

Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

10/07/26

Dear Parents,

Over this term, we have been speaking about gratitude - not just for things or for what people do for us, but, specifically this week, for the things in life that we often take for granted: new clothes, friends, nature and food to eat. We have encouraged the children to pause and reflect on the things in their lives that they are grateful for and consider how they can show appreciation for them.

This week, we are all very grateful for the invention of fans, ice cream, paddling pools and refrigerators!

The warm weather appears set to remain with us until the end of term. Therefore, I can confirm that children will be allowed to wear their PE kit for the remainder of the term. The Whitchurch Parish Fete returns on Saturday. Pupils are encouraged to join the parade, which starts at 10:30am from the Recreation Ground on Alliston Way. Children can choose to wear fancy dress, with prizes awarded by the Fete Committee for the best costumes. At 11:00am, the parade will arrive at the school, where I will officially open the fete. There will be over 60 stalls, ice cream, a BBQ, children's games and activities, as well as [Miss Foray's SEND Circus](#). The fete runs until 4:00pm, and I cannot wait to see you all there. It promises to be a fantastic day.

The weather looks set to cool down a little after this week, with a refreshing breeze on the way. As we head into the final week of term, we still have some exciting events to look forward to. Our Year R classes will be putting on their final performances of the year. Puffins Class will perform on Tuesday, and Pelicans Class will perform on Friday, both at 9:30am.

Year 6 will also be presenting their end-of-year production. We have a 2:00pm performance on Wednesday 15th July, followed by an evening performance at 6:00pm on Thursday 16th July. I have seen snippets of their rehearsals and cannot wait to see the finished productions. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

We are delighted to announce that Revd Nicky Smallwood will become the new Vicar of the Bright Waters Benefice on Wednesday 15th July at 7:30pm at All Hallows, Whitchurch. Bishop Philip, from the Diocese of Winchester, will conduct the service, and everyone is welcome to attend.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Kind regards,
Mr D Ware
Headteacher



Key Dates

New dates in yellow

Next week – Lunches (as per emailed changes)

KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month

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.

Wed 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 – Leah
Monday – Effie
Tuesday – Summer
Wednesday – Buzz
Thursday – Arwen

Puffins

Friday – Sylvie
Monday – Cillian
Tuesday – Fleur
Wednesday – George
Thursday – Grace

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Levi
Turtles – Archie
Dolphins – Ollie
Seals – Cora
Jaguars – Bella
Leopards – All class members
Pumas – Adam
Tigers – Luna
Doves – James
Kingfishers – Esme M
Falcons – Heather
Kestrels – Imogen

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – Leo
Dolphins - Kitty
Jaguars - Alfie

House Points



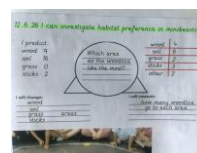
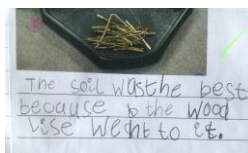
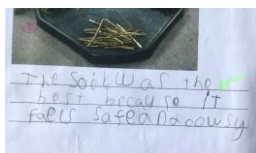
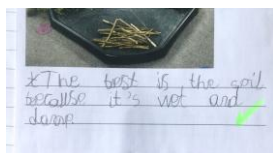
House Point winners this week are Discovery, well done children!

Half Term House Point Winners

Discovery collected the most house points this half term. The children in Discovery House may come to school dressed in non-uniform on Friday 17th July. Parents of children in this house will receive an email.

Focus – Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning about the different habitats in the school grounds and about the different insects that live in them. We set up an experiment where we created four different habitats for woodlice and then recorded where they preferred to go. There were sticks, grass, a wood "cave" and wet soil. The children predicted which they thought would be the best and then we released the woodlice! We watched and recorded where they went and then discussed the results, writing a short conclusion in our books. We then released the woodlice back into the wild!



Dear God, Thank you for: families and friend, the beauty of nature and the world around us and all the things in life that we too often take for granted.
Please help us to be willing to show our thanks, not only in what we say but also in what we do - each day. We are thankful. Amen.

DoodleMaths Spring Challenge

Congratulations to the following children for completing the Spring DoodleMaths Challenge. Certificates and badges are on their way home:

Tobias M, Esme T, Ernest G, Lily K, Emmy J, Harriet L, Ivor ES, Eliza H, Scarlett B, Cameron H, Paxton C, Thea D



School Fundraising with FOWPS

Summer Fete is almost here!

Get ready for the ultimate family day out! We can't wait to see you all at the Whitchurch Parish Summer Fete 2026, co-hosted by the Friends of Whitchurch Primary School (FOWPS) and All Hallows Church, which is taking place **tomorrow, 11 July, at the school grounds from 11am to 4pm.**

Entry is £2 for adults and free for children, kicking off earlier at 10:30 am with a Kids' Fancy Dress Parade starting from the Alliston Way Rec. Ahead of the event, you can buy raffle tickets or place silent auction bids online at fowpswhitchurch.co.uk and these are available for purchase on the day too.

Once inside, visitors can enjoy **non-stop entertainment**, including live music from the Test Valley Brass Youth Band, the RBL Band and local musicians. Performance groups including Whitchurch Amateur Dramatic Society and Marina School of Dance will take the stage, alongside unique activities such as line dancing, an inclusive SEND circus experience, and a classic car and emergency vehicle display.

Guests can browse more than **40 market stalls**, enjoy food options including a BBQ, loaded fries, and a licensed beer van, or participate in games like face painting, a bouncy castle, and traditional activities run by the Whitchurch Scout Group.

For safety, please note that children must be supervised, outdoor play equipment is out of bounds, and dogs must be left at home.

As with all FOWPS activities, the fete raises vital funds to support school life. In the past year, FOWPS have contributed more than £17,000. The fete will also raise funds for All Hallows, the Scouts and a range of local charities. See you tomorrow!

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.



August 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

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

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Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



Summer Crafts at Whitchurch Library

Mon 27th Jul at 2pm - Musical Crafts

Mon 3rd Aug at 2pm - Under the Sea

Mon 10th Aug at 2pm - Pirates

Mon 17th Aug at 2pm - Summertime

£2 per child - book at
shop.hants.gov.uk

