

16th May 2025

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



**Whole School Attendance
as at:**

16.5.25

Target: 97%

Actual: 96.7%

Dear parents,

What a busy couple of weeks we've had in school!

Last week, our Governors visited for a learning walk to observe the teaching and learning of Science. This year, we have been focusing on the development of scientific enquiry, and it was lovely to see the children so interested and engaged in a wide variety of topics. A few classes were outside investigating plants and minibeasts, while others were exploring shadows and adaptations of birds. At Wherwell, we want children to know what Scientists do and our posters help children to identify the skills they are using each lesson.



Governor learning walks take place each half term and are a fantastic way for our Governors to see the progress we are making towards our school improvement priorities.

Year 6 SATs

This week has been SATs for Year 6, and I am incredibly proud of the way all our Year 6 children have approached their tests. They've remained calm (at least on the outside!) and have shown a very mature attitude towards their assessments in grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading, and maths.



Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mandy (Headteacher)



ROBINS

Robins Class have been busy in their vegetable plot over the last two weeks! After discussing the different parts of a plant, we headed out to our raised bed to prepare the soil and sow our seeds. We are making sure we keep them watered and noticed today that the first bean shoots are appearing!

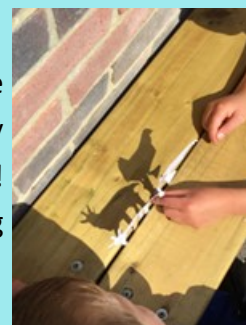


PUFFINS



On Monday, Puffins got the pleasure of listening to 'Florence' from the Florence Nightingale Museum in London. Our digital workshop also happened to coincide with Florence Nightingale's birthday and International Nurses Day! Florence was full of lots of facts and information and she answered lots of our questions.

In Art, Puffins have had the opportunity to work with clay and have moulded and shaped owls and hedgehogs. They are now eagerly awaiting the clay drying out so that they can paint their creations! Last week they had a fantastic afternoon in the sunshine telling stories with the shadow puppets that they had made.





KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have really enjoyed their D&T project all about making a picture frame that will be able to stand up independently. They have made the back and decorated the front carefully, making sure they are happy with their designs.



Kingfishers have been extremely enthusiastic about their learning all about volcanoes. They have been fascinated by them. They have also enjoyed our current book 'Atlas of Adventures: Wonders of the World', so we decided to write our own page for the book about Mount Vesuvius. We typed or copied this up in neat and look forward to making this look as eye catching as our book!



SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks have been having great fun with Mrs Shahinian over the past few weeks. They have created their own scrolls with morals based on the Torah in RE. In science, they have been exploring how water travels through a plant by using some food colouring and water.

With Miss Ball, Sparrowhawks have been playing rounders on the field and are managing to hit the ball over long distances and have been playing matches.

We are so sad that Mrs Shahinian has finished her final teaching placement. She has had a lot of fun and the children have learnt a lot from her. We feel very privileged that we will still get to see her around school.

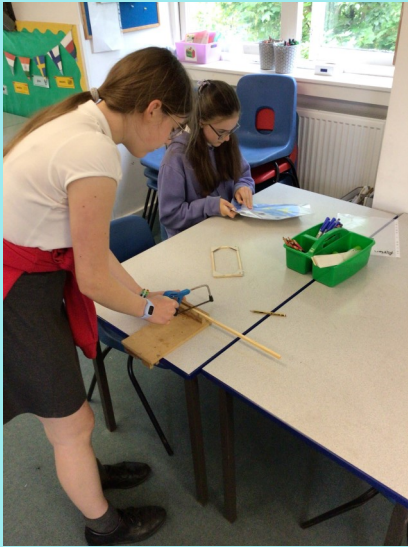




HOUSE MARTINS



Firstly, I would like to say a huge congratulations to year 6 for completing their SATs this week. They have wowed everyone with their incredible resilience, motivation and perseverance in the run up to these tests and they deserve to be really proud of themselves. Well done Year 6!



Alongside SATs, House Martins have been busy beginning to build their moon buggies this week. We've been sawing our wood and beginning to join the parts together. We've also used charcoals and watercolours to create a lunar backdrop for our finished moon buggies!

