

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

01/05/26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Traffic Notice

From next week, 4th May, until around December 2026 the car park outside of the old bus bay (the public gym area) at Testbourne will be out of use due to building works taking place, this may cause slightly more congestion on Micheldever Road. Please allow plenty of time for travelling to school.

Parent Forum

Our second Parent Forum meeting is taking place on Wednesday 6th May. Our focus for the meeting will be 'communication'. What is working well from school, and what could be improved. Please make sure you pass comments to your year group reps in good time.

Mini Marathon

It was lovely to see all of our children taking part in our mini marathon this week, running laps of the newly cut and painted school field. The weather was great for it, and it felt like an early introduction to sports day. I hope all of the children really enjoyed taking part.



5K Run

Hopefully, the mini Marathon inspired your children to take part in our 5K event on Sunday 17th May. Please do sign up to take part. It is only £15 an adult for the full 5K event and £2 a child for the fun run. If you can volunteer to help out too, then please contact FOWPS to let them know.

Finally, a reminder that it is a Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May, so we will not be open. Enjoy the three-day weekend.

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 2
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](#)

Change to Menu – Tuesday 5th May

As the children won't be in on Monday 4th, we have moved pizza day to Tuesday. The options will be red – margherita pizza, green – cauliflower and chickpea curry, chese/beans jacket or tomato pasta.

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Eleri
Monday – Edith
Tuesday – Harrison
Wednesday – Ophelia
Thursday – Oliver

Puffins

Friday – Archer
Monday – Sylvie
Tuesday – Tigerlily
Wednesday – Raphael
Thursday – Rufus

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Ava
Turtles – Timothy
Dolphins – Kitty
Seals – Lucas
Jaguars – Uzay
Leopards – Oscar
Pumas – Hazal
Tigers – Joss
Doves – Finley
Kingfishers – Violet
Falcons – Logan & Elsie
Kestrels – Rowan

Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Vera
Dolphins - Finley

House Points



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

Focus – Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about plants in Science this term. As part of their work, the children have planted Miss Jekyll plants and are carefully observing their growth. They are excited to see whether these plants will eventually flower.

In addition, we have carried out an investigation using cress seeds to explore how different amounts of water affect plant growth. So far, all of the seeds have successfully sprouted. However, the children have noticed that the seeds given a moderate amount of water have grown taller than the ones with a little bit or a lot of water.



Loving God, thank you for the enthusiasm and effort shown in our mini marathon. As we look ahead to our school 5k, help us to keep active, do our best and encourage one another. Amen.

Recent Year 4 Sporting Achievements

- Paisley and Harriet won the girls U9 Hampshire Football Cup with their Andover team.
- Alfie C, Alex, Leo, Ricky, Joss, Jack Sm, William and Alfie B from Whitchurch United U9s boys' team won the North East Hampshire division Trophy.
- Emmett, George, Adam, Taha, Petro, Stepan, Elliot, Wilf, Theo and Jack from Whitchurch United U9s boys' White team won the North East Hampshire Goblet.

Amazing news! Well done to all of you.

Online Safety

The May video is now available with the theme of Navigating Group Chats, providing a quick overview on group chats, potential risks, dealing with peer pressure and using the blocking and reporting tools.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Group-Chats-May-2026.mp4>



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Ways to support FOWPS

Your support for FOWPS plays a vital role in enriching the educational experience and environment for every pupil. We've restarted the ability for supporters to donate directly through a new easy-to-use tool on our website. Whether it is a small one-off gift or a regular contribution, every penny helps fund essential resources, exciting extracurricular activities, and school improvements. You'll see this donation tool at the top of our homepage at fowpswhitchurch.co.uk and it only takes a minute or two to use. Your generous support makes all the difference to FOWPS – thank you.

Also don't forget our upcoming events:

- The second-hand uniform sale returns on **Friday 15 May**
- 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>.
- 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>.

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.



**Volunteer with Scouts in Whitchurch.
We are looking for a:**

Cub Leader:

- Help our Cub Pack run smoothly and thrive:
- Work with a fantastic team of volunteers to deliver a fun programme of activities
 - Learn new skills and gain new experiences
 - Help young people to learn and grow

Group Lead Volunteer:

- Help our Scout group run smoothly and thrive:
- Support our fantastic team of volunteers
 - Build strong relationships within the group and with the community
 - Ensure that there are enough volunteers and opportunities for young people to get involved.

Quartermaster:

- Help us look after the HQ and equipment:
- Carry out simple repairs in the HQ
 - Make sure that the HQ and grounds are safe and in good working order
 - Check and maintain our equipment

Volunteer your way – evenings, weekends, and behind the scenes.
No experience necessary – training provided. Plus fun, friends and bags of pride.
Sound good? Scan the QR code or email Alex at the address below to find out more.

Find your perfect role.

Email: alex@1stWhitchurchHants.org.uk
for an informal chat to find out more.



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Come and play cricket!

Whitchurch Cricket Club is excited to welcome new players for the season starting on Friday 24 April. We offer a fun and supportive environment for children of all skill levels to learn the game.



Whitchurch CC runs a mixed team at **U9 level** (school years 3 and 4) and both mixed and girls-only squads at **U11 level** (school years 5 and 6). Training is at **5.15pm on Fridays**.

With the Women's T20 World Cup in England and the club celebrating its 250th anniversary this year, there's never been a better time to join! Our focus is on building skills, making friends, and having fun. We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities for parents—and the bar will be open on Friday evenings. Join us to be part of this historic summer!

Go to www.whitchurchcricketclub.com for more info
or email wccwolverines@outlook.com