

**Whole School**

**Attendance as at:**

**13.2.26: 96.3%**

**Target: 97%**

13th February 2026

Wherwell Primary School

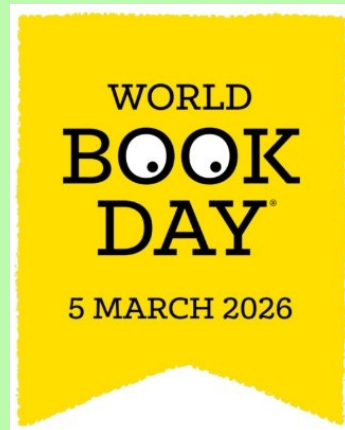
Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that we are nearly at the mid point of the school year already! Where does the time go? Very soon World book Day will be upon us, so I thought I would take this opportunity to explain a little more about it.



We are excited to celebrate World Book Day again this year as reading is one of our top priorities! Children are invited to come to school dressed either as a favourite book character **or** as a descriptive word (an adjective). Choosing an adjective is a fun and imaginative option that can be created using items from home – for example, “sparkly,” “sleepy,” “brave,” or “colourful.” This approach allows every child to take part without any expectation of buying a costume. We hope this keeps the focus on creativity, storytelling and a love of reading, while ensuring the day is enjoyable and accessible for all. Of course, if children prefer, they can come dressed as a character. Above are some pictures from previous years.

### World Book Day Tokens

Your child has been given a World Book £1 book token . Although World Book Day celebrations at Wherwell take place on Thursday 5th March, we're sharing them early so that you have the chance to choose from a good selection of the £1 books available in local shops, including Waterstones, WHSmiths, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons and Asda (some examples of the books below).



I hope you have a restful half term break. Don't forget that it is an INSET day on Monday 23rd February so we will see you on Tuesday 24th.

Best wishes,

Mandy Ovenden (Headteacher)

# THANK YOU

As I am sure you know, schools in England are facing intense budget pressures. For this reason, we are always so grateful for any financial donations we receive which go towards providing things to enrich the experiences of our children. This year, we continue to receive donations from our amazing Friends of Wherwell PTA who coordinate so many interesting fundraising events throughout the year with your support. This year we have also received donations from Wherwell Parish Council as well as from the efforts of Adam Faye and the Wherwell Royals. With these donations we have been able to buy much needed laptops for the children and we have plans to make a sensory garden in the playground. Have a look at page 6 to find out about Adam's latest fundraising project to raise money for the Countess of Brecknock Hospice.



**To Celebrate 10 Years of Wherwell Royals FC  
The players and Management team wish to donate:**



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# £500

**To our Neighbours Wherwell Primary School to help fund a Sensory Garden for the Playground.**



## ROBINS

The Robins were very inspired by our Drawing Club book traditional tale, 'The Three Little Pigs'. They enjoyed building lots of different structures with various materials and role playing with the wolf and pig puppets.



We are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful classmate Reggie today, and wish him and his family all the very best for their move. We will certainly miss him in Robins!



## PUFFINS

In Puffins we have been busy using our sewing skills to make our felt hats. The children (and adults!) have shown a lot of motivation and resilience to create them. We hope that you enjoyed our fashion show yesterday where the children showcased their creations.



This half term the children have been working with the Beebots, which are floor robots. They have been finding out about the importance of giving very clear instructions!



## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers had a wonderful time at the Science Centre in Winchester last week. We had a great time in our workshop where we learnt all about light and how it moves. We learnt all the colours that make up a white light and our group leader proved it to us by giving us diffraction glasses.

A huge thank you to the parents who came to support us on this trip—without you all, this trip would not have been able to go ahead.



This week, Kingfishers have been really excited to learn all about pneumatics (and some of us can even spell it!). We made pneumatic alien toys using syringes and plastic tubing.



## SPARROWHAWKS

In Art, Sparrowhawks have been working hard over the past few weeks to create a sarcophagus with a hidden mummy inside. Sparrowhawks worked hard to re-create realistic coffins with hieroglyphics on.

Last week, we were visited by an Egyptian god who got Sparrowhawks to re-tell stories of his life and of battles through drama.

Sparrowhawks have also been busy creating fact flies for their own Egyptian artefacts.





# HOUSE MARTINS

House Martins have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks this half term. This week, we were lucky enough to have Apollo (the Greek God!) in school, leading a drama workshop, during which we learned more about key figures in ancient Greece and the ancient Greeks' legacy today. Furthermore, in Art, we've loved modelling ancient Greek vases out of clay, before decorating them with Greek-style patterns and scenes.



Wherwell Royals Football Club are preparing to push themselves to the limit this month as four members of the club take on an extraordinary physical and mental endurance challenge to raise money for The Countess of Brecknock Hospice.



Starting today at 6pm, the group will walk and run four miles every four hours for 48 hours, all while carrying a 20kg log between them. By the end of the challenge, the team will have covered the equivalent of two full marathons in just two days.

The fundraiser has been organised by David May, Wherwell Royals' first team vice-captain. The challenge marks ten years since David lost his mother to cancer and has been created as a personal tribute, while raising money for the hospice that cared for her during the final stages of her life.