WALK to SCHOOL WEEK 2025

*Designed by
Amilia and Amelia
from All Saints
Junior School*

Your school is supporting
'Walk to School Week'
Monday 19 May - Friday 23 May

How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey
- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken

What are the advantages of walking?

- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day



- Andover - GARDENING Fair



PLANT MARKET | GARDENING WORKSHOPS | CHILDREN'S CRAFTS | LIVE MUSIC | STREET FOOD AND DRINKS

ANDOVER HIGH STREET SUNDAY 18 MAY, 10AM TO 3PM

WWW.INANDOVER.CO.UK/EVENTS/ANDOVER-GARDEN-FAIR

Test Valley Borough Council IN ANDOVER

Fun Marble and Maze activities for May Half Term

Come along and enjoy some exciting marble and maze themed activities.
10.00 to 12.30 each
weekday 26th - 30th May.
Fun trail available all week.




25th and 29th May
Model Making

All ages are invited to learn how to make & paint plastic models at one of the free model making sessions with Models for Heroes.
10.00 to 15.00

Dress like a soldier 29th May ~ 10.00 to 13.00

How do soldiers blend with the environment in the desert or in the snow or jungle? Come along and have fun dressing up in our collection of camo clothes. It's a great photo opportunity to share with family and friends! (for children and adults!)



Em's Friendly Farm
30th May

Don't miss the chance to meet a variety of engaging farm animals from Em's friendly farm.
10.00 to 14.00




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TIDAL SWIM CLUB

Swim Lessons at Twyford School

Incredible lessons for ages 2+ at Twyford School

- ✔ Expert teachers
- ✔ Flexible payments
- ✔ Small classes
- ✔ Great atmosphere
- ✔ 15% Military and Blue Light discount

Inquire now through our website

Our Prices:

Half hour lessons: £18

Hour lessons: £25

Adult hour: £25

Private adult half hour: £45

Lessons on:

- Sundays from 1:00-6:00
- Wednesdays 6:30-8:30



 [Tidal.swim.club](https://www.instagram.com/tidal.swim.club)
 tidalswimclub.co.uk

WHAT'S ON MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

See venue websites for further details on events and to book*
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com

Hands On History: Stand & Deliver! (6+)
Tues 27 May / 10.30am, 1pm / Tudor House / £8



Art for All: Clay Dogs (4+)
Wed 28 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8



Art for All: Regency Fashion Paper Dolls (6+)
Thurs 29 May / 10.15am, 11.30am, 1.15pm / Tudor House / £6



Art for All: Green Man Clay Plaques (5+)
Tues 27 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8



Hands On History: Southampton Through Time (6+)
Wed 28 May / 10.30am / Tudor House / £8



Art for All: Draw (and paint) from Nature (5+)
Thurs 29 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8



Tour For All: Old Town Walking Tour
Wed 28 May / 2pm / Tudor House / £8 or £24 for families



Hands On History: Discover Titanic (6+)
Fri 30 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm / SeaCity / £8



Family CULTURE CLUB

A loyalty reward card for families who love getting 'hands-on' at Southampton museums and art gallery.

Buy six family activities and get the seventh FREE with our Culture Club for Families scheme. Pick up your holiday loyalty card from SeaCity Museum, Southampton City Art Gallery or Tudor House and Garden.

Full details and T&Cs: www.southampton.gov.uk/cultureclub

COME PARTY WITH US!

If you've got a Titanic enthusiast, a history fan or a child who loves to get creative, why not throw them a birthday to remember at one of our unique venues?

Create a special day for your child full of hands-on activities tailored to their interests.

Email: museums.education@southampton.gov.uk

*Advance booking is recommended

Diary Dates

Activity	Date
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
BrightBites Oral Health Workshops	4th 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
New Year R Stay and Play Session 1	Wednesday 25th June, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Non Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle for the school fete	Thursday 26th 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
New Year R Stay and Play Session 2	Wednesday 2nd July, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 2nd July, 3:30 - 7pm
Parents' Evening	Thursday 3rd July, 3:30 - 5:30
Summer Fete	Sunday 6th July
New Year R Stay and Play Session 3	Wednesday 9th July, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins—dress rehearsal to whole school	Thursday 10th July
Phonics Screening check Y1	Thursday 12th June
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 Parents v Year 6 Children Rounders	Thursday 17th July, 1:30pm
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, Year 6 parents only	Friday 18th July, 2.15pm
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 22nd July