

Whole School

Attendance as at:

28.11.25: 96.7%

Target: 97%

28th November 2025

Wherwell Primary School

Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

I think we can officially say it now... things are starting to feel very Christmassy around school! Nativity rehearsals are underway, the children are buzzing with excitement, and with this sudden drop in temperature, winter has certainly made its presence known. Please do ensure your children come to school with warm coats, hats and gloves so we can keep everyone snug and comfortable when they're outside.

As the second half of the autumn term is always so busy, we have decided not to hold a parent share this half term. We hope, however, that you will be able to join us for the many events planned over the next three weeks.

Looking ahead, we warmly invite parents, grandparents and friends to our Carol Concert at 6pm on **Thursday 18th December** at Wherwell Church. A letter will be sent home soon so you can indicate whether your child is able to attend (before we allocate speaking parts). We hope many will be able to join us, though we do appreciate that some families may have prior commitments.



Keeping children safe online—Roblox

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content. It may be helpful to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult.

Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link: [Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#) .

Parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.



For our sponsored spelling marathon, we raised an incredible **£1,649!** This is a fantastic achievement—not only has it helped raise the profile of spelling across the school, but it also means we can replace missing phonics books for the Key Stage One reading groups and purchase new titles for our library.

The children are currently making suggestions for books they would like to see added, and I'm sure Mrs Shone will thoroughly enjoy choosing them!

We truly appreciate your support for this event—thank you. And a special thank-you to Miss Upton for organising it.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

Mandy



Parking Reminder

Please do not park across the entrance to the playing fields car park. Doing so restricts visibility and makes it difficult for the school bus to enter and turn around safely.

We kindly ask everyone to park considerately to help ensure the safety of all. Your cooperation, as always, is greatly appreciated.



Sparrowhawks Listen2Me Concert

Sparrowhawks Class Listen2Me concert will take place in the school hall on Monday 15th December at 11:00 am. Sparrowhawks Class are excited to share how hard they have been working to learn to play a brass instrument with their parents and carers.



Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or a jumper of their choice from home instead of their school jumper. No donation required.

Learning will continue as normal, so full school uniform should be worn apart from the jumper.



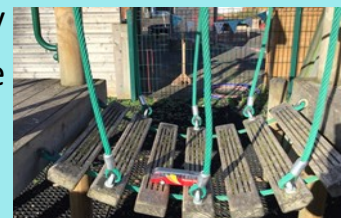
ROBINS

Robins Class have been enjoying their time out on the school field on Monday afternoons. Last week, we used clay and a selection of natural objects found on the field (lots of sticks) to make hedgehogs! The children thoroughly enjoyed this and their hedgehogs look wonderful and all very different. They will be coming home (carefully) soon. This week, the children took a piece of paper on a clipboard and a pencil to complete some observational drawing. The children could choose what to draw, some chose trees, others chose the climbing frame. We were very impressed with their focus and their great drawings!

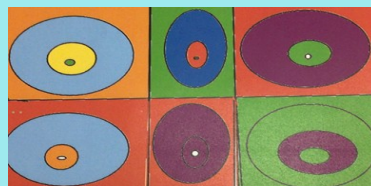


PUFFINS

Last week, the children were very excited to take their own Naughty Bus on an adventure around the school grounds! They came up with some fantastic ideas such as skidding across the ice and riding over the wobbly bridge.



During computing we have been using the programme Paintz App. The children have been looking at famous pieces of artwork and then creating their own digital versions.



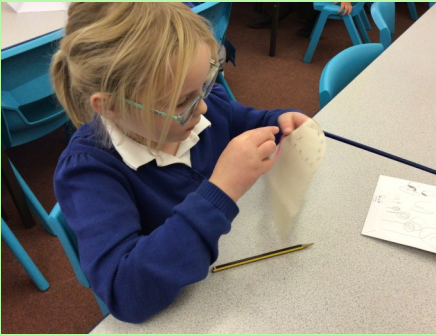


KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been working extremely hard on our nativity and have been very excitedly learning their lines and singing the songs. Miss Upton has been really impressed with how quickly we have been able to learn our lines and how quickly we are picking up our cues when we are on stage. Please keep practising these at home with the appropriate expression and lots of volume!

