

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

05/12/25

Dear Parents,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! A big thank you to FOWPS for helping make our school look and feel 'Christmassy' this week. It certainly helps to get us all in the festive spirit.

There is so much going on during the remaining two weeks. Please read through the 'key dates' calendar in the newsletter. I am very much looking forward to watching our Nativity performances – for me that is when Christmas really starts.

Of course, we also have our Christmas Fair on Friday next week, and I look forward to seeing you all then.

Our Year 4 classes have also entered the Whitchurch Christmas Tree Festival this year and their tree will be on display at All Hallows Church over the course of this weekend. Please see the information below.

Next term, we are aiming to restart the Parent Forum because we would like to improve our communication and consultation with our parents and carers. The aim of the Parent Forum will be to: share ideas and concerns, seek views on new initiatives and support the school in ensuring that the needs of all children and families are met. Meetings will be led by me and hopefully a member of the governing body. Meetings held once a term, will be informal and a genuine opportunity for open discussion. If you did volunteer for this role you may be asked by parents/carers to raise an issue or make a suggestion on their behalf at Parent Forum. To be fair to everyone, please email adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk if you are interested. If we get more than one volunteer from each year group, we will select at random.

Parent workshops - We work closely with Primary Behaviour Services in Hampshire, and they are able to put on parent workshops and sessions at Whitchurch. We are keen to offer these to you as a way of working alongside parents to offer more support for our children. For example, some of the workshops they offer are around **anxiety** or **managing big emotions** in children. Can you please complete this short form to express your interest or to find out more? [Parent Workshop – Fill in form](#)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

All the best



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

Tue 9 December – Puffins Nativity
9.30am

Wed 10 December – Year 1 Nativity
2pm

Thu 11 December – Pelicans Nativity
9.30am

Thu 11 December – KS2 panto visit to school

Fri 12 December – Year 1 Nativity
9.30am

Fri 12 December – Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm

Tue 16 December – Year 6 Greek Museum (2.30pm) CHANGE OF DATE

Tue 16 December – Year 2 Nativity
9.30am

Wed 17 December – Year 2 Nativity
2pm

Wed 17 December – Year 3&5 Carol Concert 6pm

Wed 17 December – Christmas Lunch

Thu 18 December – Year 3&5 Carol Concert 9.30am

Mon 5 January – Inset day

Wed 21 January – Year 5 Hampton Court

Thu 12 February – Year 3 Fishbourne

Fri 17 April – Year 1 Jungle Jonathan visiting

Friday 22 May – Inset day

Mon 15-Wed 17 June – Year 4 Ufton Court

Thu 18 June – Class and group photos

Year R 2026 applications opened on 1st November [Apply Here](#)
Please don't miss the deadline of 18th January!

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Ellis
Monday – Inset Day
Tuesday – Arwen
Wednesday – Leah
Thursday – Gian

Puffins

Friday – Harry
Monday – Inset Day
Tuesday – Tommy
Wednesday – Aria
Thursday – Tigerlily

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Leo
Turtles – Paxton
Dolphins – Darcie
Seals – Jack
Jaguars – Ryan
Leopards – Stanley
Pumas – Petro
Tigers – Harvey
Doves – Sophie
Kingfishers – Ella
Falcons – Lewis
Kestrels – Alex

Roll of Honour

Kingfishers - Mia
Kestrels – Aston

Focus Year – Year 3

This week, Year 3 have put their patience and perseverance to the test! We have been sewing a little pouch to store something precious in. First, we had a practise at using running stitch to sew in a straight line with even-sized stitches. Then we tried to sew around the corners and finally, we had a go at threading our needles if they lost the thread. Some of us also learned how to sew on a button. It was fun, but also quite challenging and we are proud of our finished products.



Dear God, As we celebrate the Nativity over the coming weeks, help us to remember the joy, peace, and love it brings. Bless our school, our families, and all who share this special season with us. May we follow the example of kindness and hope shown in that humble stable long ago. Amen

House Points



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



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Friends of Whitchurch Primary School Christmas Fair

🎵 Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, had a very shiny nose, and if you come to our Fair, your Christmas spirit surely grows! 🎪 Yes, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and school is no exception – this week the FOWPS elves were in action putting up the decorations for the festive season. Thank you to the team. And ... it's just one week to go until the FOWPS Christmas Fair on **Friday 12 December**. The action kicks off at 3.30, right after school, and will be on for two hours. Prepare for an afternoon of joy and sparkle! We'll have something to delight every little reindeer and grown-up alike, from **festive games and crafts**, and delicious **food and drink**, to glitter tattoos, tombolas, raffles and festive performances from the **School Choir** and **Marina's School of Dance**.

You can still go to the FOWPS event page at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventld=108107> to purchase **fair tokens** in advance. You can buy **raffle tickets** there if you didn't manage to catch the FOWPS team today, and also let the team know if you can volunteer on the day for as little or as long as you can spare.

That's also the link to enter the **Silent Auction** – bid now for lots including a children's cookery session at Cookery Doodle Doo; a voucher for Blue Ginger restaurant; a voucher for Joe Allnut Osteopathy; the chance to play world top 100 golf course Royal Cinque Ports or a six week course from Yoga with Penny. And many more!

Thanks to everyone for donations so far. We're also keen to receive any donations of cakes or baked goods please, and the FOWPS team will be collecting these next week on 11 December or the morning of the fair itself.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!

More info

Want to keep up to date with FOWPS and our fundraising activities which are designed to enrich school life? Follow <https://www.facebook.com/F.O.W.P.S/> or the **FOWPS channel on WhatsApp**. You can also email us at admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk



Whitchurch CofE Primary School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in its care. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr David Ware and the Deputy DSLs are Mrs Michelle Dunwell and Mr David May. The Designated Safeguarding Leads can be contacted through the school office on 01256 892755 or email to adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk marked for the attention of one of the safeguarding leads.



All Hallows Christmas Tree Festival

This week Year 4 have been making decorations for our submission for this year's Christmas Tree festival at All Hallows Church. Please do come along to the festival at the church this weekend to admire the children's hard work, and don't forget to vote for your favourite!

