

22nd September, 2023

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's love to learn and thrive together



When I walk around the school, it is lovely to see the pupils in all year groups so engaged in their learning. The new Year R children have settled so well and so smoothly into their new routines. Thank you to Year 6 who have and will continue to be superb buddies for our Year R children. Moving into Year 1 can feel like a huge change from the Year R setting. I would like to reassure parents that learning is still active and it is very important for children to enjoy the day. We would like to invite parents in to get more information about life in Puffins from Mrs Gray. A letter will come out shortly.

I have felt so proud when we have had visitors to school who have commented about the manners of the children, the relationships in the school, and the sense of a calm purposeful learning environment. Staff have high expectations for learning and behaviour and the children respond well. We are having an 'Open Door' session on Wednesday 27th September between 11am and 12noon, if you would like to come and see the school in action. This is open to existing parents but anyone is welcome to come and experience the school in full swing!

I hope you were able to take some time to look at this half term's curriculum maps. We have designed the curriculum differently this year in that each half term will be topic based and children will set about answering key questions and deploying their skills as Historians, Geographers, Scientists etc. There is also a date on the Curriculum maps at the end of the half term when parents are invited in to share what the children have learnt. We will send reminders nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Mandy Ovenden, Headteacher

CLASS	Attendance 2 weeks ago	Attendance this week
Robins	98.99%	100.00%
Puffins	95.88%	95.93%
Kingfishers	100.00%	96.43%
Sparrowhawks	98.70%	96.09%
Housemartins	99.56%	99.60%
	Average: 98.62%	Average 97.61%

Dates for your Diary

- September 27th
11am to 12 noon
Open Door Session (Details to follow)
- October 2nd
Sparrowhawks to Gordon Brown Centre (Viking Day)
- October 3rd
House Martins to STEAM (WWII Evacuation Day)
- October 5th
Special Menu Day
- October 6th, 10.15am
Harvest Festival (Wherwell Church) Whole School
- October 18th
Fire service visit to Years 2 & 6
- October 19th
OPEN MORNING FOR NEW INTAKE
- 23rd to 27th October
HALF TERM
- October 30th
Drama4Schools visit Robins (details to follow)
- November 1st
OPEN MORNING FOR NEW INTAKE
- November 2nd
Puffins to Milestones Museum (details to follow)
- November 7th
Flu Immunisations
Whole School
(School Nursing Team)
- November 10th
Photo Day (individual & siblings)
- November 13th
INSET DAY
- November 14th
Parent Appointments
3.30 - 5.30pm
- November 15th
Parent Appointments
3.30 - 6.30pm
- December 4th to 7th
Year R, Balance Bike Training
- December 14th
6pm
Carol Service, Wherwell Church
- December 15th
Last Day of Term
- February 12th to 16th
HALF TERM
- February 19th
INSET DAY
- March 29th - April 12th
EASTER BREAK
- May 27th - 31st
HALF TERM
- June 3rd
INSET DAY
- June 7th
SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VISIT
- June 19th
Class photographs
- July 15th
INSET DAY
- July 23rd

Harvest Festival

You will see from the diary dates that we have planned a Harvest Festival service at the Church of St. Peter and the Holy Cross in Wherwell on Friday, October 6th. The children are working hard on their songs, stories and readings and we would love to see as many parents (and grandparents) as possible.

As usual, we will need parent power to help keep the children safe as they walk to and from the Church. If you are able to help, please let the office know and we will add you to our list. We would prefer no buggies or small children on the walk to and from school please. We will leave school around 9.45 and return to school in time for lunch.

This year, we will once again be collecting for Andover Foodbank who tell us they have had their busiest Summer ever and that their shelves are desperately low. Donations can be brought into school from Wednesday 4th October. Thank you!



Shopping list
Harvest 2023

If you are able, please donate an item from the list.

Thank you for your help

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Rice pudding or custard
- Coffee
- Curry sauce
- Tinned pulses
- Milk (long life)
- Biscuits
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauce
- Dried rice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables

Thank you for your support

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- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Rice pudding or custard
- Coffee
- Chocolate
- Milk (long life)
- Baked beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauce
- Jam or honey
- Dried mashed potato
- Tea
- Tinned vegetables

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- Rice pudding or custard
- Coffee
- Tinned soup
- Milk (long life)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauce
- Dried rice (500g)
- Jam or honey
- Bar of chocolate
- Tinned vegetables

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Harvest festival 2023

The Andover foodbank helps individuals and families in crisis by providing emergency food boxes. Food for these boxes is donated by local schools, churches, individuals, groups and companies.

