

**Whole School**

**Attendance as at:**

**12.12.25: 96.4%**

**Target: 97%**

12th December 2025

Wherwell Primary School

Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear parents and carers,

*IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!*



It certainly sounds like Christmas too! Wonderful singing has been drifting from every corner of the school, whether in preparation for our Nativities or for next Thursday's Carol Service. A huge well done to Puffins and Kingfishers, who delighted us with their performance of *Baubles*. It was heart-warming to see so many smiling faces and such enthusiastic, courageous performers. I am very much looking forward to seeing Robins' Nativity next week.

The school is filled with that magical Christmas atmosphere, with decorations and excitement everywhere. Each classroom is proudly displaying its own Christmas tree, thanks to the generosity of the Gilbert-Ashur family last year. Our fantastic Prefects have also decorated our outdoor tree, kindly donated by the PTA - thank you!

A special thank you to Rick Nightingale, our caretaker, for putting up the lights in the orchard, and to Mrs Shone for her creativity in making our wonderful book-themed Christmas tree. There are currently no green books left in the library anywhere!

Even though we are close to Christmas, the children continue to work hard on their learning. Over the last couple of months, I have been showing prospective parents around the school for next year's intake. It was great to hear several parents comment that the children showed that they really love learning. This is exactly our goal, for children to be successful learners, but to love it too!

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas!

We will see you all back on Monday 5th January (No INSET).



Very best wishes,  
Mandy (Headteacher)

# Whimsical weather Art competition

## Robins



Grace Aged 4  
Title: I miss the summer



Peggy Aged 4  
Title: All the Weather in a Day



Grace Aged 5  
Title: Sun and Rain



Eddie, Aged 4  
Title: Rainbow love seeing

## Puffins



Eliot Aged 5  
Title: The South Pole



Grace Aged 6  
Title: Stormy Island



Daisy Aged 5  
Title: Rainbow Mountain



Marco Aged 5  
Title: Chaotic Lightening Storm



Kingfishers



Matilda Aged 8  
Title: Untitled



Elstren, Aged 7  
Title: Thunder and Lightening



George Aged 6  
Title: Summer Blossom



Valeria Aged 7  
Title: Summer Rain



Kayleigh T, Aged 7  
Title: Storm and Rainbow

Sparrowhawks



Fergus Aged 8  
Title: Sunset in Watercolour

Housemartins



Lucas Aged 10  
Title: The Rain at St Pauls



Daisy Aged 10  
Title: Snowy Day



Thomas G, Aged 9  
Title: A Crash Boom Bang – A Stormy Day



Emilia M, Aged 11  
Title: Lightening



Bertie, Aged 11  
Title: Clouds



Aurora Aged 9  
Title: Thunderous afternoon

We are so impressed with the quality of the artwork here. Sam Robbins, who organised the competition, said that the quality of submissions was exceedingly high, that the judges had a tough time picking their top three from each class, and that the scores were very tight. The overall results and prizes will be announced soon. Well done everyone for their beautiful artwork.

We would like to thank the judges who were Cayley, Suzie, Cherise, Dawn, Emma, Karen, Rosie, Kate and Kerensa. A special thank you must go to Sam for organising the competition and helping the children to showcase their artistic skills and creativity.



## ROBINS



Robins have been feeling very festive this week! They are very excited and looking forward to showing you their play, The Nativity, which they are working hard on. We had a fantastic array of Christmas jumpers in class on Thursday too!

We have made the most of the sunny days by getting out in the allotment and planting some onions in our raised bed. We're all looking forward to seeing if they will grow over the holidays.

Merry Christmas from the Robins!



## PUFFINS

Puffins have been very busy over the past few weeks as they worked together with Kingfishers to perform a fabulous Nativity. The children sang their hearts out during our 3 performances and there was also some superb acting!



When the children were not singing songs or reciting lines we started making prototypes of axels and wheels for DT. We used cardboard straws and circles this time in preparation for next week when we will use dowelling rod, wooden circles and handsaws.





## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have had an extremely busy couple of weeks, with a huge amount of work going in to preparing for our Nativity with Puffins Class. We performed 3 times to an audience and each time, we performed beautifully. Miss Upton was particularly impressed with how well we learnt our lines and our cues to come on stage, as well as our wonderful singing.



In other news, we were particularly excited to watch a special assembly which was coming live from Antarctica. The man we were listening to, Robert Swan OBE, had been to Antarctica over 40 times and was the first person ever to walk to both the North and South Pole!



We learnt all about what we can do to protect Antarctica now and in the future, and were excited to meet Teddy who goes on all his expeditions with him.



## SPARROWHAWKS

In Science, Sparrowhawks have been learning how telephones work. We have then made our own paper cup telephones. Despite the wind, we tried to see how far we could make our telephone stretch.



Sparrowhawks have also been learning how to play netball in PE. We tried on our bibs and found our opponent. There was lots of great passing and a few interceptions. Luckily, most people remembered that they can't run with the ball.





# HOUSE MARTINS

This week in DT, House Martins have been practising their sewing in preparation for making Harry Potter themed tote bags. We have learned three different stitches (a running stitch, a back stitch and an over stitch) and when they might be useful. We've shown brilliant resilience and teamwork during these lessons and have found sewing to be incredibly calming! We cannot wait to utilise our skills on our bags in the coming days.



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# Christmas Holidays

Dress for mess at all our workshops

### Table Decorations for all ages with Victoria Goss

Saturday 21 December | 10.30am - 12.30pm or 1pm - 3pm | SeaCity | £18

### Art School Plus: Paint, Draw (and Breathe!)

(11 - 16 yrs)  
Monday 22 December | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £26

### Art for All: Gonk O'Clock (5+)

Tuesday 23 December | 10am, 11.30am or 1pm | Art Gallery | £6.50

### Christmas at Hogwarts (7+)

Tuesday 23 December | 10am - 12 noon or 1pm - 3pm | Tudor House | £12

### Art for All: Penguin Print Thank You Cards and More (4+)

Friday 2 January | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

### Discover Titanic

Friday 2 January | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | SeaCity | £8



Drop off your young people



### Christmas at Tudor House

Sat 6, Sun 7, Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20, Sun 21 and Mon 22 December | 10am - 5pm | Tudor House | £25

Join us in Southampton's oldest building for a special visit with Father Christmas in the Banqueting Hall. This festive experience includes getting creative with a fun craft activity, then unwinding with a sweet treat in our café.

### Culture Club for Kids: Christmas Holiday Activity Days

(6½ - 12 yrs)  
Week Theme - Polar Bears and Penguins  
Mon 22, Tues 23 December

9am - 4pm (drop off from 8.45am) | SeaCity | £35 per day £60 for both days

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)



# WINTER ACTIVITIES

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, EACH WEEKDAY

22<sup>ND</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

AND 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION

THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED ON THE  
23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

SNOWMAN TRAIL AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT  
THE HOLIDAYS

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# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
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
Half Term Holiday	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 23rd February</b>
School Disco - details to follow	Thursday 19th March
School Reports sent home	Friday 20th March
Last day of term	Friday 27th March
First Day of Summer term	13th April
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
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 22nd May</b>
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Class photographs	Tuesday 2nd June
Year 6 Residential Trip to Runways End - details to follow	Monday 8th - Friday 12th June
<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening</b>	<b>Monday 8th - Friday 12th June</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 15th June</b>
Sports Day	Thursday 25th June, pm
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>
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance - details to follow	Tuesday 14th July 6pm
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance - details to follow	Wednesday 15th July 6pm