

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

13/02/26



Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly February half term has arrived. We are already halfway through the academic year. The weather this half term has been very wet and miserable which as you know leads to a very muddy school site. We are working on ways to reduce mud and ensure more areas of our school are accessible to the children in all weathers. Watch this space! I hope the sun comes out soon, and hopefully you can enjoy February half term break outside.

### Labelling clothes

No matter how much we support the children in NOT losing items of clothing around the school, we are forever picking up coats, jumpers and even the odd shoe or sock. Sadly, most of these items end up in our lost property. This picture was taken earlier in the week. PLEASE make sure ALL items of clothing are labelled in permanent ink (not the stickers that just fall off).



### School Discos

I just want to say a huge thank you to FOWPS for organising the school discos yesterday. The children clearly had a lovely time. Thank you to all of the parents volunteers and staff who stayed on after school to ensure they run smoothly. I hope the children went to bed nicely after all the hype and sugar!

### Internet Safety

This week we supported safer internet day, and also encouraged parents to take part in tech-free Tuesday. I hope you joined in and found it a positive experience. Although this year had a focus on AI – for many of our children this is thankfully an unknown area. Far more pressing is the concern that the internet provides opportunities for children to be exposed to inappropriate content. I always like to recommend the website [Common Sense Media](#) – which is great for checking age appropriateness of movies, games, apps, TV show and even books. Sharing suggested age ranges as well as potential themes they may encounter.

For many of our children online gaming and chat is now a part of their life. But I have compiled a pack of resources with some quick guides for parents around the following common issues, these are all included with this newsletter: Fortnite, Roblox, WhatsApp, Youtube, online grooming and age ratings.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely half term.

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

W/B 23 February – Parent Consultations

Thu 26 February – Papaya Online Parent Talk about Tech Use (see details on our website under Parents/Letters)

Fri 27 February – Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.30pm Small Hall

Thu 5 March – World Book Day

Tue 24 March – Y4 Production 2pm

Thu 26 March – Y4 Production 6pm

Fri 17 April – Year 1 Jungle Jonathan visiting

Thu 14 May – Year 5 theatre visit

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

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](#)

Bookings for parent consultations (not Kestrels) opened on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm and close on 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. [www.parents-booking.co.uk/whitchurch](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/whitchurch)

# Celebration

## Year R Stars of the Week

### Pelicans

Friday – Ellis

Monday – Evie

Tuesday – Marcey

Wednesday – Edith

Thursday – Oscar

### Puffins

Friday – Fleur

Monday – Arietta

Tuesday – Lilian

Wednesday – Tigerlily

Thursday – Aria

## Lead Learners

Seahorses – Eva

Turtles – Bella

Dolphins – Zachary

Seals – Alfred

Jaguars – Jesse

Leopards – Theo I

Pumas – Taha

Tigers – Luna

Doves – Isla MF

Kingfishers – James

Falcons – Mollie

Kestrels – George

## Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Esme

Turtles – Matilda

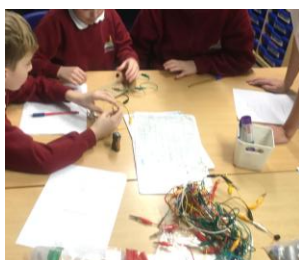
Dolphins – Matilda

Jaguars – Rafe C

Pumas – Theo, Jessie, India &  
Matilda

## Focus – Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we used our science knowledge about circuits for our DT lessons this term. The children created their own burglar alarms using batteries (cells), wires, lights, switches, and buzzers. They planned how they would make their alarms then worked in groups to create working circuits.



Dear God, Help us use the internet with kindness, wisdom, and care. Keep us safe online, guide our choices, and help us make the digital world a place of respect and peace. Amen

### House Points



**House Point winners** this week are Endurance, well done children!



**The winning house for this half term is DISCOVERY!**

Discovery House will have their mufti day reward on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### Lego

We would like to say a big thank you to the LEGO Group for generously supplying our school with some brand-new LEGO sets. These resources will play a fantastic role in supporting creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork and will be used to support pupils to develop communication, social skills and confidence through structured, collaborative play.



