Safety Newsletter and videos such as mentioned above.

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Monday – Effie
Tuesday – Olivia
Wednesday – Leah
Thursday – Freya

Puffins

Monday – Oliver
Tuesday – Aria & Oliver
Wednesday – Ada
Thursday – JJ

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Harry
Turtles – Zac
Dolphins – Alfred
Seals – Eliza
Jaguars – Erin
Leopards – Ada
Pumas – Matilda
Tigers – Andrei
Doves – Evie
Kingfishers – Esme W
Falcons – Alex
Kestrels – Beau

Roll of Honour

Jaguars - Giorgia
Pumas - Alfie

House Points



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



School Fundraising with FOWPS

FOWPS is back for the Summer Term

Welcome back! The FOWPS team hope you had a great holiday, and hopefully you couldn't get en-oeuf of our cracking Easter challenge!

The team is raring to go for the summer term, and what a line up we have for you. We've got four events already in the diary, just for starters.

- Friday 15 May: Our second-hand uniform sale returns after school
- Sunday 17 May: the new Whitchurch 5K run takes place. The race is open to adults of all abilities, and on the same morning, there will also be a fun run for children on the school field as well as free kids activities. Registration details available at: [Whitchurch 5K Run](#) Also, please do look out for the colour-your-own medal sheet children were given this week. If they are able to bring their completed medal sheet along on the day, they can hand it in to receive a special treat.
- Thursday 21 May: This term's FOWPS School Disco will be back on the dancefloor. Look out for more information nearer the time.
- Saturday 11 July: The fete team are now taking bookings for stalls so if you, or someone you know, runs a small business, charitable organisation, craft venture or local club or society, then it would be great to have you on board and we'd love to hear from you! Take a look at [Whitchurch Parish Fete](#) for more information.

As always, we couldn't put on these events without your help. Please take a look at the links above for how to get involved. For more information, follow FOWPS on Facebook or sign up for updates on the FOWPS channel on WhatsApp.

Come and play cricket!

Whitchurch Cricket Club is excited to welcome new players for the season starting on Friday 24 April. We offer a fun and supportive environment for children of all skill levels to learn the game.



Whitchurch CC runs a mixed team at **U9 level** (school years 3 and 4) and both mixed and girls-only squads at **U11 level** (school years 5 and 6). Training is at **5.15pm on Fridays**.

With the Women's T20 World Cup in England and the club celebrating its 250th anniversary this year, there's never been a better time to join! Our focus is on building skills, making friends, and having fun. We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities for parents—and the bar will be open on Friday evenings. Join us to be part of this historic summer!

Go to www.whitchurchcricketclub.com for more info or email wccwolverines@outlook.com

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Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

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SCAN ME



WHITCHURCH PARISH SUMMER FETE
Saturday 11th July, 2026
11AM-4PM

STALLHOLDERS APPLY NOW!

Brought to you by:
 FOWPS
 all hallows whitchurch

LOCATION:
Whitchurch CofE Primary School

STALL BOOKINGS:
fowpswhitchurch.co.uk/fete



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, RG26 7FG
www.risingfives.co.uk
Charity Number: 2700663



WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE, SATURDAY MAY 9TH, 2026

WORLD-CLASS MUSIC AND DANCING AT THE GATEWAY TO THE NORTH WESSEX DOWNS

**KRIS DREVER – ANGELE MORRISON – LISA KNAPP & GERRY DIVER
BLAIR DUNLOP TRIO – THE ROSIE HOOD BAND – SUNTOU SUSSO & ROSS GRANT
TARREN – PATAKAS – ARTHUR & KERRAN – HEATHER CARTRIGHT – CARA ELIN
WINCHESTER MORRIS MEN – MAYFLY MORRIS – BAMPTON MORRIS
HOOK EAGLE MORRIS – LONGPARISH MUMMERS**

ANDOVER MUSEUM LOFT SINGERS – SID GOLDSMITH – JON WILKS SINGAROUND FOLK CLUB
FOLKACTIVE – ANNA TABBOSH HARMONY SINGING FOR ALL

PLUS MANY MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

PLUS FREE LOCAL FRINGE FESTIVAL AT THE KING'S ARMS – CHILDREN'S FOLK FESTIVAL – TOWN PARADE

MUSIC WORKSHOPS – MAYPOLE DANCING & WORKSHOPS – MERRY GO ROUND STORYTELLING

HAMPSHIRE STEP DANCING – CORN DOLLIES WORKSHOP – MARKET STALLS, FOOD & DRINK & DANCING AT THE SILK MILL

TICKETS: WHITCHURCHFOLK.COM

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You are eligible for free PSR services if you:

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- Live with children under five
- Are blind or partially sighted
- Are deaf or hard of hearing
- Have a chronic illness
- Have anxiety, depression or any mental health condition
- Have a disability
- Are of pensionable age
- Loss or impairment of smell
- Need documents translated into another format or language
- Temporarily need extra support
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