David is being supported in the challenge by Adam Faye, Chairman of Wherwell Royals, Josh Wilson, the club captain, and close friend Mark Raithby. All four have been in training since late last year.



As a club, Wherwell Royals have built a strong reputation for supporting local causes. Over the past 12 months alone, they have raised £1,600 for Wherwell Playing Fields and Wherwell Primary School, including a £500 donation before Christmas. Previous fundraising has also seen almost £400 donated to Icknield School for a specially adapted trike in 2020, nearly £3,000 raised to support a player's partner living with a brain tumour, and now they seek your support in this latest effort.



To support the guys effort you can either search for Wherwell Royals Football Club on Facebook & Instagram or head to GoFundMe and Search for - 'David May'

## BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



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 4th March 2026 by 9am



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

**1940S FEBRUARY AT THE MUSEUM** 

16th to 20th Feb

make the most of your annual pass and avoid the gloomy weather!

Join us for an action packed half term week of Home Front style activities

Be sure to pick up your ration book and trail when you visit!

**DIG FOR VICTORY!**  
get into the 'dig for victory' spirit and plant your own seeds

**WE'LL EAT AGAIN**  
cookery demonstrations

**OBJECT HANDLING**  
learn about day to day life on the Home Front

**RATIONING**  
would you go hungry?

**EVACUEES**  
what would you pack in your suitcase?

**1940S TOUR**  
advance booking required

Plus - Gramofun and Historic Knits on the 19th

Check out our website for daily activities and timings

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















**Wherwell's Spring Disco**

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR OUR SPRING DISCO**

[CLICK HERE](#)

YR 2, 1, 2 - £5/TICKET  
3:30PM - 4:15PM

YR 3, 4, 5, 6 - £6.50/TICKET  
4:30PM - 5:45PM

- TICKET INC: ENTRY, HOTDOG, SQUASH, SWEETS, GLOWSTICKS

THURSDAY **19** MARCH



Test Valley Borough Council

**Free Activity Visit**

10am until 12 noon or 1pm until 3pm

**You're invited to Test Valleys 2026 free Local Nature Reserve freshwater dipping activity.**

In the sessions children will try pond/river dipping, learn how to safely use nets and then identify creatures while learning more about their habitats or life cycles.

Booking will be on a first come first served basis. Maximum group size 35 pupils. We can accommodate larger groups across two sessions. Please contact us for further information.

To book a place, please contact [community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk)

If you are interested in a more in-depth chalk stream focused session, Wessex Rivers Trust are offering interactive Source to Sea workshops, in school and riverbank sessions at a river close to you. Please contact [education@wessexrt.org.uk](mailto:education@wessexrt.org.uk) for more information.

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday in May and June**

Tadburn Meadows LNR Romsey

Rooksbury Mill LNR Andover

Anton Lakes LNR Andover

Charlton Lakes Andover

Valley Park LNR Chandlers Ford

Wessex Rivers Trust

[www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk) 01264 368000






**WHAT'S ON** January - April 2025

Southampton City of Opportunity

**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

**Hands on History: Castles and Catapults (6+)**  
Mon 16 Feb 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Introducing Acrylics - Winter Scenes (8+)**  
Mon 16 Feb 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Tour for All: Saxons, Vikings and Normans Walking Tour**  
Tue 17 Feb 11am | Tudor House | £10 (accompanying children FREE)

**Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)**  
Tue 17 Feb 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Great Fire of London Clay Scenes (5+)**  
Wed 18 Feb 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

**Art for All: Bluey Inspired Pen Pots (3+)**  
Wed 18 Feb 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Hands on History: Awesome Egyptians (7+)**  
Fri 20 Feb 10.30am, 1pm | SeaCity | £8

**Junior Art School: Go Wild with Wool (7 - 13 years)**  
Fri 20 Feb 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £26

**NEW FOR 2026**  
**Toddler Time: Characterful Dogs! (under 4s and friends)**  
Thu 19 Feb 10.30am | SeaCity | £6

**CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS ACTIVITY DAYS**  
(Age 6½ - 12 years)

- Drop off your young people
- Three days per week | 9am-4pm (drop off from 8.45)
- SeaCity | £35 per day or £90 for all three days
- Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days.
- Cruise Adventures Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18 Feb

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)







# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Half Term Holiday	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 23rd February</b>
Bag2School Collection	Wednesday 4th March
World Book Day - details to follow	Thursday 5th March
Whole School Science Activities	Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March
School Disco	Thursday 19th March
School Reports sent home	Friday 20th March
Optional Parents Evening: regarding reports	Thursday 26th March
Last day of term	Friday 27th March
First Day of Summer term	13th April
Years 4 & 5 Residential Trip to Tile Barn	Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th April
Harewood Forest Run	Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
Year 6 SATS	Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
<b>Year 4 Swimming - details to follow</b>	<b>Wednesdays - 20th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June &amp; 1st July</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 22nd May</b>
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
<b>Times Table Check - Year 4</b>	<b>During week commencing 1st June</b>
Class photographs	Tuesday 2nd June
Year 6 Residential Trip to Runways End	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	Monday 29th June
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 6th July</b>
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance	Tuesday 14th July 6pm
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance	Wednesday 15th July 6pm