

2nd May 2025

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



**Whole School Attendance
as at:**

2.5.25

Target: 97%

Actual: 96.7%



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. This is a short term—only 23 school days—with a bank holiday weekend in the mix, but as always, it's packed full of exciting activities and lots of learning.

I may be tempting fate, but it's lovely to see the sun becoming a more regular feature in the sky! With the warmer weather in mind, please ensure your child comes to school with a **sun hat**, a **full water bottle**, and **sun cream applied** before arrival. If your child is able to sensibly reapply sun cream themselves, they may bring it in their bag for use during break and lunchtime. A good morning application of **Factor 50** should provide strong coverage throughout the day.

Before the Easter break, our **Eco Champions** led an inspiring assembly to launch an exciting new project: growing fruit and vegetables in our newly formed allotment! Each class has chosen what they'd like to grow and are now busy planting, watering, and keeping a close eye on progress. **Fingers crossed for some green-fingered success!**



I hope you all enjoy a lovely three-day weekend! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on Monday at the Harwood Run—a fantastic fundraiser supporting both the school and our playing fields. While I won't be dusting off my trainers this time, I'll be there to cheer you on and hand out medals!

Best wishes,

Mandy

YEAR 4 and 5 residential to Avon Tyrrell

As our Year 4 and 5 children return home, we know there will be a mix of emotions—sadness that the adventure has come to an end, but also a huge sense of pride in all that they have achieved. We're sure there will be plenty of rest and storytelling over the long weekend!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this trip such a wonderful success.





ROBINS

Robins Class were very excited to come into class on Monday morning and find some chicken eggs in an incubator in the classroom! We've spent some time this week starting our learning about the life cycle of chickens and are hoping that some of the eggs hatch in a few weeks time!

Robins Class thoroughly enjoyed their Jungle Rumble drama workshop with Perform for Schools this week. They had loads of fun acting as jungle animals and explorers!



PUFFINS

Puffins have been taking full advantage of this lovely weather by taking our maths learning outside. Last week, some of the children were using the metre sticks to measure how long the hall and the playground were and this week we collected data for our class tally charts during our Outdoor Explorer time.



Our focus learning value this half term is 'teamwork' and Puffins have shown plenty so far, as they all worked together to dig, dib, sow and water our Puffin Patch allotment area. Here's hoping that our lettuce, courgette and strawberries seeds will start to grow soon!



KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been making the most of the sunshine this week! We have enjoyed some time outside planting carrots and radishes. We are not too sure about whether we want to eat the radishes or not but we did learn that you should not plant too many radishes at once because they don't keep well.



Kingfishers had a great time being Jungle Explorers on Thursday this week when Perform for Schools came in to deliver a brilliant workshop for us. A great time was had by all and there was much discussion about whether they like banana pie or not (if you know, you know!)



SPARROWHAWKS

The children in Sparrowhawks have had a fantastic week! It began with Mrs. Shaw from the Hampshire Music Service introducing this wonderful group of seven to the joy of playing brass instruments.

They've also spent lots of time outdoors—observing and sketching plants, as well as practising their batting and bowling skills during rounders.

As part of their current learning unit, the children have been busy researching train stations and railway lines. They've particularly enjoyed designing and creating their very own stations—showing great creativity and enthusiasm!





HOUSE MARTINS



While the Year 5s have been enjoying themselves on their residential, the Year 6s have been revising hard for their SATs exams in a couple of weeks time. However, their week has been significantly brightened by the arrival of their wonderfully colourful leavers' hoodies! A big thank you to Mrs Chenery-Jones for organising these.



We've also thoroughly enjoyed doing some art this week. We headed outside to enjoy the beautiful weather whilst capturing some of the trees in watercolour. Not only did we create some beautiful paintings, it also provided a wonderful mindfulness activity after working so hard on our SATs revision!

BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



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:

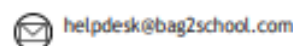
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(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 7th May 2025 by 9am





Hey!

Over the next 7 weeks, I'm taking on a series of challenges that will take me well out of my comfort zone.

Why? Well, beyond being stupid or having a midlife crisis, I wanted to mark turning 40 by doing something I'd never imagined I could do 'in my prime'.

So I'm taking on:

The Manchester Marathon
The Harewood Forest 10km
The Harewood Forest continuous loop - a 24hr running event
A 100km non-stop Ultra challenge around the Lake District

Initially, I was just doing this for me but have decided to do some local fundraising for The Wherwell Playing Fields (Charity No 1039767) as they kindly host the football club I am a co founder of, Wherwell Royals, who are about to embark on our tenth season at the facilities.

The playing fields are also responsible for the play park and the tennis court beside the school, and as a parent from the school, I'd love to see some money raised to support giving the fencing and some of the apparatus some much-needed love.

So if you can support my madness in any way, the funds will go directly to the charity organisation.

I'll keep you updated on my progress!

Thanks for your time.

Adam Faye

<https://gofund.me/a78fdbbe9>



Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Harewood Run	Monday 5th May
Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 7th May, 9am
SATS Week—Year 6	Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May
Puffins - Florence Nightingale digital session	Monday 12th May, 1:15pm
Sparrowhawks - Watercress Line Trip	Wednesday 21st May
Walk to School Week	Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May
House Martins Year 6 - Residential meeting for parents (in school hall)	Monday 19th May, 2:30pm
Kingfishers Parent Sharing Session	Tuesday 20th May, 2:50pm
Robins Parent Sharing Session	Thursday 22nd May, 2:50pm
Puffins Parent Sharing Session	Thursday 22nd May, 2:50pm
Sparrowhawks Parent Sharing Session	Thursday 22nd May, 2:50pm
House Martins Parent Sharing Session	Friday 23rd May, 2:50pm
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	Monday 9th June—Friday 13th June
Robins Trip to Hillier Gardens - details to follow	Friday 20th 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
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins—dress rehearsal to whole school	Thursday 10th July
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins performance to parents	Tuesday 15th July, 6pm
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins performance to parents	Wednesday 16th July, 6pm,
Inset Day	Monday 14th July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, Year 6 parents only	Friday 18th July, 2.15pm
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 22nd July