Whitchurch C of E Primary School

School Matters

17/07/26

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for your continued support. This has been my first year as Headteacher of Whitchurch CofE Primary School, and I have been incredibly grateful for the warmth, kindness and encouragement shown by pupils, families, staff and governors throughout the year. This week in worship we talked about how we should be grateful for the memories we have. We spent time reflecting on the positive memories we have created this year at school. Encourage your child to reflect back over the year and the things they have enjoyed the most.

A special thank you goes to everyone who supported our Summer Fête last Saturday. What a fantastic event it was! It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to enjoy the afternoon and help make it such a success.

Next week marks an important milestone for our Year 6 children as they prepare to leave us and begin the next stage of their journey. They did incredibly well in their end of Year Production of "I'm An 11 Year Old, Get Me Out Of Here!" We wish them every happiness and success for the future. We look forward to celebrating with them at our Leavers' Service on Monday before their final day with us on Wednesday.

We are also excited for our whole-school end-of-term picnic on Wednesday, which will be a lovely way for us to come together and celebrate another successful year at Whitchurch CofE Primary School.

If you think you have uniform items missing or left behind lunch boxes, please can you check lost property (we will leave it outside of the rear door to the small hall on Monday) or ask your children to collect the lunch boxes. All items left behind will be disposed of/donated to FOWPS at the start of the holidays. Thank you.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. I wish you all a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kind regards,



Mr D Ware
Headteacher

Key Dates

New dates in yellow

New year – New lunch menu is available on the website under Parents/Lunches and Healthy Snacks
KS2 hot dog Fridays – the first Friday in school of every month
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
Thu 24 September – FOWPS AGM
Fri 2 October – INSET Day
Thu 22 October – FOWPS School Disco
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**
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 – Edith
Monday – Ophelia
Tuesday – Noah
Wednesday – Oliver
Thursday – Summer
Friday - Marcey

Puffins

Friday – Oliver
Monday – Georgia
Tuesday – JJ
Wednesday – Archer
Thursday – Fleur
Friday - Sylvie

Lead Learners

Seahorses – Bertie
Turtles – Dexter
Dolphins – Evie
Seals – Meadow
Jaguars – Uzay
Leopards – Jaxon
Pumas – Violet
Tigers – Joss
Doves – Ffion
Kingfishers – Tikhon
Falcons – Toby
Kestrels – Valeriia

Roll of Honour

Seahorses – AJ
Jaguars – Finnian
Leopards - Clemmy
Kingfishers - Esme
Falcons – Izzy & Mollie
Kestrels – Pippa
Y6 – for their performances

House Points

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

Focus – Year R

During the last few weeks, Year R have been enjoying listening to and exploring the stories ***The Rainbow Fish*** and a range of exciting **pirate adventures**. These stories have inspired lots of imaginative discussions, creative play, and artwork.

The children created their own **porthole pictures**, imagining what they might see while sailing the seas. They also enjoyed **bubble painting** to create beautiful ocean backgrounds before designing their own underwater scenes. Using a variety of materials, including **jewels, pipe cleaners, sequins, and colourful shapes**, the children carefully crafted wonderful sea creatures and underwater treasures.

The children showed great creativity, enthusiasm, and fine motor skills throughout these activities, and we are very proud of their fantastic work. We have loved seeing their imaginations come to life through art and storytelling!



Dear God,
Thank you for our school, and the year which is coming to an end.
Bless our families and homes during the holidays, and bring us all safely to a new term.
Amen.

Achievements
Year 4 boys Alfie B, William K, Jack Sm, Leo W and playing his first ever game of rugby Alfie C, joined children from St Mary Bourne and Overton to take part in the Solent 7s rugby tournament on Sunday in Gosport. They absolutely smashed the opposition, didn't concede a single try and took home the trophy. All children did amazingly in the very hot weather and put in 110%!

School Fundraising with FOWPS

Thank you from FOWPS
As the school year comes to a close, the Friends of Whitchurch Primary School (FOWPS) would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful community for your incredible support. Thanks to your fundraising efforts and event attendance, we have been able to contribute more than £17,000 back into the school this year. Our recent highlights included the fantastic Whitchurch 5k and Children's Fun Run, which raised £1,500, and the spectacular Whitchurch Parish Summer Fete, which saw 1,200 attendees and raised around £8,000 to support FOWPS, All Hallows, and other local charities.

Looking ahead, FOWPS is already busy planning more fun events for next term. Please mark your calendars for the FOWPS AGM on Thursday 24 September and the School Disco on Thursday 22 October. As we prepare for the new term, we also want to wish good luck to our Year 6 leavers as they head to secondary school, and hope they enjoy the BBQ, funded by FOWPS, next week. If you are having a uniform clear out, please remember that donations can be dropped off next week at the school gates, at the church for the Leavers Service, or over the summer.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, and we will see you in September!

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.

FACE

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

FACE

September Timetable

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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



