

6th October, 2023

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's love to learn and thrive together



When we redesigned the curriculum, we were keen to plan experiences to enrich and enhance the children's learning beyond the classroom and utilising the expertise of visitors. Both visits and visitors help to bring learning to life and are not only fun and memorable but they are also opportunities for children to expand their knowledge to a higher level.

This week, Sparrowhawks enjoyed a visit to the Gordon Brown Centre to learn about our Viking past and to be a Viking for the day. To support House Martins in their learning about WW2, they visited the STEAM museum in Swindon which was an excellent opportunity to get a "hands on" experience of WW2. Thank you to the parents who kindly supported these trips and well done to the children who were role models for the school demonstrating our School Values. Soon, Kingfishers will be visited in school by experts from the Salisbury museum who will be bringing in a range of artefacts to support their learning about the Stone Age. Perhaps half term could include a family visit to Stonehenge if you haven't already been? After half term, Robins will have a visit from "Perform for Schools" where they will enjoy drama, role play and improvisation to spark their imaginations. Also after half term, Puffins will visit Milestones museum to experience play time in the past through active participation with a range of old toys and games to support their History learning.

It has been a busy start to the term with children nominating themselves for various Pupil Leader roles. Votes have been cast and we now have our School Council, Green Team, Playground buddies, Librarians, Prefects and House Captains. I am sure that they will all play a huge role in making our school a fantastic place to be.

We ended the week with our Harvest service at the church. I was very proud of all our children who delivered readings, performed stories, and sang beautifully. Thank you for coming to support us and for your kind donations of food which will be gratefully received by the foodbank.

Enjoy the weekend, I think we are in for some very warm weather!

Mandy Ovenden
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

October 16th
Kingfishers, visit from Salisbury Museum

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
Walk to Wherwell War Memorial 11am

November 13th
INSET DAY

November 17th
Individual Photo Day (Please note this is a change of date)

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

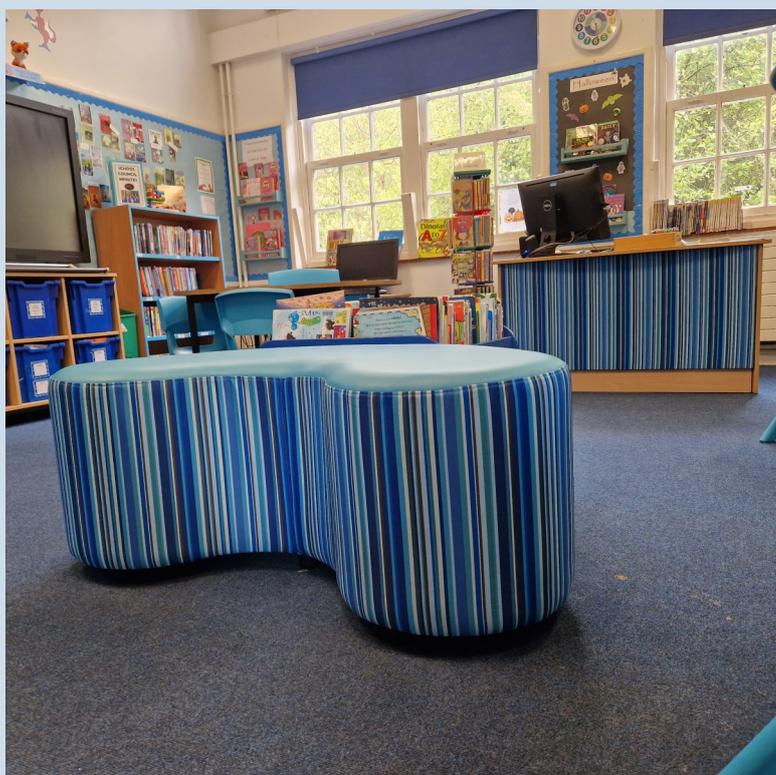
June 19th
Class photographs

July 15th
INSET DAY

July 23rd
Last Day of Term

Mystery Book Benefactor

Thank you to the mystery benefactor who sent us these two wonderful books! What a wonderful surprise. They have been incorporated into our new look library. As you know, we purchased new shelving for the library in September last year and the children have been enjoying selecting their books from these easy to access units. These were kindly paid for by the PTA (in fact, we received the cheque for them this week!). We also have a lovely new book storage new unit, a funky new librarian's desk and chair and a cushioned seating bench. We were lucky enough to receive donations for this latest stage of the library upgrade from both Wherwell Parish Council and Chilbolton Parish Council and we are extremely grateful to them for the opportunity to refurbish the space further. The children are thrilled with the new equipment and say it now looks like a 'proper' library!



PTA donations

We rely heavily on donations from the PTA (so much so that we include them in our annual budget!).

We are very grateful for their support in covering the costs of Listen2Me which is being enjoyed by Year 3 and Year 4 children this year. It is well recognised that music can help to develop skills, attitudes and attributes that can support learning in other national curriculum subjects. This includes listening skills, the ability to concentrate, creativity, intuitions, aesthetic sensitivity, perseverance, the ability to work in a group, self confidence and sensitivity towards others. Giving children this extra opportunity to engage with music is therefore vitally important but we would not be able to afford to offer this without the support of the PTA.

The PTA have also recently kindly covered the cost of dismantling 3 dangerous trees in the woodland area. Unexpected costs like this hit our budget hard and we are hugely grateful to the PTA for stepping in to cover this cost for us!

Sparrowhawks Trip to Gordon Brown Centre

“Viking Day”



Housemartins STEAM Museum Trip

“We’ll Meet Again Experience”



Team Moss

Huge, huge thanks to Team Moss (Mr and Mrs Morton, Mr Ratcliffe, Mr Smith, Mr Revell, Mrs Whittle and Mr and Mrs Sharp - I hope I haven't missed anyone?!)

They did a fantastic job getting as much moss off the roof as they could, and clearing the gutters so that hopefully we don't get anymore moss falling on our heads!

Whilst they were at it, they also had a good sweep around the external areas of the school and we look a lot tidier as a result. As most of you are aware, our caretaker is injured and unable to work currently and so this was really kind of the team - thank you!

In the meantime, we wish Mrs Burnet well and hope that her injury is improving.

Shoe Box Appeal

Once again, Mrs Toombs is co-ordinating the Shoe Box Appeal this year. Completed shoe boxes should be handed in to reception by 23rd October please.

Alternatively, Mrs Toombs is happy to accept donations for contents of boxes , or indeed, actual shoe boxes!

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