

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

15/05/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to acknowledge the effort of our Year 6 children who have all been amazing this week as they completed their SATs. We are so proud of their efforts.

Whitchurch 5km Run

We are really excited for our first school running event and hope to see lots of you taking part, whether in the adult race or the children's fun run.

Please note that online entries close online on Friday night to allow us to allocate bib numbers but there will be on the day entries available too. The adult race is strictly for participants aged 15 and over. No one under the age of 15 is permitted to take part in the 5km race, even if accompanied by an adult. This is for safety reasons and in line with our event insurance. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to what promises to be a fantastic event.

Safeguarding Guidance Update

Following updated safeguarding guidance from the local authority, we are making changes to how we use photographs of pupils. We will no longer use images where children can be clearly identified in any outward-facing communication (e.g. website, newsletters or social media). This includes how we communicate through Google Classroom. Parents will no longer be able to add/share content to the whole class on Google Classroom. This particularly affects KSI who will no longer share images via this platform of activities their children have engaged in out of school. It will also impact the type of images our teachers share regarding activities in school or even residential – which will no longer include images with children's faces being clearly visible.

We will also be removing older content that includes identifiable images, and updating arrangements for school events and online platforms to reflect this approach. These changes are part of our commitment to keeping all children safe in an evolving online world.

Volunteers

Following feedback from our parent forum, we will aim to give as much notice as possible when parent helpers are needed. This includes Church Walks, which will now also be listed in School Matters. If you can help, please contact the school office.

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

Sun 17 May – Whitchurch 5K

Thu 21 May – change to lunches

Thu 21 May – FOWPS Disco

Friday 22 May – Inset day

Wed 3 June – Bags of Hope viewings – 3.30-4.00pm

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

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UKS2 Lead – Mr Rutledge - Year5and6@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

AHT Inclusion Lead – Mr May - Senco@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

Celebration

Year R Stars of the Week

Pelicans

Friday – Emilia
Monday – Buzz
Tuesday – Reuben
Wednesday – Flo
Thursday – Eleri & Effie

Puffins

Friday – Harry
Monday – Grace
Tuesday – Reuben
Wednesday – Zara
Thursday – Nella

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Casper
Turtles – Isla-Rose
Dolphins – Joseph & Orion
Seals – Zoe
Jaguars – Giorgia
Leopards – Stanley
Pumas – Laurence
Tigers – Paisley
Doves – Elora
Kingfishers – Heidi
Falcons – Emily
Kestrels – Aria

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Amelia
Jaguars – Alex
Leopards – Alexander S
Tigers – Andre & Amber
Kingfishers – Mia
Years 6 for a great SATs week

House Points



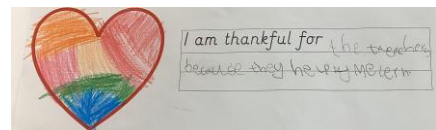
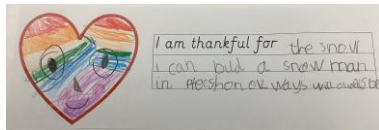
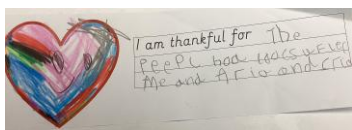
House Point winners this week are Endeavour, well done children!

Half Term House Point Winners



Victory collected the most house points this half term. The children in Victory House may come to school dressed in non-uniform on Thursday 21st May. Parents of children in this house will receive an email.

Focus – Year R



In Year R as part of our learning in Heartsmart (PSHE), we have been exploring the importance of gratitude and thinking about the things that make us feel thankful. To inspire our discussions, the children received a special postcard from Boris the Robot, which sparked some fantastic conversations about what they appreciate most in their lives.

Following this, the children each created their own postcard, sharing something or someone they are thankful for. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful reflections and to celebrate the many things that bring us happiness.

Dear God,

Thank you for our school community and for the many ways we learn, grow, and support one another. Please be with our children, giving them peace and confidence, and help us all to show kindness, encouragement, and care. Bless our families, staff, and volunteers, and guide us to keep one another safe. Amen.

Bags of Hope

This term our worship theme has been focused on the diocese project 'Bags of Hope' which is based around the theme of refugees.

In class, we have also been following this up with some activities based around this theme. We would like to invite you to come and view this work on Wednesday 3rd June at the end of the school day where you will be able to see your child's work in their classroom. This will be available until 4pm.

