

13th September, 2024

# Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Welcome back, I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are ready for the year ahead. Last week we got off to a great start. It has been lovely seeing how well the children have settled back in to their new classes, being focused on their learning and enjoying playtime with their friends. Our Year R children in Robins have impressed us all with how well they have begun their school journey; they are pros already! Our Year 6s have risen to the challenge of being buddies and have looked after the new children with such care and maturity.

There have been major changes to our Year R outside area over the summer with some new surfacing and reorganisation giving the children more space and equipment. This even includes a woodwork bench which the children will learn how to use safely in the coming months. I would like to thank parents and the Friends of Wherwell for supporting us financially with this project as well as Wherwell Parish council for our fantastic Maths and Writing sheds. I would also like to say a thank you to the Andover Turf Company for generously donating turf. It makes such a difference to the outdoor provision for our Year R children.

I am sure that it's going to be a year packed full of fun and new experiences.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mandy





## ROBINS

We are incredibly proud of how well Robins Class have settled into life at Wherwell! We've all had lots of fun exploring our classroom and outside area and getting to know each other and some important classroom routines. Robins Class had lots of fun during the PE morning last Friday, the air track in the hall was a firm favourite! We have also had our first phonics lessons this week which has been very exciting.



## PUFFINS

Puffins have had a great start to the new academic year! We have spent lots of time getting to know each other and have talked a lot about Growth Mindset. The children worked in pairs with a piece of paper, scissors and sticky dots. Their challenge was to see which pair could make the longest paper chain. During the activity the children showcased the majority of our school learning values, there was definitely a lot of resilience to be seen!

We started Outdoor Explorers this week which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We went on a nature treasure hunt to see if we could see any sign of Autumn, as you can see below we found a lot of things!





## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have settled in really well and have shown great enthusiasm and motivation towards their learning. They have begun learning about Mary Anning, the famous fossil-hunter and have been very eagerly sharing their experiences with finding fossils. We have also received an exciting box full of items relating to our topic which we look forward to exploring in more detail next week! For now, here is a preview of some of the items we have found, including a hat very much like the one Mary Anning used to protect her head from falling rocks!



## SPARROWHAWKS

We have had a fun couple of weeks back and sprung straight back in to our learning.

We enjoyed our PBE Activity day, especially the air track, and did not let the weather stop us. In PE, we have begun our topic of outdoor games with some team building exercises and obstacle courses.





## HOUSE MARTINS

House Martins thoroughly enjoyed our Personal Best day on Friday. They got to try out some new and exciting activities, while the teachers took cover!



### Staff Car Park

For safety reasons, the staff car park gates will be locked during school drop off and pick up. Please use the path through the orchard to access the office or playground.

The staff car park should not be used for parent parking/drop off or manoeuvring, at any time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

# BAG 2 SCHOOL

## FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

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### Wherwell Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

***We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:***

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

**(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)**

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***  
***Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit***

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

Wednesday 25th September 2024 by 9am



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# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Bag2School collection	Wednesday 25th September by 9am
Flu Immunisations - whole school	Thursday 10th October
Open Morning - 2025, Year R intake	Monday 21st October 10:45am
Kingfishers learning outcome	Tuesday 22nd October 2:50pm
Puffins learning outcome	Tuesday 22nd October 2:45pm
Robins parent sharing session	Wednesday 23rd October 2:50pm
House Martins learning outcome - an assembly in school hall	Thursday 24th October 9:00am
Sparrowhawks learning outcome	Thursday 24th October 2:50pm
Last day of school	Friday 25th October
Half Term Holiday	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
Inset Day	Monday 4th November
Inset Day	Monday 24th February
Inset Day	Monday 2nd June
Inset Day	Monday 14th July