

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

12/06/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in worship we have continued to talk about our current theme of 'gratitude'. As part of **World Ocean Day** (Monday 8th June), we discussed why the ocean is so important and how we can show our gratitude by looking after it.

Please accept our apologies for having to cancel **Sports Day** this week, the rain didn't quite come as heavy as expected but we had to make the best decision we could with the information available to us. We all have our fingers crossed that Wednesday 1st July will be dry and sunny.

Coats – If the weather is looking like it might be wet, please make sure your child has a coat in school as we do still go outside for playtime unless the rain is really heavy.

As we begin to come towards the end of the academic year, please can you all check your online accounts to ensure any debt to the school is cleared and that your school meal accounts have funds on them to pay for any dinners you want to order. As it stands, **the school is owed nearly £25,000 from parents** for things like trips, school meals and music tuition.

Our Year 6 children had a lovely day out at the **Natural History Museum** yesterday. The weather was awful, so the museum was very busy. But the coach driver did take them on a nice tour of London as well... accidentally.

Please wish our **Year 4** children all the best as they go on residential on Monday to **Ufton Court**, as well as our staff who will likely get very little sleep. Let's hope the weather is much nicer for them next week than it has been this week.

The World Cup has started, and already I can see a few tired faces in the mornings for those staying up late to watch games. Thankfully all of England's games are watchable without too much sleep deprivation. But please do try to ensure children are well rested before coming into school. **It's coming home!**

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

- Next week – Lunches Week 2
- KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month
- 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 – 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

Friday - Henry
Monday - Evie
Tuesday - Edith
Wednesday - Gian
Thursday - Oscar

Puffins

Friday - Archer
Monday - Asher
Tuesday - Harry
Wednesday - Alfie
Thursday - Tigerlili

Lead Learners

Seahorses - Leo
Turtles - Evie
Dolphins - Harvey
Seals - Luke
Jaguars - Jesse
Leopards - Theo C
Pumas - Isla
Tigers - Layla
Doves - Freya
Kingfishers - Tikhon
Falcons - Izzy
Kestrels - Anna

Roll of Honour

Seahorses - Robin
Turtles - Cameron
Jaguars - Oscar
Kingfishers - Skylar-Mae

House Points



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

Focus - Year 5

We have created some landscape artwork using our Batik skills. Firstly, we chose our preferred landscape and then sketched an outline onto the material. We then carefully traced the hot wax over the outline and any areas we didn't want to wash with watercolours. Finally, we washed over the remaining design with watercolours to create our designs.



Dear, God, We thank you for World Oceans Day, and the people who work to protect our oceans on this and every other day.

Help us to appreciate the wonderful variety and wonder contained within the oceans, and guide us in helping to protect them now...and in the future.

Amen



School Fundraising with FOWPS

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

We're just over a month away from the Whitchurch Parish Fete on 11 July. FOWPS are 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](#). Even an hour or two would be great please!

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! Please can adults hand any alcohol to the FOWPS staff, or bring to the office. In return, the children will be able to have a non-uniform day on this date.

Also, please remember to take a couple of minutes to complete our short feedback survey about the recent 5k and Fun Run: [Whitchurch 5k 2026 Survey](#)

Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend – FOWPS PTA

School Meals Survey

As part of their contract with Hampshire schools, Edwards and Ward are required to send out a parent survey to gather valuable feedback on our catering provision. Please can complete it. Thank you.

[Hampshire Parents School Meal Service Survey 2026 - Fill in form](#)

Vacancy

Atlas FM are looking for a reliable and friendly cleaner to help keep our lovely school sparkling!

The days and hours: Monday - Friday 15:45 - 18:15 (43 weeks per year / 39 weeks term time / 4 weeks deep clean)

Hourly Rate - £12.71 If you are interested please contact Paulla Crowe on 07984 114233 or apply online [here](#)

All Hallows service this Sunday

Come along to the service at All Hallows Church this Sunday 14th June at 10.30am.

The service has been written and will be lead by the teenagers of All Hallows' youth group, YoG. The theme is accepting everyone for who they are.

They will also be leading the singing of some of their favourite worship songs including 'Mighty to Save' and primary school toe-tapper 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands'!

Everyone is welcome of all faiths or none.

This will be followed by a Bring & Share Barbecue; this is a friendly, informal lunch to which you are invited to bring sausages, burgers or anything to cook on the barbecue, or a savoury salad or a pudding, to share with others.

Governor News

Congratulations to Mr Signorelli, who has been successfully voted in as a new parent governor. School looks forward to working with him.

Thank you to both candidates and to all of the parents who managed to vote.



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.

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Working together

Two and Beyond Session at Whitchurch Library
Your child's learning journey

For families with children aged 2 to 5 years

Drop-in to talk about your child starting school

This session looks at your child's journey from being ready to learn at the age of two to being ready for school at the age of five. Throughout the session we will look at the skills your child is learning on the journey to starting school and how you can support your child to develop these skills.

Date: Monday 6 July 2026
From: 1.15pm - 2.45pm
Venue: Whitchurch Library

Book using this code:

<https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/two-and-beyond>