If you are unable to attend, we will post some photographs on GC of the work for you to see.

Thursday – Change to Lunches

Due to it being an INSET day on Friday, the lunches on Thursday will be Red – fish fingers and chips, Green – cheese & potato omelette and chips, Orange – cheese/beans jacket potato or Yellow – tomato hero pasta.



School Fundraising with FOWPS



Under starter's orders for the 5K Run ... and School Disco next week

Final prep is taking place for the new FOWPS Whitchurch 5K run taking place this Sunday. The medals have been polished and the numbers have arrived. Who has a licence to race wearing the number above?

It's not too late to enter! You've got until 23.59 tonight to sign up online for the race. Gates open at 09.00. The 5K race at 10.30 is for adults of all abilities (sorry no under-15s), and on the same morning, there will also be a fun run for children at 11.15 as well as free kids activities. Registration details available at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-hampshire/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112520>
If you miss the opportunity to sign up in advance, you can still turn up and pay to enter on the day.

Next week, 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 either of the above events, 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 where you can also make one off or regular donations. Thank you for your support.



Whitchurch CofE Primary School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in its care. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr David Ware and the Deputy DSLs are Mrs Michelle Dunwell, Mr David May and Mrs Emma Cooke. The Designated Safeguarding Leads can be contacted through the school office on 01256 892755 or email to adminoffice@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk marked for the attention of one of the safeguarding leads.

Whitchurch Open Air Theatre 2026 returns with a fantastic 3 day programme of high quality family rural touring theatre: Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July.

Tickets are a steal at £4 each, thanks to hard won grant funding 😊

The venue is the riverside Fulling Mill watermeadow in Whitchurch. Programme below and trailers on each page. The 2026 programme includes:

- Astro Norma and the Cosmic Piano by Fladam Theatre — a fun-filled space adventure for children packed with awesome aliens, rib-tickling robots, and interplanetary puppets aged 3–10 (55 minutes) Book tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/whitchurchconservationgroup/2107331>
- Books! by Tit for Tat Circus — a high energy performance featuring acrobatics, fire-juggling, eccentric absurdity, terrible puns and, of course, books for ages 6–11 (35 minutes) Book tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/whitchurchconservationgroup/2107374>
- The Wizard and The Mechanic by Adventure Arts Theatre — an epic tale of magic, mayhem, and unlikely friendship for children aged 5–11 (60 minutes) Book tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/whitchurchconservationgroup/2107389>

parkrun primary

parkrun's mission is to create a **healthier and happier planet** for everyone. Become a **parkrun primary** and join this mission with schools everywhere! Actively promoting junior parkrun within your school will support young people's health and wellbeing. It will help to create opportunities for physical activity and support your school to connect with the local community.

First timer at junior parkrun?
Here's what it's all about:

- It's a weekly, free, 2k community event in open spaces for 4 to 14 year olds and their families.
- With a focus on fun, you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate.
- Events are on Sunday mornings and everyone is welcome – find your local events at: <https://parkrun.me/info>

How can being a parkrun primary benefit your school?

- Fostering a love for movement:** Junior parkrun encourages children, families, and staff to enjoy regular physical activity outside school hours, supporting physical and mental wellbeing. It nurtures healthy habits and lays the foundation for a lifelong positive mindset toward movement.
- Community engagement:** Connecting with your local junior parkrun(s) strengthens community links and fosters a sense of belonging. It provides opportunities for pupils, families, and staff to come together in a positive, inclusive environment beyond the classroom.
- Volunteering and personal development:** Through junior parkrun help pupils to build confidence, develop new skills, and contribute meaningfully to your community. These experiences support the national educational framework, promoting resilience and social growth.
- Enhancing education and school values:** Junior parkrun supports the PE and PSHE curriculum by offering real-world application of learning. It demonstrates a school's commitment to holistic education, strategic leadership, and promoting wellbeing, inclusivity, and active citizenship.

67% 67% of parents report that junior parkrun improves their child's physical activity levels and their enjoyment of it, too. Children report feeling proud, full of energy, confident and strong.

Find your local event

There are currently hundreds of junior parkrun events and new ones are starting all the time so there is bound to be one on your school's doorstep. You can find your local junior parkrun event on our map here: <http://parkrun.me/pevents>

Fairytale Crafts at Whitchurch Library

Wednesday 27th May at 2pm

£2 per child

Tickets at shop.hants.gov.uk