

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

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