

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

25/06/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week of record temperatures! Thank you to the children, staff and parents for working together so well to keep everyone safe, including early collections to avoid the heat of the day. I hope you've been able to stay cool at home.

We've seen an increase in children bringing handheld battery fans into school. While these were permitted during the heatwave, they will not be allowed once temperatures return to normal. We already have large fans in classrooms, and handheld devices have proven distracting, noisy and often used inappropriately.

Some of the cancelled events have now been rescheduled. The Music Concert will take place on Thursday 2nd July at 6pm. We appreciate this is short notice. The Year R trip to Wellington Country Park has been moved to Friday 10th July. Unfortunately, the new Year R "Stay and Play" sessions cannot be rescheduled, but two further sessions were already scheduled to run next week, with parents now able to attend the first of these on Monday.

This week we sent out class allocations ahead of transition afternoons. This was to support children and in response to parental feedback. We want to continue to work with you to support each child transition positively into the new academic year. We have two 'move up' afternoons next week, where the children will spend time in their new class and meet their teacher. These take place on Monday and Thursday. Our teachers are also meeting to have extensive handover conversations about each child.

Finally, a reminder that fidgets or 'squishy' objects from home should not be brought into school. There was an interesting news article about the risks of toxic filled 'squishy' objects with some products not safe to meet the UK Safety Standards. Please do be careful with NeeDoh and Dumpling type products. If they split or crack, please dispose of immediately. They should not come into school. More information can be seen [here](#).

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards



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

Tue 30 June – Year 5 Taster Day at Testbourne

Wed 1 July – Sports Day

Thu 2 July – School Concert (rearranged)

Fri 3 July – Non-uniform (bring a bottle for the summer fete)

Mon 6 July – Meet the teacher (3.45-4.45 – 2 sessions)

Fri 10 July – Year R Wellington Country Park trip

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.

Thu 22 July – whole school picnic with parents from 12.30pm (more info to follow)

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](#)

Parent online workshop on the **16th July 7-8PM** (free):

Supporting Healthy Screen Use.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Phase Leader and SEN Contacts

EYFS Lead - Mrs Wersby - YearR@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

KS1 Lead – Mrs Bhundia - Year1and2@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

LKS2 Lead – Mrs Glynn - Year3and4@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk

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 - Henry
Monday - Summer
Tuesday - Emilia
Wednesday - Edith
Thursday - Harrison

Puffins

Friday - Aria
Monday - Evie
Tuesday - Zara
Wednesday - George
Thursday - Rufus

Lead Learners

Seahorses - Harry
Turtles - Barney
Dolphins - Freya
Seals - George
Jaguars - Thomas
Leopards - Clemmy
Pumas - Amber
Tigers - Alfie C
Doves - Bodhi
Kingfishers - Anna-Rose
Falcons - Caelan
Kestrels - Jack

Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Rafe
Falcons - Heather

House Points



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

Focus - Year 6

This week, Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Winchester Cathedral for the Year 6 Leavers' Service. In the morning, the children took part in a range of workshops, including singing and a Lego challenge, and everyone had the opportunity to explore the cathedral. We also visited the 'Bags of Hope' art installation, which looked fantastic. The day concluded with a special service recognising the work being done to support displaced people and marking the end of Year 6's primary school journey.



Dear God, Thank you for the warmth and brightness of the summer sun. Thank you for keeping us safe through the heat and helping us care for one another. Help us to be thoughtful, patient, and kind when the days feel long and hot. Help us to appreciate the shade, the breeze, and the chance to rest and stay cool. Amen.



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Parish Fete 11 July and bring-a-bottle/non-uniform day 3 July

The Whitchurch Parish Fete is approaching on 11 July! We still have space for stalls, so if you or anyone you know runs a small business, charitable organisation, craft venture or local club or society, then it would be great to have you on board and we'd love to hear from you via the FOWPS website <https://fowpswhitchurch.co.uk>.

FOWPS are also very keen to hear from anyone who can help support this key fundraising event for both us 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](#).

On 3 July, we'll also be collecting bottles for fete prizes. Please help us by bringing in any bottles – drinks, shampoo, sauces – so long as they are in-date please! In return, the children will be able to have a non-uniform day on this date.

Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend – FOWPS PTA

Achievements

Bodhi of Doves - well done for his recent part in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Watermill Theatre in Newbury and massive congratulations for joining the West End cast of Matilda.

Whitchurch U8 Football team have won their league's (newly reinstated) Fair Play award. Along with one other team they got a perfect 100/100 score. This is based on the match reports from opposition managers.

Well done to Elliot, Rafe C, Ryan, Alex G, Alexander S, Michael, Albie, William.

Matilda R of Pumas and her football team, Atalanta Sports F.C attended a nationally run high level football tournament in Minehead across 2 days back in May, they won this tournament which gained them a place in the national finals which took place this weekend just gone at the home of the England national team, St. Georges Park!

Not only did they get to play on the pitches the men and women's national teams play on, but they also got to experience staying in the same hotel and using the facilities the teams would also make use of!

Out of 1200 teams across the country, Matilda's team finished 3rd losing only one game to a Manchester United team and drawing one with Arsenal, winning all their other games.



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.

School Nurse Clinic

On Tuesday 7th July

Starting at 8.45am

Open to all parents!

Our School Nurse Michelle will be running a 1:1 clinic for parents to offer advice and signposting. The 30 minute sessions will be running at: 8.45am, 9.15am, 9.45am, 10.15am, 10.45am and 11.15am.

The School Nursing Team can help with all kinds of things such as:

- Sleep and Behaviour
- Toileting
- Emotional Well-being
- Healthy Lifestyle

Please email our Family Link Worker Mrs Cooke at slscooke@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk if you would like to book a 1:1 slot with Michelle on 07.07.26 stating your preferred time slot.

FACE July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

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SUMMER HOLIDAY

2026

ACTIVITIES

- Sports
- Team building
- Outdoor Games
- Fun

27 JULY - 21 AUG
LIFESTYLE FITNESS (EVEREST)

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