

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

06/03/26



Dear Parents,

Yesterday, we enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day in school. The children put an incredible amount of effort into their costumes and thoroughly embraced the spirit of the day. It was a fantastic celebration of reading, and a great reminder of the importance of enjoying books together. Please remember to use the World Book Day vouchers your children received—these can be exchanged for a free book. As this year is also The Year of Reading, we look forward to sharing even more opportunities to celebrate books across the school.

This week, we also visited All Hallows Church for our Lent service. It was a special occasion, and we are very grateful to the volunteers who supported us by walking with the children, as well as to the church for providing such a thoughtful and reflective service.

Last night, we held our first parent workshop, run by PBS, focusing on managing big emotions. It was well attended, and we're glad it proved valuable to those who came. **Our next workshop will focus on managing anxiety and will take place next Thursday, 12th March at 6pm.** If you would like to join us, please sign up using the link below: [Parent Workshop Responses – Fill in form](#)

For anyone interested in learning more about anxiety or mental health in children, I strongly recommend the book *The Anxious Generation* – Jonathan Haidt.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

**Thu 12 March – Workshop:
Managing Anxiety – Small Hall
6pm**

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

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](#)

Please note, the link for EasyFundraising provided by FOWPS last week was directing parents to an incorrect school.

The link in the FOWPS section below is now correct.

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Tigerlily

Monday – Asher

Tuesday – Grace

Wednesday – Ada

Thursday – Archer

Puffins

Friday – George

Monday – Effie

Tuesday – Jacob

Wednesday – Buzz

Thursday – Freya

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Fergus

Turtles – Ronnie

Dolphins – Elodie

Seals – Henry

Jaguars – Oscar

Leopards – Harriet

Pumas – India

Tigers – Paisley

Doves – Riley

Kingfishers – William

Falcons – Zarah

Kestrels – Thomas

Roll of Honour

Dolphins – Maddy

Leopards – Finley

Pumas – Arlo T

Focus – Year 3

World Book Day - Year 3 had a great time debating and convincing each other why their book character was the greatest character of all time.

First, we completed a three-minute non-stop write about our character. Then we used this to create a scoring sheet and practised our speech by 'talking to the wall.'

When we felt confident, we gathered in groups of three and persuaded each other that our character was the greatest.

We judged each other and found the Champion of Champions!

Thank you to all parents who supported the children to think so well about the characters in some of our favourite books.



Dear God, Thank You for stories that teach us and help us imagine. Thank You for the Bible, which shows us Your love and wisdom. Help us to listen carefully, learn from what we read, and use our knowledge to make the world a kinder place. Amen.

House Points



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

Cross Country News

Well done to all of the children who competed in the Basingstoke Cross Country heats last week. Particular mentions go to Matilda R of Pumas who came second in her year group and Alfie B of Pumas who came first in his. Only the winners of the older Year Groups went through to the Hampshire Championships that took place this week and Darcie B of Falcons, despite being younger than most of the girls, came 76th out of 120 runners, representing the school amazingly well. Great running by all!

All Hallows All Age Service 8th March at 10.30am

The service has been written by and will be lead by the teenagers of All Hallows' youth group, YoG. They will also be leading the singing of some of their favourite worship songs including 'You are my Vision' by Rend Collective, a folk band well known at Whitchurch Primary for their ever-popular 'My Lighthouse'!

Everyone is welcome of all faiths or none.

Please stay for the monthly Bring & Share lunch after the service; this is a friendly, informal lunch to which we bring along some food, savoury or a pudding, to share with others.



School Fundraising with FOWPS

This week we opened entries for the new Whitchurch 5K run on Sunday 17 May. Adults of all abilities can enter the run which will take a scenic route around the town and entry costs just £15. A little later on the same morning, children can take part in a fun run on the school field for a suggested donation of £2. There will also be free pre-event activities and refreshments available to purchase. Registration details available here: [fowpswhitchurch.co.uk/run](https://www.fowpswhitchurch.co.uk/run) which is also the place to sign up for volunteering. We'd really appreciate your support.

In another close race, you can support FOWPS's work by shopping at Waitrose Andover in the Chantry Centre before the end of March, grabbing some Waitrose green tokens from their till and dropping them in our box. Every token helps and FOWPS could generate up to £1,500 this way. It's looking really close between each of the three chosen causes this month!

FOWPS can also earn funds when you sign up to easyfundraising for free and shop as usual with thousand 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. The link in last week's School Matters was incorrect, apologies, so please do use this one to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-whitchurch-primary-school-hampshire>

WHITCHURCH 5K RUN
SUNDAY 17TH MAY
WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Registration Open - 9am | Race Start - 10.30am
 Scenic trail route

Entry Fee: **£15**

Cash & Card Accepted
 Refreshments
 Participation Medals

LOAF. **PENKNIFE** Kids Fun Run: **£2**

REGISTER AT:
FOWPSWHITCHURCH.CO.UK/RUN

Event organised by Friends of Whitchurch Primary School
 All profits from this event will go towards supporting our initiatives.

Registered Charity: 1127434

GOL! ELITE COACHING
Easter HOLIDAY CAMP

Archery - Inflatables - Bubble Football - Football Fun!
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026

Venues, Dates and Times

BASINGSTOKE SOCCER CENTRE RG22 4HS 9am - 5pm	TESTBOUNRE SCHOOL RG28 7JF 9am - 4pm (Closed 3rd and 6th April)	THE HURST (INCLUDING HAF) RG26 5NL 9am - 4pm (Closed 3rd and 6th April)	VIGO SCHOOL (HAF ONLY) SP10 1JZ 9am - 3.30pm
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Prices and Discounts
 Prices from £32.50 per day or FULL week from only £150
 *10% Sibling discount available when booking 4 or more days

EARLY BIRD OFFER
ONLY £145 for a FULL week*
 *Early Bird offer applies to Basingstoke Soccer Centre, Testbourne & The Hurst. Must be booked and paid by 1st March 2026.

Our camps have been thoroughly risk assessed to ensure that we are creating a fun and safe environment for your children to enjoy. Our coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked.

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