

**Whole School  
Attendance as at:  
23.10.25: 96.8%  
Target: 97%**

23rd October 2025

# Wherwell Primary School Newsletter



Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together

Dear parents and Carers,

Happy THURSDAY! Today's newsletter on a Thursday serves as a reminder that tomorrow is an INSET Day when the school is closed. Enjoy an extra long half term holiday and we will see you back on Monday 3rd November.

## Harvest



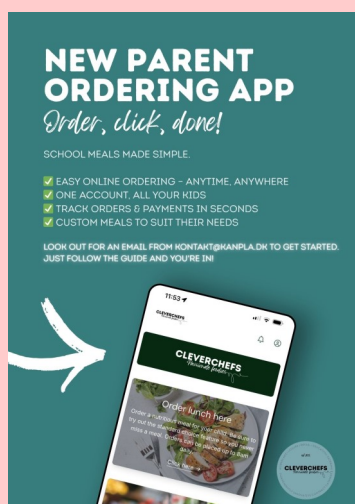
Thank you all for your generous donations to the food bank.

A huge thank you also to Karen Toombs, who kindly delivered everything to the Andover Foodbank. I'm sure they will be delighted with our collective efforts.

Well done to all the children who performed with such confidence at the church to celebrate Harvest - it was a truly well-attended and uplifting event.



## SCHOOL MEALS FROM MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER – CLEVERCHEFS



Hopefully you have now received an email to sign up for the Cleverchefs App. If you have more than one child, you should have had an email for each child. Even if your child normally has a packed lunch, we would recommend that you get set up in case they are tempted at a later stage.

If you have not received the email, please contact [adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk) and we will resend it.

## Update on Mrs Hall

Denise is currently recovering at home after undergoing surgery on her liver. The procedure was a significant step in her journey, and she is now focusing on rest, healing, and regaining her strength. Denise is taking each day slowly, following her doctors' guidance and she is a role model for us all with her resilience and determination. We miss you, Denise!

## These will make you smile!



## Remembrance



As a school, we will all head down to the war memorial on the morning of Tuesday 11th November, which you are very welcome to join if you can, to have a short Remembrance ceremony. Once again we will be looking for parents to support us with the walk there and back. If you can help one way or both, please let us know (we will leave school around 10:30). Following on from the walk for our Harvest assembly, staff fed back that pushchairs, young children and dogs add to the challenges of this whole school walk so please may we kindly ask that it is adult volunteers only please. Thank you in anticipation of your help.



## ROBINS

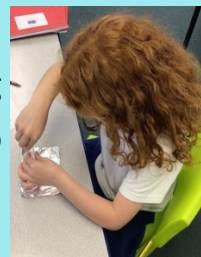
Robins Class started woodwork last week. We introduced using a hammer (safely, at the woodwork bench) and nails to attach objects such as buttons, beads, felt, ribbon and cardboard to a piece of balsa wood. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this so far and have shown great fine motor skills and creativity. We will continue woodwork throughout the year and steadily introduce a variety of tools.

This week, Robins Class enjoyed playing with pumpkins and bubbly water outside, we had loads of fun and made loads of mess!



## PUFFINS

In Puffins, we have been busy being Scientists by testing materials to see if they are absorbent or not and also whether they are opaque or transparent. We have been using appropriate scientific vocabulary and have been talking about what makes a fair test. We made predictions and then tested those predictions to see if we were correct.



In Art, we have been completing our learning unit by producing some fantastic portraits using the medium of paint. We have looked at lots of different types of portraits over the last few weeks and we have put what we have learnt into action with our own artwork!





## KINGFISHERS



Kingfishers have been working incredibly hard on their home learning projects and were really proud of their efforts. In class, we shared everybody's work and they all got a chance to discuss how they made their own unique Stonehenge. There were a huge variety of materials used to build their projects and we all enjoyed looking at them!

Thank you so much to all our parents for your support in helping us create such wonderful work. We have also enjoyed exploring Stonehenge on the computers.

