

7th March 2025

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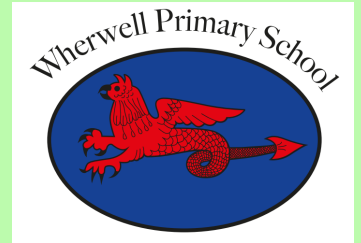
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Actual : 96.4%

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear parents,

Welcome back for the second half of the Spring term! I love this time of year — the days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, and nature is showing signs of renewal and regrowth. In the same way, school has burst into life, with the children full of energy, excitement, and positivity.

This half term, our learning behaviour focus is **RESILIENCE**. Our learning behaviour characters are here to help remind the children of the characteristics of effective learners, with **Toby The Turtle** representing resilience.

Resilient learners...



- Enjoy challenges
- Know that making mistakes are learning opportunities

Building resilience — the ability to adapt to life's misfortunes and setbacks — is an important skill that underpins academic success and, indeed, success in adult life. We encourage children to embrace challenges and understand that making mistakes is a vital part of the learning journey. Mistakes offer opportunities to reflect, learn, and improve. If a child gets everything correct, it may indicate that they are not being sufficiently challenged.

Our goal is to create an environment where children feel safe to take risks, make mistakes, and learn from them. By fostering resilience, we are equipping children with the tools to persevere, overcome obstacles, and achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children develop this essential life skill.

Thank you too for supporting your children in coming dressed as a word for World Book Day yesterday. The creativity on display was truly inspiring, and the children looked fantastic (as did the staff). There was a wonderful buzz around the school, with lots of stories shared and enjoyed throughout the day. Your support helped make the day a memorable celebration of reading and language.

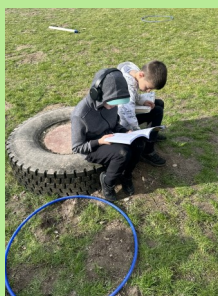
I hope you have an enjoyable weekend,

Best wishes,

Mandy Ovenden

Headteacher

World Book Day Photos



Wherwell Past Pupil Fundraising Help



Hi! My name is Josie. I'm an ex-pupil at Wherwell Primary, currently a year 9 student at John Hanson School. In May 2026 I am hoping to go to Ecuador to carry out local projects which will help improve the local community and environment. Activities may include constructing neighbourhood recreational areas, improving school infrastructure or sanitation facilities and beach clean-ups, collecting saplings and replanting trees in the jungle, and more. Other things include trekking up mountains. We will get to know the people who live there, and we get to teach the children some English, as well as them teaching us Spanish. One thing that I am most excited about is seeing the beautiful nature there. We'll visit the rainforests, rivers, and beaches, not to mention the exotic animals that we could see along the way.

For this trip, I will need help to raise £5000.

In the school office you will meet a lovely bear who needs a name! By guessing his or her name, your pennies will go towards my trip.

Each guess you take counts, and you have a possibility of winning the teddy bear in return!

The winning name will be drawn on July 15th.

Good luck and thank you!

Good Luck Mrs Stephens

Today we say farewell to our Kitchen Assistant, Mrs Stephens, who leaves us for an exciting new opportunity. We are very grateful to Mrs Stephens for her dedication to Education Catering and in supporting the school's needs. Her warm smile and bubbly personality will be missed by staff and children alike.



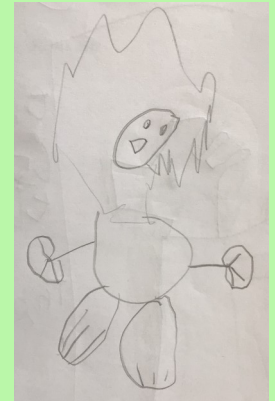
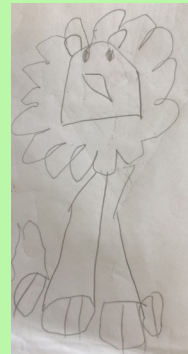
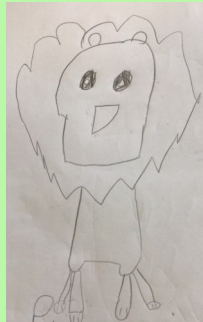
Staff Car Park

A reminder that the car park at the front of the school is private property for the use of staff only. Staff parking spaces are already limited, and it's essential that staff can access them. We rely on the cooperation of our fantastic parents to help us keep things running smoothly and therefore really appreciate your support in this!



ROBINS

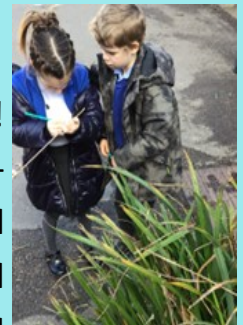
Robins have had lots of fun beginning our new routine of Drawing Club this week! This week's Drawing Club has been focused around the book 'Penguin' by Polly Dunbar. Robins have had loads of fun drawing and writing about the lion in the story. Robins Class have also loved spending lots of time outside in the sunshine this week. We even did Drawing Club outside on Tuesday!



PUFFINS



Puffins have been busy embracing their Science learning! For their learning unit this half term we have been exploring our school environment for things that are alive, used to be alive and have never been alive. For our Longitudinal Study we have been observing how the plants in our school grounds are starting to grow and change. We will continue to monitor this.



In Maths the children have been looking at and making their own arrays to help whilst they are learning about multiplication. We have been singing counting songs to help with counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.





