

Whole School

Attendance as at:

26.9.25: 97.8 %

Target: 97%

26th September 2025

Wherwell Primary School

Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents,

How is it possible that we are at the end of week 4 already? We have had another fantastic week in school and I have been so proud of the attitude the children have shown to their learning. As always, there is a lovely buzz of motivation in the classrooms.

On page 4 of this newsletter, I have included a summary of some of the main actions we are working on this year. There are always ways we can improve and I am lucky to have a dedicated staff team who will work hard to make these improvements a reality.

Support with reading

We already have some wonderful volunteers who come and listen to children read. However, we are always after more. Ideally we would like it if you could stay for 20/30 minutes after drop off (8:40—9:10) or at the end of the day 2:40—3:10.

Please let the office know if you can spare us some time. Thank you.



Cleverchefs— Serving staff required! Could this be you?

You may remember from our last newsletter that Cleverchefs will be providing our catering from Monday 3rd November. Soon you will be receiving further information about the exciting new menu and how to order.

Cleverchefs will be employing 2 members of staff to serve the food for us. One role will be for 2 hours a day (10 hours per week) and the other for 1.5 hours a day (7.5 hours per week) at the minimum wage of £12.21 per hour. One of these positions will involve driving a small van to and from Stockbridge to collect the food. Cleverchefs will be responsible for insurance. If this is a role you would be interested in, please email the office at adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk and we will pass on your details to Cleverchefs.



Have a lovely weekend,.

Best wishes, Mandy (Headteacher)



ROBINS

Robins Class have enjoyed two sunny afternoons on the field for our outside learning afternoons. We had fun using magnifying glasses to search for minibeasts (we found lots of ladybirds!) and enjoyed thinking about the different colours that we could spot on the field. We also started thinking about the season of autumn, this involved noticing that lots of leaves are starting to change colour as well as searching for conkers!



PUFFINS

Puffins had the opportunity to get 'hands on' with artefacts from our History Box which showed them what school was like for people in the past. They were particularly interested in what the cane was used for!



In Maths, the children worked outside to create a number line and then they had to estimate where their number would go by using their reasoning skills.





KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been loving their unit of learning all about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. They have had 2 exciting lessons surrounding this this week.

One lesson involved trying to imagine what our classroom would look like in the Stone Age. We realised we wouldn't have lights or windows so we turned them off and closed the blinds. We also realised we wouldn't have shoes or socks like we do now so we took our shoes off, but not our socks—for which our noses were very grateful! There were no plastic chairs, so we all ended up on the floor and we got a bit of a sense of what our lives might have been like.

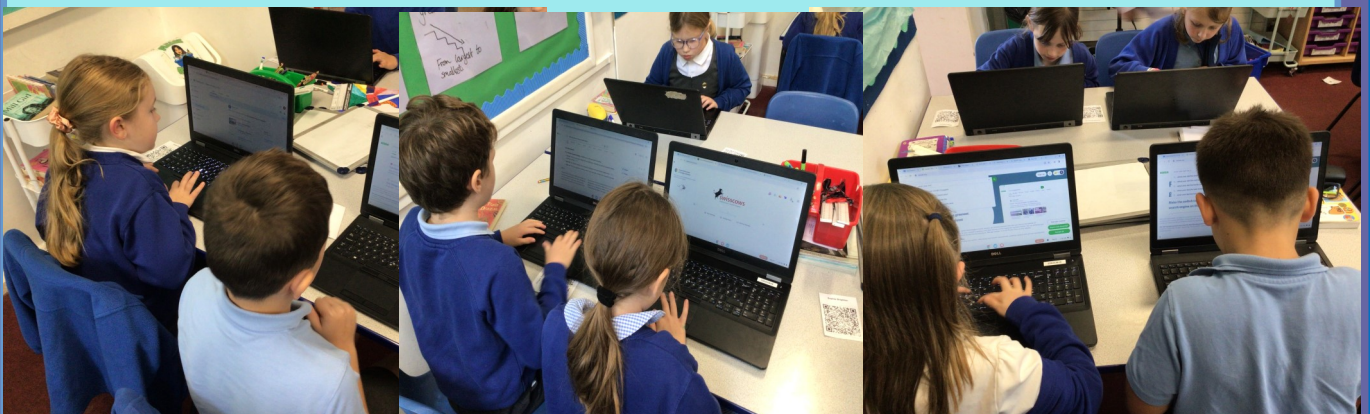


We have also been working on cave art. We used charcoals and chalks to make our creations and got under the tables to simulate how cave art might have been created.



SPARROWHAWKS

In Computing, Sparrowhawks were exploring different search engines to see which ones were the easiest to use. We explored how we can be safe when searching online and also about the importance of being specific in order to find the answers we are looking for. Sparrowhawks also discovered that Rugby is a place as well as a sport.

