

11th October, 2024

# Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Our Harvest Festival assembly is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10:45 at the church. All families and friends are welcome to attend. We will walk the whole school down to the church leaving at 10:30 and will be doing the return journey at 11:30. We would be very grateful if you are able to volunteer some time to walk with us, one way or both. Please let the office know if you can so we can make sure we have enough supervision to be safe. The children have been busy learning some songs which I am sure you will enjoy.

As always, we will be making a collection of items for the Andover Foodbank which can be brought to the school playground on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Thank you!

## DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED VEGETABLES

TINNED SOUP

POT NOODLES & MUG SHOTS

CURRY & PASTA SAUCE

JAM & PEANUT BUTTER

RICE PUDDING & CUSTARD

LONG LIFE MILK

COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE

SHOWER GEL & SOAP

### New Year R intake Open Mornings

If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 in Year R, you are warmly invited to attend one of our Open Mornings on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 10.45am or Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10:45. Alternative school tour dates are available on request. The Open Morning will start with a short presentation by me, Mandy Ovenden, Head Teacher, followed by a tour of the school led by our Year 6 prefects. Please book a place by contacting the school office [adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk).

Our children are very excited and proud to show visitors around our friendly and welcoming school. A strong feature is our newly revamped Year R outdoor area which your kind donations throughout the year, organised by The Friends of Wherwell, have made possible.





## ROBINS

Robins Class have had lots of fun moving like jungle animals in our indoor PE lessons. The children have been moving in different ways around, under and over obstacles. Our focus book this week has been Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Robins Class have enjoyed ordering images from the story, creating pictures of the characters and ordering objects by size. We also had lots of fun mixing porridge oats with water in our outside kitchen!

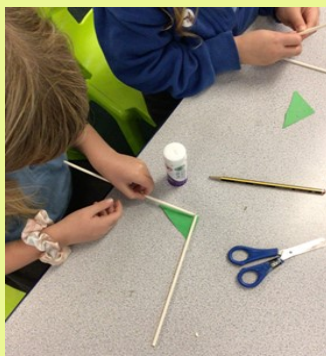
A big thank you to Molly's mummy who has made us some wonderful new painting aprons! Robins Class were very excited to try these out this week.



## PUFFINS

Last week, Puffins discovered a crashed UFO on the school field along with a red hoop, some yellow fur and a strange handwritten message! We then found out that the alien that had come to Wherwell was called Beegu so we have based lots of our written work around this discovery.

In DT, we have been looking at different types of joins in preparation for us making our playground equipment. We have looked at flange joins, tabs and A frames and have created our own versions of each.





## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers had the best morning when palaeontologist, Andy, came to visit. We learnt lots about the life and work of Mary Anning and also about prehistoric life. We were very excited to see a range of fossils, especially one from a real life woolly mammoth. We particularly liked the games and puzzles that he brought and there was a real buzz in the classroom while Andy was teaching us. We learnt all about paleo art and a range of different prehistoric creatures that Mary Anning discovered.



## SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks have had lots of fun in PE, where we have been using equipment to retell Anglo-Saxon stories.



*Pretending to slay a dragon*

In outdoor PE, we have been orienteering around the playground.

Sparrowhawks were very imaginative with their hiding places.



You may have noticed the chalk lines all over the playground last Friday, when Sparrowhawks were using the reflection in mirrors to navigate a maze. This helped us with our science learning about light. It was very confusing for them to work out which leg they needed to move!





## HOUSE MARTINS

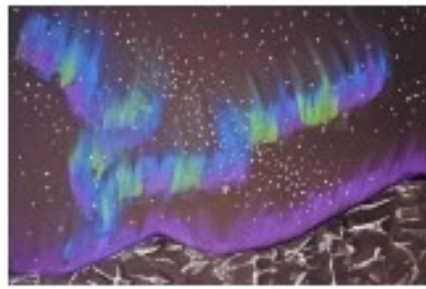
This week, House Martins have really enjoyed moulding and carving whistles out of clay. These are work in progress, as the children will be decorating them next week. They will then be arranging Ancient Maya inspired pieces to play on their whistles, some of which might be performed at our class assembly on the 24th October! Music is believed to have played an important part in warfare for the Ancient Maya, as well as being used to communicate with their Gods and ancestors.



We have now introduced Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) to help support our children in improving their confidence with times tables. We understand that times tables are essential building blocks underpinning the maths curriculum and that often children find these a challenge. 'Times Table Rock Stars is an award-winning maths learning platform that helps pupils practise and recall their times tables like a rock star'. Children from year two to year six will be logging on and having a go in school before bringing login details home in order to practise at home as well as in school.

We have a new Times Table Rock Stars page on our school website where you can find further information. To find this, head to Wherwell Primary School, Children, Times Table Rock Stars, or follow the link below. We also have a quick link to the TTRS login page at the bottom of the home page on our school website.

<https://www.wherwellprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Times+Table+Rock+Stars&pid=125>



# Winter Wonder Art Competition



Create some art work celebrating your favourite wintery things for a chance to win some wonderful prizes including a £25 Waterstones voucher, some super artists colouring, sketch and paint sets and some arty activity books.

To enter:

- Pick up an entry sheet at the Halloween Cake Sale (24<sup>th</sup> October) or from the school office and pay your £1 entry fee.
- Create a wonderful wintery A4 picture using pencils, pens, paint, pastels or collage or a combination of all these.
- Bring your finished art work (with your name, class and age completed) into school and give to your class teacher by the 10<sup>th</sup> December.
- Our panel of judges will award first, second and third prize for each class and then an overall school winner. Prizes will be announced and awarded by the end of term.



# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Harvest Assembly - Wherwell Church	Thursday 17th October 10:45am
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
House Martins spooky cake sale	Thursday 24th October
Last day of school	Friday 25th October
Half Term Holiday	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
Inset Day	Monday 4th November
Open Morning - 2025, Year R intake	Friday 8th November 10:45am
Walk to Wherwell War Memorial	Monday 11th November 11:00am
Individual Photographs - Fraser Portraits	Thursday 14th November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 26th November 3:30 - 7pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 27th November 3:30 - 5:30pm
Sparrowhawks cake sale	Thursday 28th November
Christmas Trees - order on PTA website by 26th November	Saturday 30th November (collect from school)
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity - details to follow	Monday 9th December 6pm Tuesday 10th December 2pm
Robins Nativity - details to follow	Wednesday 18th December 2pm
Inset Day	Monday 24th February
Harewood Run	Monday 5th May
Inset Day	Monday 2nd June
Summer Fete	Sunday 6th July
Inset Day	Monday 14th July