### School Fundraising with FOWPS

#### FOWPS – upcoming Uniform Sale and fundraising while shopping

Firstly, the FOWPS team would like to thank all those who bought tickets for yesterday's school disco, and of course all of the children for displaying a most spirited exhibition of grace and vigour upon the dancefloor, much to the delight of the Ton.

Many thanks to all of the parent and teacher volunteers who gave their time to help the event run so smoothly. If you would be interested in helping with any future FOWPS activities we have a WhatsApp channel for volunteers [HERE](#). Even an hour or two would be great please!

#### Uniform sale

After half term it is our Second Hand Uniform Sale on Friday 27 February at 3.30pm in the Small Hall. As well as uniform, we will have coats and shoes available. We are very happy to receive donations of school jumpers and cardigans at the sale.

#### Easyfundraising

We're excited to share an easy (and totally free!) way for everyone to support FOWPS every time you shop online, at no extra cost to you. Simply sign up via **easyfundraising** and shop as usual with thousands of retailers like Amazon, Sainsbury's, John Lewis, Next, Domino's and eBay.


It's quick to sign up, doesn't change your shopping experience and doesn't increase prices at all.

Join today using our link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowps>

You can also link your bank card in the app to raise funds while shopping on the high street.

Every click, every shop, every purchase helps — and together those small actions help us to raise funds to enrich school life.

**\*\*\* Until 28th February - download the app and sign up this way - choose Friends of Whitchurch Primary School, Hampshire as your cause and we'll get an extra £2 bonus. When 10+ supporters join, we unlock even more funding! \*\*\***

 **Whitchurch Town Council**

# Quiz

# Annual Town Assembly

# 2026

And the presentation of the **Annual Community Awards**

Open to all residents.

Thursday 26 March - 7.30 - 9.30pm

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

Parish Hall

- Update on Council activities
- Ask Cllrs questions

Please contact [assistantclerk@whitchurch-hampshire-tc.gov.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@whitchurch-hampshire-tc.gov.uk) to reserve your table for the quiz.

**EDWARDS AND WARD**

**FEBRUARY EDITION**

YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL FOOD!

**SCHOOL FOOD RECAP**

FOLLOWING AN BUSY & EXCITING JANUARY WE ALREADY FIND OURSELVES INTO FEB WITH LOTS COMING LIKE THEME DAYS, OUR COMPANY CHEF VISITING SCHOOLS DOING COOKING SESSIONS & ASSEMBLY TALKS AND PARENTS EVENINGS. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

**UPCOMING THEMES**

PANCAKE DAY  
VALENTINES DAY  
CHINESE NEW YEAR

**NEW MENU REMINDER**

AFTER FEB HALF TERM THE MENU IS CHANGING. THE NEW MENUS FEATURE SOME COMFORT CLASSICS AND FAVOURITES OUR PUPILS LOVE BUT ALSO SOME NEW EXCITING DISHES ALONGSIDE.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW YOUR MENU

\*\*\* PLEASE ENSURE THAT IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES A SPECIAL DIET MENU YOU HAVE REGISTERED THEM WITH OUR DIETS TEAM \*\*\*  
[HTTPS://EDWARDSANDWARD.CO.UK/SPECIAL-DIETS/](https://edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/)

**BOOK EARLY & SAVE!**

**GOL!**  
ELITE COACHING

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS**

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
AT BASINGSTOKE SOCCER CENTRE

**GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL CAMPS COACHED BY FEMALE COACHES**

**SCAN ME**




**overton RUGBY**

**JOIN THE TEAM**

**Overton Rugby club are seeking new players for all age groups.**

- Join a family community and inclusive friendly club
- Ages 6-16. (School Year 1-11)
- Weekly training session, Sunday's and midweek evening sessions
- Qualified enthusiastic coaches
- 1st aid trained and safe environment

**What is required?**

- Keen to join in
- Want to try something new.
- First taster session just yourself and sports kit & boots. Gumshield for contact.

**Contact us**  
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