

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

24/04/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is certainly starting to feel like summer as we begin this term. With the warmer weather finally here, please ensure your child has had sunscreen applied before school (or is able to apply it independently), as we are unable to do this for them. A sensible sunhat is also recommended. I would also like to remind everyone of our uniform policy, as we have started to notice some variation from it.

School uniform reminder

Our school uniform policy is attached. Please pay particular attention to the sections on jewellery, hair dye, footwear and PE kit.

- Hooped earrings are not permitted for safety reasons. Children may wear one small stud in each ear; these must be removed for PE or, if ears have been pierced within the last six weeks, taped over by the child.
- A simple watch (not a smart watch) may be worn. No other jewellery is allowed, including bracelets, necklaces and rings.
- Hair dye is not permitted.
- **Footwear:** black school shoes or sensible flat black boots only. *No trainers, platforms, sling-backs, crocs or Ugg-style boots.* This is for health and safety reasons. In the summer months, dark-coloured sandals are permitted; however, children will need to change into plimsolls/trainers to use the climb-arounds at playtime.
- **PE kit:** we are seeing an increase in children wearing black or navy leggings (or short leggings). Our policy states that PE shorts should be plain maroon PE shorts (not leggings).

Mini Marathon

You may have seen that we are hosting our own Junior Mini Marathon to coincide with the London Marathon taking place this weekend. Next week, children in KS1 will be running one mile and children in KS2 will be running two miles—an excellent way to encourage the next generation of runners. I have also had a number of enquiries about Sports Day: it will be held on 10th June and will follow the same format as last year.

SEND newsletter

Mr May will be writing a monthly SEND newsletter, which will be shared with all parents. Please keep an eye out for the first edition early next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a great 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
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](#)

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Jacob
Monday – Dilara
Tuesday – Arwen
Wednesday – Emilia
Thursday – Oscar

Puffins

Friday – George
Monday – Cillian
Tuesday – Alfie
Wednesday – Evie
Thursday – Tommy

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Pearl
Turtles – Olive
Dolphins – Eden
Seals – Emmy
Jaguars – Alex
Leopards – Amelie
Pumas – Finley
Tigers – Harvey
Doves – Jake
Kingfishers – Ollie
Falcons – Seb
Kestrels – Brooke

Roll of Honour

Dolphins – Ella
Leopards – Lacey & Olive
Kingfishers - Ella

House Points



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

Focus – Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been investigating whether a plant only absorbs water through its roots. The children thought about which parts of the plant they could test such as the leaves, the stem or the flower. They thought of ways of ensuring that it would be a fair test. This included having the same amount of water and keeping them in the same place. The children then secured their plant so that only the part of the plant being tested was in the water. They will then observe the plants each day to see which have survived the longest by absorbing the most water.



Jesus, friend and brother, You know how it feels to leave your home and family, to carry nothing with you, to travel as a stranger. Help all refugees far from home, driven out by war and hunger. Lead them safely on.

They are our sisters and brothers. Inspire us to show our love and a true welcome.
Amen.



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Upcoming Events: School Disco and 5K Run

Tickets for the next **FOWPS School Disco on Thursday 21 May** are on sale for just £3 per child at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=116338>.

You have the option to confirm that you are happy for your child to purchase face painting when you buy a disco ticket. Don't forget: when you buy a ticket, you can also request a song to be added to the disco playlist. We'll do our best to play as many of those tunes as we can! 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 the disco magic happen! Your support will help create a great event for the children.

The new **FOWPS Whitchurch 5K run takes place on Sunday 17 May**. The race will take a flat off road route starting and finishing at the school. It 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: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112520>. We'll have caterers selling toasties and hot/cold drinks available for purchase. All runners will receive a participation medal!

For more information about everything FOWPS does, follow [FOWPS on Facebook](#) or sign up for updates on the [FOWPS channel on WhatsApp](#), or take a look at our website at fowpswhitchurch.co.uk.



Volunteer with Scouts in Whitchurch. We are looking for a:

Cub Leader:

- Help our Cub Pack run smoothly and thrive:
- Work with a fantastic team of volunteers to deliver a fun programme of activities
- Learn new skills and gain new experiences
- Help young people to learn and grow

Group Lead Volunteer:

- Help our Scout group run smoothly and thrive
- Support our fantastic team of volunteers
- Build strong relationships within the group and with the community
- Ensure that there are enough volunteers and opportunities for young people to get involved.

Quartermaster:

- Help us look after the HQ and equipment
- Carry out simple repairs in the HQ
- Make sure that the HQ and grounds are safe and in good working order
- Check and maintain our equipment

Volunteer your way – evenings, weekends, and behind the scenes.

No experience necessary – training provided. Plus fun, friends and bags of pride.

Sound good? Scan the QR code or email Alex at the address below to find out more.

Find your perfect role.

Email: alex@1stWhitchurchHants.org.uk for an informal chat to find out more.

#SkillsForLife

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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