Last week, we had our parent sharing session which we were very excited about. Kingfishers prepared exactly what they wanted to talk about and what they wanted to share. Thank you again to our parents for coming to share our hard work with us!



## SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks made Viking brooches made from clay, as part of their art. They had to design them based on Viking shields using patterns that a Viking might have used for protection. They then had to choose what colour to paint it based on the materials that would have been available to the Vikings.



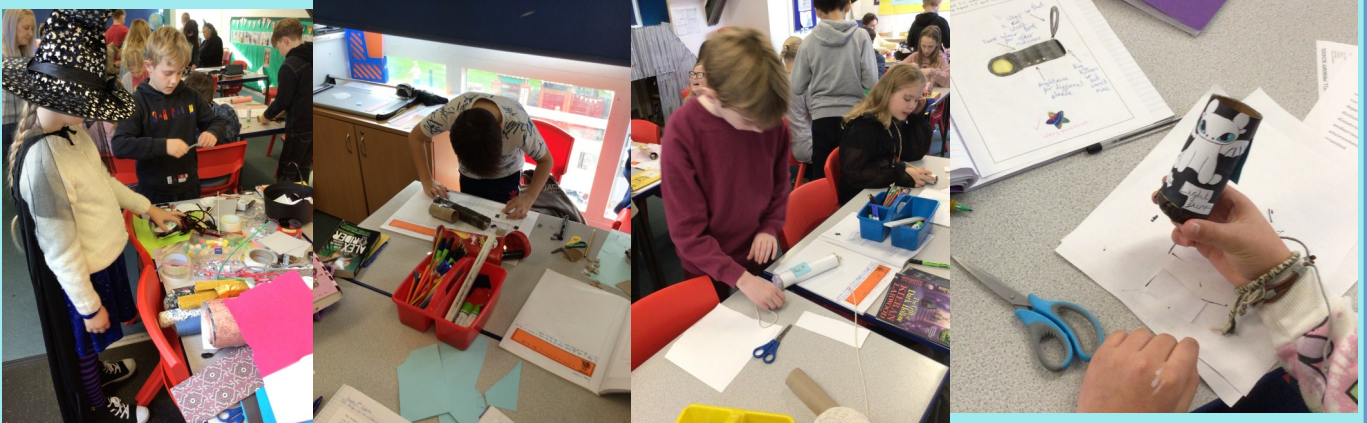
This term in indoor PE, Sparrowhawks have been creating and choreographing their own Viking dance, to show how the Vikings would sail and battle with others. They combined their group routines to create a whole class performance.





## HOUSE MARTINS

We've had a brilliant week in House Martins. First up, we wowed everyone with our wonderful class assembly, which included performances of the Lambeth Walk and the C Jam Blues! We've also thoroughly enjoyed making our electrical torches in DT. Not only did we show incredible creativity, but also fantastic team work and resilience when connecting our electrical circuits. Now we're ready for a well-earned half term break!



### Bag2School

A big thank you to our *Friends of Wherwell* and to everyone who supported our recent Bag2School collection. Thanks to your generous donations, we raised an impressive £82.80 for our school.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

### Goodbye and Thank You, Laura

Today we say goodbye to Laura, our amazing school cook, as we move to our new catering provider, Cleverchefs.

Laura has looked after us all with her delicious meals, big smile, and caring nature. We're so thankful for everything she's done for our pupils and staff.

We'll miss Laura and wish her the very best for the future!

### Tesco Blue Token

Don't forget!

You can cast your blue token vote in the following Tesco stores:

- Andover Extra Extra SP10 1UZ
- Andover Cricketers Express Express SP10 5DD
- Whitchurch Andover Express Express RG28 7AL
- Charlton Andover Express Express SP10 4AJ
- Andover Weyhill Road Express Express SP10 3BG

# BULB AND SEED DONATIONS WANTED

*For gardening club*

Our children would love to beautify the school! If you have any bulbs or seeds you're happy to donate, a box will be available to drop them in in the playground from Nov 3rd



We're Supporting



Naomi House  
& Jacksplace  
hospices for children  
and young adults  
Registered charity no. 1002832

## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE STOCKBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Shop wonderful gifts from our hand  
picked small brands this Christmas!

