

27th June 2025

# Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive  
Together



**Whole School  
Attendance as at:  
27.6.25:  
Target: 97%  
Actual: 96.76%**

Dear parents,

It certainly is a busy time of year, and the excitement is building! With just over three weeks to go, it may feel like a challenge to fit everything in, but the energy and enthusiasm are clearly running high. Rehearsals for Sparrowhawks and the House Martins end-of-year production sound like they're going brilliantly - hearing the music from the hall is a real treat already! I'm also very much looking forward to the performances from our choir and instrumentalists next week, as well as the always-popular school fete. Don't forget to check the dates page regularly - there are still plenty of exciting events ahead!

## Outdoor learning Day

We had a fantastic day this week, spending the entire day enjoying our wonderful outdoor area. The children worked in their House groups alongside pupils from different year groups - an exciting opportunity to collaborate with peers they wouldn't usually work with and be with siblings.

Throughout the day, they took part in a range of engaging activities including building an enormous bug hotel, going on scavenger hunts, identifying plants using technology, creating nature-inspired art, and even making leaf prints using hammers. The children had so much fun and we're delighted to say this will now become a Wherwell tradition!

Have a look on the next page for some photos!

## Summer Reading Challenge!

It's well known that children's attainment can slip over the summer holidays, so it's important they continue to practise key skills - especially reading - to help prevent this.

With that in mind, we'd like to encourage all our children to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. The theme is **'The Story Garden'** and the goal is to read **six books** over the summer break.

Children can sign up at Andover library or online and there will be an assembly for children with more details later this term.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend,

Best wishes,

Mandy (Headteacher)







## ROBINS

Robins had a great time on our school trip to Hillier Gardens last Friday. The children were fantastic and had loads of fun throughout the day. We particularly enjoyed the pond dipping, looking for insects using sweep nets in the long grass and, of course, the wobbly bridge! Thank you so much to the parent helpers who accompanied us.



## PUFFINS

Puffins got to try some of the fruits of their labour this week when they harvested some of the lettuce and did a taste test. I'm pleased to report that an overwhelming majority of the children said it was delicious!



Carrying on with our food theme, we looked at where some different fruit and vegetables had come from throughout the world. We then used the atlases to locate the different countries. We had food from as far away as Senegal and Columbia!

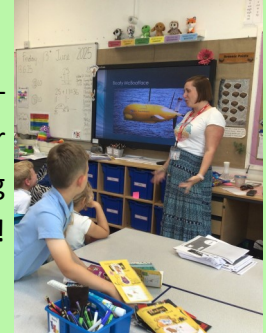


## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have had a couple of busy weeks! We looked in our allotment and were very excited to find some radishes there which we have picked and had a good look at. We are not too sure about trying them though...



Last Monday, we were very excited to welcome Kayleigh's mum into our classroom as she has a degree in oceanography and she was telling us all about our seas and oceans and how experts study them. We are beginning our exciting journey learning all about our seas, so this has really inspired us to learn more! Thank you very much, Suzie!



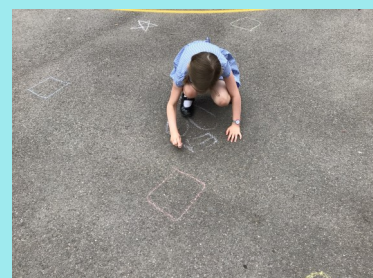
Kingfishers have also welcomed some exciting visitors to our classroom in the form of caterpillars. We watched as they turned into chrysalises. As I type this, one of these has emerged into a butterfly, but watch this space for more. Thanks to Ty and Jude's families for this exciting opportunity, twice!



## SPARROWHAWKS

In Sparrowhawks, we have been having lots of fun rehearsing for our school play and getting into character. We have been spending lots of time practising how to project our voice, so hopefully parents will be able to hear us loud and clear.

We have also been looking at turns and positioning in maths, finding different ways of describing our movements and getting our partner to do the same. To practise this we took to the playground with chalk and had to guide a partner to a symbol we had drawn using mathematical language.





# HOUSE MARTINS

Preparations for the Key Stage 2 production are in full swing in House Martins! We've been squeezing in as many rehearsals as we can, between a NSPCC workshop, moon buggy decorating and sports day practise! The children are really excited to share the production with the school in two weeks' time and with their families the week after.



## JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code  
Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff** get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> July

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



### Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay. Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



### Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



### Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am



# HOLIDAY COURSES



## HAMPSHIRE

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. We have a 4 day course running across the Summer at the following venue in Hampshire:

Book now by scanning the QR code or by using the below website.

Venue	Date	Course Code
Queen Marys College, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF	28th - 31st of July	SS-QMC-H-76

Timings	Ages	Costs
09.15-15.00	6-12	£96.00

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Sports Day	Friday 27th June
Speak out and stay safe NSPCC (Year 2)	Tuesday 1st July, 1:15-1:45pm
Speak out and stay safe NSPCC (Years 5 & 6)	Tuesday 1st July, 2-3pm
Summer Music Concert - Instrumentalists , choir, recorders and orchestra. Parents of performers are welcome	Wednesday 2nd July, 2:00pm
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
<b>Summer Fete</b>	<b>Sunday 6th July</b>
New Year R Stay and Play Session 3	Wednesday 9th July, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Year R to Year 5— Moving On sessions	Wednesday 9th July 1pm - 2.50pm
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins—dress rehearsal to whole school	Thursday 10th July
<b>Sparrowhawks Listen2Me Concert to parents</b>	<b>Friday 11th July, 11:00am</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 14th July</b>
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins performance to parents	Tuesday 15th July, 6pm
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins performance to parents	Wednesday 16th July, 6pm
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