KINGFISHERS



Kingfishers Class had an exciting trip to the Sea City Museum in Southampton just before half term, to visit the Titanic exhibition. As well as dressing up as crew and passengers, steering the



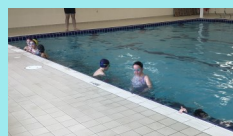
ship, and loading coal into the engines, they had the chance to participate in some interesting and challenging activities in a workshop. We all found identifying the different smells from the ship particularly difficult! It was a wonderful way to round off this fascinating topic, and the children asked our guide lots of thoughtful questions as we explored.



SPARROWHAWKS



Sparrowhawks have kicked off the term with some engaging hot seating activities, diving into the animals featured in *The Great Kapok Tree* and exploring why the tree is so vital to them. The children had a fantastic time stepping into the shoes of these characters, bringing them to life with plenty of enthusiasm and imagination. It was a fun and insightful experience as they truly grasped the importance of the tree in the story. Meanwhile, our Year 4 children began their swim course at Farleigh School today!





HOUSE MARTINS

This week, Year 6 have been developing their ability to ride a bike safely on the road. They showed great resilience and perseverance throughout their Bikeability course, successfully summiting a big hill and covering a considerable distance across two days.

Meanwhile, Year 5 have enjoyed using spreadsheets this week. In our Computing lesson, the children were introduced to a few of the things that spreadsheets can do for us. They learned to use a formula in order to find the sum of several cells and they enjoyed experimenting with the formatting of their spreadsheets.

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Rock 2 the Beat
Easter Enrichment Days

£75 per child

Sign Up Today!

(Limited places for each instrument, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. For queries please contact rock2thebeat@hants.gov.uk)

7th & 8th April 2025
Monday 9:00am - 3:45pm & Tuesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Concert to parents at 3:30 on Tuesday
The Kings' School, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, SO50 2DB

Rock 2 the Beat

Join a band and further your instrumental skills as you learn to perform songs as an ensemble whilst taking part in specialist workshops from our experienced Rock & Pop teachers

Suitable for children in Years 3 – 10 who currently participate in Rock 2 the Beat lessons in school, or for children who currently learn voice, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, or drums at Grade 1 (or above) and are able to read basic notation.

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link:
[Rock 2 the Beat Enrichment Days – 7 and 8 April 2025](#)
 Cost: £75

Music Production
7th & 8th April 2025

£75 per child

Register Today!

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.

Music Production

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.

The workshop is suitable for children in years 5, 6, 7 and 8, with sessions for those who currently participate in HMS Music Production lessons, and for those with no previous experience.

Below is a video about Music Production.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REZwghIGris>

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link:
[Music Production Enrichment Days – 7 and 8 April 2025](#)
 For more information: [Holiday Activities - Hampshire Music Education Hub \(hantsmusicclub.org.uk\)](#)
 Cost: £75

Find us on Facebook!

Let the Drama begin!

EASTER DRAMA CLUB!

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am pleased to let you know that Thespis Performing Arts Company run by Heather Blackmore, the drama teacher at Rookwood School, will be running a three day club on Wednesday 9th April, Thursday 10th April and Friday 11th April. The sessions shall be held at **Wherwell Village Hall**. The sessions will begin at 9am and end at 4pm. On the Friday there will be a performance for family and friends at 3pm.

Every child shall have the chance to experience the three disciplines of **music, drama** and dance while working towards a fun and rewarding performance.

The drama club is open to children from the ages of 6 to 16 and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. The cost of participation is £105 per child. All children must bring a packed lunch **with** them each day. Please note we are a nut and pineapple free club.

If you would like your child/children to attend please e-mail Heather Blackmore directly on the e-mail below in order to book your space and receive an application form.

heather@thespis.co.uk

Kindest Regards

Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Puffins Trip to Alice Holt Forest	Tuesday 18th March
Kingfishers Trip to Windsor Castle - details to follow	Thursday 20th March
School Disco	Thursday 20th March Yr R, 1 & 2 at 3.30-4.15pm Yr 3,4,5 & 6 at 4.30-5.45pm
Reports go home to parents	Friday 21st March
Optional Parents Evening (following reports)	Wednesday 26th March
Friends of Wherwell Cake Sale	Friday 28th March
Puffins Learning Outcome in Hall	Thursday 3rd April, 9.05am
Easter Assembly, led by Revd Kevin Rogers (children only)	Thursday 3rd April, 10.50am
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th to Monday 21st April
Return to School	Tuesday 22nd April
Avon Tyrell residential, Years 4 and 5	Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May
Robins, Puffins & Kingfishers—Drama4All 'Jungle Rumble' Drama Workshops	Thursday 1st May
Harewood Run	Monday 5th May
Walk to School Week	Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May
Half Term holiday	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th June
Inset Day	Monday 2nd June
School Photographer—Class photographs	Wednesday 4th June
Runways End residential Year 6 - details to follow	Monday 9th June—Friday 13th June
Sports Day	Friday 27th June
Speak out and stay safe NSPCC (Year 2) - details to follow	Tuesday 1st July, 1:15-1:45pm
Speak out and stay safe NSPCC (Years 5 & 6) - details to follow	Tuesday 1st July, 2-3pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 2nd July 3:30 - 7pm
Parents' Evening	Thursday 3rd July 3:30 - 5:30
Summer Fete	Sunday 6th July
Inset Day	Monday 14th July
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 22nd July