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

Time: 10am - 4pm

Stockbridge Town Hall

SO20 6HE

**Half term fun!** 

# Creepy Creatures

25th October to 2nd November  
Themed trail and Bat hunt all week

**Creepy creature crafts each week day**  
10.00 - 12.30

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
Dress like a Soldier  
10.30 - 12.00  
13.00 - 14.00

**28th Oct and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**  
Model making  
10.00 - 15.00

**29th Oct**  
Meccano at the museum!  
10.00 - 15.00

[armyflying.com](http://armyflying.com)    01264 781086




# FAMILY LEARNING FESTIVAL

4 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER 2025

The Army Flying Museum is taking part in the Family Learning Festival on the 25th and 26th of October

**10.00 - 12.00**  
**13.00 - 15.00**

Join our staff and volunteers in the first hangar for a jungle themed special event where families can learn all about jungle kit, jungle bugs and jungle stories from our archives.

*This event is included in your entry ticket to the Museum*

## Story Power




 campaign for learning

**WHAT'S ON** September - December 2025  

# OCTOBER HALF TERM

**Wizard School**  
Mon 27 and Tues 28 October | 10.30am, 12pm or 1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Pumpkin Printing (4+)**  
Mon 27 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Clay Cats and Witches' Hats (4+)**  
Tues 28 and Thurs 30 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Frankenstein's Clay Creations (6+)**  
Wed 29 October | 10.30am or 1pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Spooky Luminaries (6+)**  
Wed 29 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Pigments and Potions (5+)**  
Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Clay Ghostly Galleons (6+)**  
Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | SeaCity | £8

**Halloween at Tudor House**  
Thurs 30 October | 10am - 5pm (last admission 4.15pm) | Tudor House | FREE  
Creep down to Tudor House... if you dare - it's the home of Halloween! Meet the friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day!  
Small charges will apply on the day for activities.

**Culture Club for Kids: Half-term Activity Days (6½ - 12 yrs)**  
**Week Theme - Spooky Autumn!**  
Drop off your young people  
Mon 27, Tues 28, Wed 29 Oct | 9am - 4pm (drop off from 8.45am) | SeaCity | £35 per day | £90 for all three  
Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days!

See venue websites for further details on events and to book  
[seacitymuseum.co.uk](http://seacitymuseum.co.uk) | [tudorhouseandgarden.com](http://tudorhouseandgarden.com) | [southamptoncityartgallery.com](http://southamptoncityartgallery.com)



**TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN PRESENTS**

# HALLOWEEN FAMILY DAY

Ghost tours, crafts, face painting and games

**THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER**  
**10AM - 5PM**

**FREE ENTRY ALL DAY**  
charges for some activities

 [tudorhouseandgarden.com](http://tudorhouseandgarden.com) 

# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
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
Parents Evening	Thursday 27th November, 3:30 - 7pm
Parents Evening for Kingfishers	Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th
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
Year R and Year 6 Height, Weight and Vision Check (vision check Year R only) - details to follow	Thursday 15th January
Kingfishers Trip to Winchester Science Centre - details to follow	Tuesday 3rd February
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 23rd February</b>
School Disco - details to follow	Thursday 19th March
Years 4 & 5 Residential Trip to Tile Barn - details to follow	Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th April
Year 6 SATS	Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 22nd May</b>
Class photographs	Wednesday 3rd June
Year 6 Residential Trip to Runways End - details to follow	Monday 8th - Friday 12th June
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 15th June</b>
Summer Fete	Sunday 28th June
Kingfishers Trip to The Sustainability Centre Petersfield - details to follow	Monday 29th June
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 6th July</b>