In other news, Kingfishers really enjoyed our treat for their Marathon Spelling Challenge. We had a party and we really enjoyed dancing with our disco lights and playing some party games. Others of us enjoyed some colouring and drawing in the Burrow.

We have been learning about sewing with Mrs Hill and we are really enjoying designing and learning the skills necessary to make our own pouch that we could use for storing things in. Watch this space to see the final product!



SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks have been working hard in science exploring sounds and how we measure volume. We set up an experiment to measure the change in volume, in decibels, when pulling an elastic band back to different distances.



In DT, we are preparing to make our own musical instruments. We have begun to explore musical instruments and how they work to start thinking about how we can include some of their features in our own creations.





HOUSE MARTINS

This week in our English lessons, House Martins have been using a range of sentence structures and literary devices to describe the Forbidden Forest, from Harry Potter, in the style of the book *The Wonder Garden*. Our aim is to create our own pages of the Wonder Garden, so we have used *The Wonder Garden's* description of the Black Forest to inspire our own drawing of the Forbidden Forest. Our drawings will become the background for our own Wonder Garden pages!



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Santa's Flying Visit!

Saturday 6th December
10.00 - 15.00

Meet and greet with the AFM elf
Professional Photo with Santa in the Scout helicopter
Christmas Craft Activity

Join our AFM elf to make **magical reindeer food** to take home for Christmas Eve

Drink and Christmas Treat from our Apache Cafe
 Follow our **Festive Trail**
Collect your gift from the AFM elf

All for £20 per child
 Adults £10 (Annual pass holder £5)
 Children under 2 years or over 10 years (not participating) Free

If you wish for your under 2 year old to participate and receive a gift etc. please buy a child ticket



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CRAFT ACTIVITIES WEEKDAYS

23RD DEC TO 3RD JAN
10.00AM - 12.30 PM
FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION
 (museum closed 24th, 25th & 26th Dec)

Christmas Trail throughout December!

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CHRISTMAS Holiday Camps



If your child receives benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), they can join us for **FREE** this Christmas

22ND/23RD & 29TH/30TH DECEMBER
AGES: 6 - 12

BOOK BEECHWOOD



WHAT'S ON?

GAMES HOT LUNCH CRAFT SPORTS



BOOK HAMPSHIRE



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OUR VENUES

ROMSEY RAPIDS
ANDOVER LEISURE CENTRE
GOSPORT LEISURE CENTRE
KNIGHTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE
PAVILION ON THE PARK
ANTON JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEW FOREST ACADEMY
HARESTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRONT LAWN COMMUNITY HUB
BEECHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Dress Down Day in exchange for Christmas Hamper item	Friday 5th December
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity	Tuesday 9th December, 6pm
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity	Wednesday 10th December, 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 11th December
Sparrowhawks Class - Listen2Me Concert	Monday 15th December
Whole School Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 16th December
Robins Nativity	Wednesday 17th December, 2pm
Christmas carol Service at Wherwell Church	Thursday 18th December, 6pm
School Choir to sing at Chilbolton Village Hall - details to follow	Thursday 18th December
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
INSET DAY	Monday 23rd February
School Disco - details to follow	Thursday 19th March
School Reports sent home	Friday 20th March
Years 4 & 5 Residential Trip to Tile Barn - details to follow	Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th April
Harewood Forest Run	Monday 4th May
Year 6 SATS	Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
INSET DAY	Friday 22nd May
Class photographs	Tuesday 2nd June
Year 6 Residential Trip to Runways End - details to follow	Monday 8th - Friday 12th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening	Monday 8th - Friday 12th June
INSET DAY	Monday 15th June
Sports Day	Thursday 25th June, pm
Summer Fete	Sunday 28th June
Kingfishers Trip to The Sustainability Centre Petersfield - details to follow	Monday 29th June
INSET DAY	Monday 6th July
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance - details to follow	Tuesday 14th July 6pm
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance - details to follow	Wednesday 15th July 6pm