

# Whitchurch C of E Primary School

## School Matters

08/05/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all can't believe just how quickly this year is going as we are already approaching May Half Term. Our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATS examinations next week, so I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck.

### Cycling

Especially with the warmer weather, we love seeing children and adults cycling to and from school. However, we had a near miss today where a car reversing out of the parking bays along the edge of the field, almost reversed into a child on a bike. Please can all cyclists dismount at the bottom of the hill and walk up the path, and be mindful of cars pulling in and out of the bays. Equally can all cars please be alert to anyone travelling up the road whilst reversing out.

### Snack Update

After careful considering and further discussion amongst staff and the parent forum, we have decided to widen the pool of acceptable snacks at break time. In addition to fresh or dried fruit and vegetables, children can also bring in **cheese** which contains a balance of nutritional benefits including calcium, protein and healthy fats.

### Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents who attended our recent Parent Forum. It was encouraging to hear that overall communication is working well, with Google Classroom and school updates providing a good range of information. Parents shared some helpful suggestions to further improve consistency, including streamlining the number of emails, aligning communication days (e.g. homework), and providing more advance notice for events, clubs, and volunteering opportunities. There was also interest in clearer communication around clubs, school trips, and payment processes. We will continue to review communication systems (including Arbor and Google Classroom), explore ways to simplify processes, and provide clearer guidance where needed. I also wanted to draw parents' attention to some key contacts at school. Parents should always initially raise concerns with their class teacher, however, if you need to email important messages or questions into teachers, you can contact the phase leader. Their contacts are now on School Matters, along with Mr May's for any SEN related questions.

Finally, we ended this week by celebrating David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Classes were given the opportunity to take part in a Live Assembly alongside thousands of other schools across the country.

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 3
- 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
- Thu 18 June – Year 1-6 Book Looks 3.45-7.00pm**
- Tue 23 June – Year 6 Winchester Cathedral
- Wed 24 June – Whole School All Hallows visit – Helpers needed**
- 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](#)

### Phase Leader and SEN Contacts

EYFS Lead - Mrs Wersby - [YearR@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:YearR@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)  
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UKS2 Lead – Mr Rutledge - [Year5and6@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Year5and6@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)  
AHT Inclusion Lead – Mr May - [Senco@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Senco@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)

# Celebration

## Year R Stars of the Week

### Pelicans

Friday – Freya  
Tuesday – Freya  
Wednesday – Jacob  
Thursday – George

### Puffins

Friday – Lilian  
Tuesday – Georgia  
Wednesday – Delilah  
Thursday – Theo

## Lead Learners

Seahorses – Vera  
Turtles – Bella  
Dolphins – Hazel  
Seals – Meadow  
Jaguars – ~Benjamin  
Leopards – Kyson  
Pumas – Adam  
Tigers – Mabel  
Doves – Kai  
Kingfishers – Isla  
Falcons – Casper  
Kestrels – Evelyn

## Roll of Honour

Turtles - Noah  
Jaguars – Rafe B

## House Points



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

## Focus – Year 1



This half term has been incredibly exciting in Year 1. We have had a visit from Jungle Jonathan and his mini beasts. We particularly enjoyed meeting and holding the snake called Pelé. We walked to Millennium Meadows where we went river and meadow sweeping. We found lots of mini beasts including spiders, ladybirds and shrimp. We have also been making clay mini beasts in Art ready to showcase at our Ugly Bug Ball extravaganza!

Dear God,

As Year 6 begin their SATs next week, please fill them with calm, focus, and confidence. Help them try their best and support one another.

Amen

### **Achievement**

Congratulations to Emmett from Tigers for winning the Andover & District Cub Scout Chess Championship 2026. His win also means that Whitchurch Cubs retain the title.

### **All Hallows - Sunday 10th May**

This Sunday's service at All Hallows is an All Age service starting at 10.30am.

Join us for songs, worship and activities all round the church as we celebrate the Risen Christ and look forward to Pentecost.

Pentecost marks the moment the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, transforming them from fearful followers into bold witnesses.

This service will be followed by the monthly Bring & Share lunch to which everyone is invited, even if you've forgotten to bring something! There's always plenty of food to share.



### **School Fundraising with FOWPS**

Second hand uniform sale; charity run and school disco!

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up with three events being organised by FOWPS.

Our second-hand uniform sale returns on Friday 15 May after school in the Small Hall with lots of uniform available, including summer dresses and shorts. Donations of school jumpers and cardigans welcome!

Two days later, the new FOWPS Whitchurch 5K run takes place on Sunday 17 May. It is open to adults of all abilities, and on the same morning, there will also be a fun run for children as well as free kids activities.

Registration details available at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112520>

The beats will drop at the FOWPS School Disco on Thursday 21 May and tickets are on sale for just £3 per mini-raver at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=116338>

If you can spare some time to help us with any of the above, please click the relevant link to volunteer or go to our website. 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](http://fowpswhitchurch.co.uk) where you can also make one off or regular donations. Thank you for your support.

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# MAY HALF TERM

## ACTIVITIES

- Sports
- Team building
- Outdoor Games
- Fun

**26-29 MAY**

**LIFESTYLE FITNESS (EVEREST)**

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