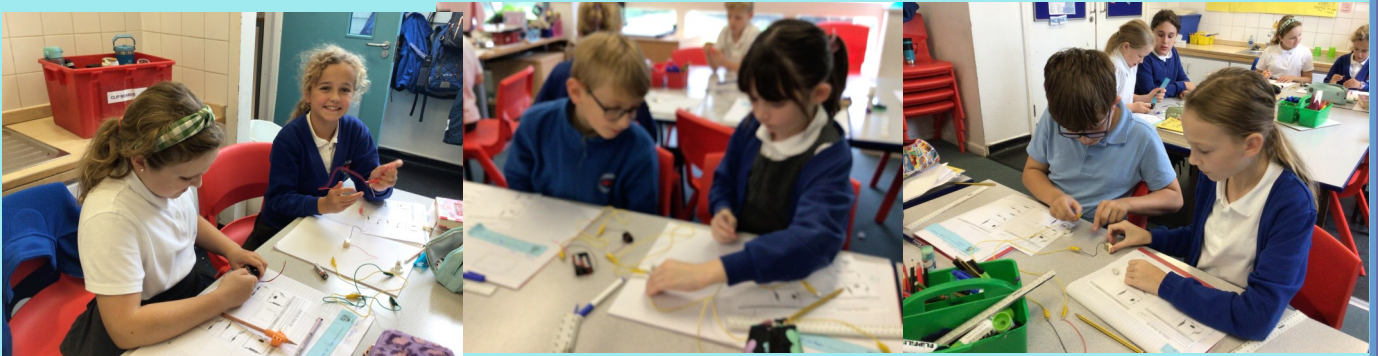





HOUSE MARTINS

This week in Science, House Martins have been starting to investigate using electrical circuits. The children enjoyed building a range of circuits using different electrical components including buzzers, motors, bulbs and switches, as well as drawing the corresponding circuit diagrams.

Some children even tried communicating via Morse Code with their buzzers!!



Summary of this year's School Improvement Plan

<p>Wherwell Primary School Improvement Plan Summary</p> <p>2025 – 2026</p>  <p><i>Let's Love To Learn and Thrive Together</i></p>	<p>1) Quality of Education</p> <p>To improve children's ability to apply mathematical knowledge and skills in problem solving contexts. In KS1 and Year R, support children to master number fluency.</p> <p>Raise attainment and progress in Writing across the school, particularly for Pupil Premium, with a focus on improving stamina, vocabulary, spelling, and sentence structure.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth and effective transition from Year R to Year 1 which supports pupils' emotional wellbeing, sustains progress in early learning, and prepares them for the increased expectations of the Year 1 curriculum.</p> <p>To ensure the effective use of adaptive teaching strategies to support SEND and disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>To increase the percentage of pupils achieving Greater Depth in Writing and Maths across all year groups by implementing high-quality teaching strategies and targeted interventions.</p>	<p>2) Behaviour and Attitudes</p> <p>To further develop children's resilience, independence, and pride in their work.</p>	<p>4) Leadership and Management</p> <p>Sustainability Lead will advance initiatives for a more sustainable school environment and educate pupils on sustainable practices.</p> <p>To further develop the effectiveness of middle leaders so they have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to drive sustained improvement in teaching, learning, and outcomes across their areas of responsibility.</p>
	<p>3) Personal Development</p> <p>To further strengthen pupil leadership roles to promote well-being, healthy living, and sustainability.</p>	<p>5) Early Years</p> <p>For all children to develop good number sense.</p> <p>To embed high quality writing opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.</p>	

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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 22nd October 2025 by 9am



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Diary Dates

Activity	Date
House Martins trip to STEAM Museum Swindon	Monday 6th October
Kingfishers Visit from Salisbury Museum Stone Age - details to follow	Wednesday 8th October
Sparrowhawks Trip to Ufton Court Vikings - details to follow	Thursday 9th October
Open Morning for September 2026 Year R Admissions - Book on Website	Wednesday 15th October
Robins Parent share	Wednesday 15th October, 2:50pm
Harvest Festival at Wherwell Church - details to follow	Thursday 16th October, 10:45am
Kingfishers Parent share	Thursday 16th October, 2:50pm
Sparrowhawks Parent share	Monday 20th October, 2:50pm
House Martins Parent share	Tuesday 21st October, 8:50am
Puffins Parent share	Wednesday 22nd October, 2:50pm
Last day of school	Thursday 23rd October
INSET DAY	Friday 24th October
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
First day back to school	Monday 3rd November
Armistice Service, Walk to Wherwell War Memorial - details to follow	Tuesday 11th November, 11:00am
Puffins Trip to Milestones Museum Basingstoke - details to follow	Wednesday 12th November
Open Morning for September 2026 Year R Admissions - Book on Website	Wednesday 12th November
Fraser Portraits - Individual Photographs	Thursday 13th November
House Martins Tree Planting at Bury Hill - details to follow	Wednesday 26th November
Parents Evening	Wednesday 26th November, 3:30 - 5:30pm (Tuesday for KF)
Parents Evening	Thursday 27th November, 3:30 - 7pm
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity	Tuesday 9th December, 6pm
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity	Wednesday 10th December, 2pm
Robins Nativity	Wednesday 17th December, 2pm
Christmas carol Service at Wherwell Church	Thursday 18th December, 6pm
Last day of term	Friday 19th December
First day of Spring term	Monday 5th January
INSET DAY	Monday 23rd February
INSET DAY	Friday 22nd May
INSET DAY	Monday 15th June
Sports Day	Thursday 25th June
INSET DAY	Monday 6th July