Caro professionals give those in need a food voucher, which they can exchange for a box at one of the distribution points. This is a short-term measure allowing some breathing space while professional help is provided to try and resolve their longer-term issues.

- Since April this year, we have given out over 26 tonnes of food to local households and offered local market vouchers for fresh produce with every referral.
- We launched a new partnership with Citizens Advice to have an advisor at the foodbank twice a week. She has carried out 160 appointments so far this year.
- We work with a network of over 60 agencies including Schools, CAB, Adult and Children's Social Services, Astor Living and Young Carers

Andover foodbank provides help to people across the Test Valley, from Andover to Stockbridge, Ludgershall to Whitchurch.

"Losing my job and suffering with depression wasn't easy, but from Day 1 meeting all the lovely team at the food bank, I felt so welcomed and comfortable to return." Foodbank client

"I just received our food boxes. My Family and I really appreciate it and thank you for delivering!" A Local Mum

Our busiest time for supplying food boxes is the run up to Christmas and in January. The harvest collections are very important in helping to meet this need.

Thank you for supporting Andover foodbank

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Bags to School

Huge thanks to everyone who had a clear out and brought in their bags yesterday and today. It didn't look like we had much, but some of the bags turned out to be very heavy! We raised £154.00 which is being transferred to the PTA account as we go to print. Huge thanks to Mrs Orvis for arranging this.

New Sports Equipment!

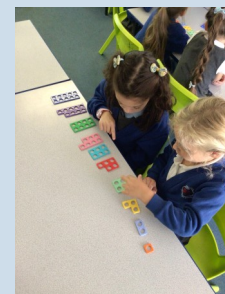
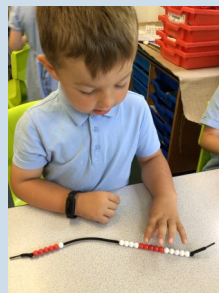
The children are thrilled with all the lovely new sports equipment which we received from Sports4Schools after the children carried out their sponsored event with Kelly Simm. Here is small taste of what we have received. This is the Circus Skills pack, but there is so much more to support the curriculum and also to provide playtime entertainment.



Robins have been painting colour monsters, making puzzles, playing pairs and creating with our 'loose parts' resources.



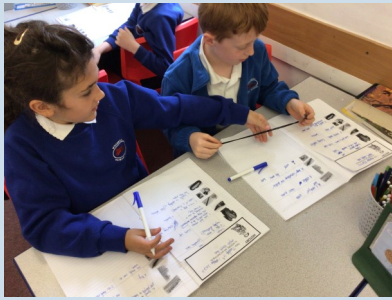
Puffins children are continuing their great work in Phonics and have been familiarising themselves with our varying Maths resources, whilst learning about Place Value.



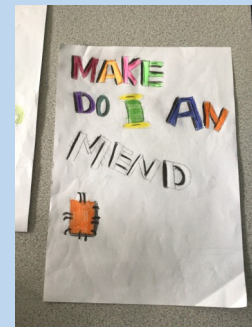
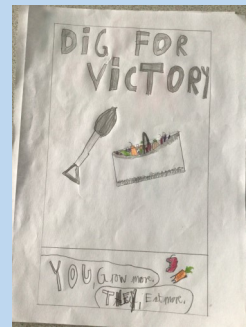
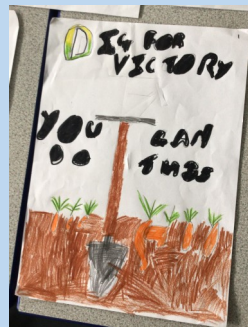
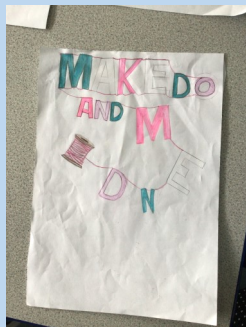
Kingfishers had a great fun creating freeze frames from their book "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth". They were then given their pictures and challenged with the task of putting them in the right order - harder than it sounds!



Sparrowhawks have been enjoying our Viking Artefact boxes. They spent a very happy morning trying to guess what each of these items was made of, and what it was used for. Can you see the Viking ear-pick?!



Housemartins have been enjoying their work on WWII. This week they have been learning some WWII dances - they particularly enjoyed the Lambeth Walk with all the spinning around. They have also started work on their propaganda posters. The finished articles will be available to view at the end of the term!



*** Safeguarding***

If you have any concerns regarding a child at our school please contact:

Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Ovenden at m.ovenden@wherwell.hants.sch.uk or

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Abbott at s.abbott@wherwell.hants.sch.uk

You can also call Children's Services on

0300 555 1384