

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

05/06/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a rather warm May half term. I hope you were able to enjoy the sunshine and that your children have returned to school refreshed and ready to get back to learning.

The second half of summer term is always a very busy one. We have various trips coming up including Ufton Court for Year 4, Year 6 are going to the natural history museum and Year R are off to Wellington Country Park.

We also look forward to our Year 6 end of year production as well as our music concert. All of these dates are in School Matters.

We have our whole school visit to All Hallows Church on Wednesday 24th June, if you are able to volunteer to help please get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who came to look at their child's work on Wednesday this week as part of our Bags of Hope initiative. I encourage everyone to click on the link below to view a snapshot of all of the work from Year R to Year 6.

[WPS - Bags of Hope](#)

Next week, we hope you are all excited for our Sports Day. Information has already been sent out to you so please look out for this. However, the weather forecast for next week isn't great. We will make a call the day before if we need to cancel for safety reasons. We will only do this if we feel it is too wet and dangerous and appreciate that moving the date is inconvenient for all involved and many of you will have made specific plans to be able to attend.

In worship this half term, we are focussing 'gratitude' – remember all the things we should be thankful for and the importance of showing gratitude. Hopefully you are noticing your children saying thank you a little bit more.

I hope you all have a good weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Mr D Ware
Headteacher



Key Dates

New dates in yellow

- After half term – Lunches Week 1
- KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month
- 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
- Thu 25 June – Concert for music lesson children – 6pm
- Fri 26 June – Year R Wellington Country Park trip
- Tue 30 June – Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne
- Wed 1 July – Reserve Sports Day
- Fri 3 July – Non-uniform (bring a bottle for the summer fete)
- Mon 6 July – Meet the teacher (3.45-4.45 – 2 sessions)
- Sat 11 July – Parish Fete at the school
- Mon 13 July – Year 6 Testbourne Transition Day
- Mon 13-Wed 15 July – Year 5 swimming
- Wed 15 July - Year 6 production (2pm)
- Thu 16 July - Year 6 production (6pm)
- Mon 20 July – Year 6 Leavers service (All Hallows) – a.m.
- 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
- KS1 Lead – Mrs Bhundia - Year1and2@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

Monday – Mason
Tuesday – George
Wednesday – Edith
Thursday – Jacob

Puffins

Monday – Reuben
Tuesday – Lilian
Wednesday – Lyra
Thursday – Arietta

Lead Learners

Seahorses – AJ
Turtles – Jenson
Dolphins – Harry D
Seals – August
Jaguars – Elsie
Leopards – Emilie
Pumas – Wilf
Tigers – Alex
Doves – Molly
Kingfishers – Jo
Falcons – Holly
Kestrels – Corie

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Ava

House Points



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

Focus – Year 4

Year 4 pupils have been exploring their creativity in art by designing beach and sea-inspired collages. As part of the project, they made their own paper using a range of media, patterns, and textures, and even took photographs around the school grounds to include in their work. The exciting project was inspired by the artist C. Saxby, and the finished pieces showcase the pupils' imagination and artistic skills.



Thank you, God, for all that we have.

Thank you for our food, our family, our friends and all that you give us. We are sorry that sometimes we forget to say thank you.

Help us to always thank other people for the things they do for us, and to thank you for all that we have. Amen.



School Fundraising with FOWPS

We are very proud to say that the three events we ran in the week before half term – the new 5k run, the school uniform sale, and the termly school disco – have raised a colossal £3,000 between them. Thank you so much to all of parents, teachers and children for your support, and especially if you were one of the many volunteers who gave your time to help one of these three events go ahead.

As it was the first time we organised the 5k and fun run event, we'd be particularly grateful for feedback. We're delighted by the positive response to this year's event and would love to make it even bigger and better next year. To help us do that, please take a couple of minutes to complete our short feedback survey: [Whitchurch 5k 2026 Survey](#)

The next large event in the FOWPS calendar is the Whitchurch Parish Fete on 11 July. Again, we're very keen to hear from anyone who can help support this key fundraising event for FOWPS and the parish. Please go to the FOWPS website <https://fowpswhitchurch.co.uk> to see what's happening and how you can get involved, and we have a WhatsApp channel for volunteers [HERE](#). Even an hour or two would be great please!

In the meantime, we will also be running a FOWPS stall at Sports Day and we will have a third party hot drink stall on site too, brought to you by FOWPS and with a contribution from each sale going towards your PTA. See you there!

Have a lovely weekend – FOWPS PTA



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>

Welcome to our

BAGS OF HOPE

project

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Scan this QR code to see our whole school portfolio of work on the 'Bags of Hope' project

<https://sites.google.com/whitchurchprimary.com/wps-bagsofhope/home>

Screentime and Tech!

2 different webinars for parents from Basingstoke and Deane Schools

Worried about your child's screen use? Not sure how much screen time is healthy? Want practical ideas to help manage screens at home?

Basingstoke schools are once again working with PapayaTalks to fund two free online sessions for parents, focusing on children's screen use

These interactive talks are:

- Free to attend
- Suitable for KS1 and KS2 parents – you can choose to attend both!
- Full of practical, realistic advice you can use at home

The talks will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams. Register below!

<p>Year R & KS1</p> <p>Tuesday June 9th - 8-8:45pm</p> <p>With Dr Susie Davies How to Get the Balance Right with Screens from the Start.</p> <p>Register on Eventbrite here!</p> <p>The webinar will: Explore the role of play in children's development and well-being. Examine how children's screen time is affecting play and childhood experiences. Offer practical ideas and realistic solutions to help families find a healthy balance with screens.</p>	<p>KS2</p> <p>Tuesday June 16th - 8-8:45pm</p> <p>With Kate Mezger Let's Talk About Our Kids and Their Tech</p> <p>Register on Eventbrite here!</p> <p>The webinar will: The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online Strategies for delaying the smartphone experiences. Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology Question and discussion time</p>
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Let's Build a Kinder, SAFER HAMPSHIRE

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be respected.

DOMESTIC ABUSE CAN AFFECT ANYONE



Together, we can make a difference.

Help and support is available.

Call Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service 03300 165 112 (24/7)

Visit hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse for support and information

In an emergency, always dial 999.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Let's listen. Let's support. Let's build a safer Hampshire. #SaferHampshire

Hampshire County Council

WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water.

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK. MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 20°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

- EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME** Including bath time safety and garden hazards.
- STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS** Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.
- PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE** Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".
- AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE** For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.
- WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY** Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference.

- Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- Choose safe places to swim.
- Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit: www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water. Stay safe. Look out for each other.

HSCP Hampshire Swimming Club Partnership
Safeguarding children together.

Woodland Garden Party

4th July 1 - 4 pm
at Glebe Bungalow
Bloswood Lane
Whitchurch RG28 7BJ

Face Painting
Treasure Hunt
Lucky Dip
Plant Stall
Bug Hotel
Children's Craft Table
Craft Stall
Tombola
Fairy Wands
Cream Teas and a lot more!

Raising Funds for Whitchurch Community Swimming Pool

Enquiries to Sandra: 07749 520487