

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

19/06/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Look

Thank you to everyone who attended the well-supported book look yesterday. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the sunshine and sharing your children's learning. We are proud of the many opportunities we offer at Whitchurch to share your child's progress, including parents' evenings, book looks, termly reports and celebration events. Thank you for taking part.

Screen Time Guidance

Many of you will be aware of the recent move to ban social media for under 16s. This is a positive step and aligns with our no smartphone policy. There is increasing guidance around screen use and its impact on behaviour, sleep, communication and attention. Based on current advice, we have created a **school screen time guidance document** (attached), including how we support this in school and how you can support at home.

Parent Forum – Behaviour

Thank you for the comments and questions shared for this week's parent forum — your feedback was very helpful. One key action was to produce a **short parent summary of our behaviour policy**. This is attached to School Matters this week, with the full policy still available on our website.

Heat Wave

The hot weather has returned! Please apply suncream before school. Children may bring suncream in, but must be able to apply it themselves and hand it to the class teacher. Please only send a tube or bottle of suncream rather than an aerosol spray can as children could get this in their eyes or on the floors inside making it slippery. We will remind them to reapply at lunchtime, encourage shade and regular drinking of water. Please also ensure your child brings a sun hat.

Music Concert

I am really looking forward to our music concert next week — it will be a wonderful celebration of our talented musicians.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards



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

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 – 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](#)

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 - Ophelia
Monday - Eleri
Tuesday - Effie
Wednesday - Flo
Thursday - Dilara

Puffins

Friday - Georgia
Monday - Jj
Tuesday - Ada
Wednesday - Delilah
Thursday - Archer

Lead Learners

Seahorses - Aubrey
Turtles - Isabella
Dolphins - Millie
Seals - Ernest
Jaguars - Indiana
Leopards - Theo I
Pumas - Romola
Tigers - Alex M
Doves - Louie
Kingfishers - Reuben
Falcons - Abi
Kestrels - Pippa

Roll of Honour

Dolphins - Eric
Jaguars - Isla
Falcons - Elizabeth

House Points



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

Focus - Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the artist Arcimboldo. He used many different fruit and vegetables to create interesting portraits.

We had a go at making our own using items we found in the woods.



Dear God, Help us to be kind and welcoming to everyone. Teach us to accept and celebrate our differences. May our school be a place where everyone feels loved and safe. 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



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:



Please email our Family Link Worker Mrs Cooke at e.cooke@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.



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

Flu Vaccine

The NHS School Age Immunisation Service are planning the roll out of the 2026 winter flu vaccination programme to all year groups. The service offers the flu vaccine between September and December. You will receive an email, with details on how to complete the online form, for your child to receive the vaccine in school.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and young people. High vaccine uptake reduces the risk of flu spreading rapidly in school settings. This helps ensure they remain well, do not miss school days and continue to learn. Vaccinating children also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

The vaccine is given as a painless nasal spray. An alternative porcine free injection is offered to those who cannot have the nasal spray.



Vaccines offered to secondary age students during the spring and summer term include:

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV vaccine is offered to boys and girls in year 8. This vaccine protects against different types of cancers in the future.

Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)

Meningitis vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against four different strains of bacteria (groups A, C, W, Y) and protects against Meningitis and Sepsis (blood poisoning).

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (3-in-1) booster vaccine

The 3-in-1 booster vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases and provides long lasting immunity against these specific conditions.

Community clinics are available during the school holidays for missed vaccinations.

Find out more about the vaccine programmes and our contact details here: [School Age Immunisation Service - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)