

**Whole School**

**Attendance as at:**

**27.3.26: 96.1%**

**Target: 97%**

**27th March 2026**

**Wherwell Primary School**

**Newsletter**

**Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We knew this short term would fly by, and it certainly has! The last few weeks have been packed with fantastic learning and wonderful experiences for our children.



This half term we have certainly crammed in a huge amount. We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, with pupils embracing the joy of reading and sharing their favourite stories. We also took part in National Science Week, beginning on 9th March, with this year's theme of curiosity: "What's your question?". Each class explored their own question, encouraging children to think deeply, investigate and develop their scientific understanding (see pictures on page 2).

A number of our children have also represented the school brilliantly in a range of cluster sporting events (our cluster comprises of: Stockbridge, Broughton, Lockerley, Wallop, King's Somborne, West Tytherley and Danebury Secondary). Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in tag rugby and netball at Stockbridge, while Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed an exciting rugby taster session delivered by Andover Rugby Club. Meanwhile, some of our Year 3 pupils benefited from a fantastic outdoor learning experience at West Tytherley School.

A group of Year 5 pupils also had the opportunity to attend a writing workshop at Danebury Secondary School, where they developed their creativity and confidence as writers.

One of the highlights of the term was on 16th March, when our Sparrowhawks class performed to parents, showcasing their learning on the steel pans, an exciting new instrument for Wherwell. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and musical talent on display.

We also came together as a school community to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing mismatched, brightly coloured socks. This was a lovely way to raise awareness and celebrate difference, with children showing kindness, respect and understanding.

It has been a busy and rewarding half term, and we are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved.

I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April.



Best wishes,

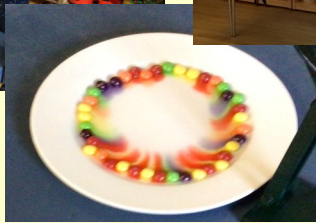
Mandy (Headteacher)



# Science Week

## AS SCIENTISTS WE...

- Ask and explore questions.
- Make and test predictions.
- Plan fair tests.
- Gather data.
- Observe, measure and record.
- Draw conclusions.



The teachers had fun with Science in our launch assembly. The children will tell you what they were doing!

Can we grow food for guinea pigs?



ROBINS

Can we identify foods using only our sense of smell?



PUFFINS

Which material is the strongest?



KINGFISHERS



HOUSE MARTINS

SPARROWHAWKS

Which material is the best sound insulator?



Does leg length affect how far a person can jump?





## ROBINS

Robins Class spent a wonderful, sunny afternoon on the school field taking part in a spring scavenger hunt. The children had lots of things to search for and were encouraged to either draw or label what they'd found.

Robins Class have also been thoroughly enjoying their PE lessons this term, focusing on ball skills and dance.



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## PUFFINS

What a busy few weeks Puffins have had! The children were all very motivated by Science week and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our sense of smell experiment. Some of the smells were less nice than others but everyone made really sensible guesses about what they thought they could be.



We were very lucky last week to get to enjoy our Wherwell Walk in the beautiful spring sunshine. The children behaved well and were intrigued to get to see the houses and buildings up close after spending weeks finding out about them. They even got to see a cockatrice!

Puffins class was the place for the discovery of a very disgusting sandwich! This motivated us with our English work to think about what we'd use to make our own disgusting sandwiches. We then wrote descriptions to go along with them.





## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers had a wonderful time this week making mosaics. We planned and designed our work carefully and then made it using tiles which have been grouted to create the final piece. It was very messy, but the smiles more than made up for it!



In music, we have created our own pan pipes. We used paper straws of different lengths to make different notes and stuck them together to make our instrument.



Miss Upton was very impressed with our shields which were brought in this week. A lot of care and effort went into them, thank you. We enjoyed using them to create our own Roman army!



## SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks have been practising their tennis skills and have taken to the astro to practise their forehand and backhand technique. They even had a competition to see who could hit the ball the furthest!



This term's Design and Technology has been exploring how to make a healthy, iron-rich snack. First, Sparrowhawks got to taste test the potential ingredients for their granola which resulted in some interesting faces! Then we spent a morning putting our food safety skills into practice, which was a great success.





## HOUSE MARTINS

In art this week, House Martins have thoroughly enjoyed producing theatre-style posters for Shakespeare's Macbeth; their creations are fantastically dramatic and slightly gory!

Furthermore, in English, we have been writing persuasive letters from Banquo to Macbeth, imploring him not to kill King Duncan. The writing process has included some very animated discussions about the various torture and execution methods that Macbeth might face, should he go through with his plan!



### Egg Decorating Competition

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Robbins for organising the egg decorating competition, and to the judges Cayley, Cherise, Dawn, Ems, Jen, Karen, Kerensa, Liang, Nese, Rosie and Sophie, who had the challenging task of selecting winners from so many wonderful entries. The children's creations were truly imaginative, and I'm sure you'll agree they show fantastic creativity.



### Safeguarding

**A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child at the school, you should raise this to one, or all, of the following:**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mandy Ovenden, Headteacher**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Pip Gilbody, Deputy Headteacher**

**Children's Services Tel: 0300 555 1384**

Robins

First Place:



Dinosaur Pirate in a stormy sea, by Ned, Age 5

Second Place:



Cheekie and Sparckles by Sarah Age 5

Third Place:



Spotty Egg by Silvia Age 4 -



Pink Cat by Grace Age 5



Pink Sparkle Disco Egg by Peggy Age 4



Chick by Harry Age 5



Is it a narwhal or unicorn? By Grace , Age 4



Oscar, Age 5

Puffins

First Place:



Pirate by Henley Age 6

Second Place:



Untitled by Martha

Third Place:



Octow Monster by Elliot Age 6

Joint Fourth Place:



Dotty by Lilliana Age 6

Joint Fourth Place:



Togi (an electric type Pokemon) By Gale, Age 6



Bob Bumble by Daisy Orvis, Age 6



Robin by Everly



Mr Begg (B for Birthday, Egg for egg) by Dominic Age 5



Rainbow Explosion by Beila Age 7



Untitled by Kacper Age 5



Untitled by Skye, Age 6



Untitled by Grace



Untitled by Hollie

Kingfishers

First Place:



The chicken that lays the golden eggs from Jack and the Beanstalk, by Matilda Age 8

Second Place:



Champion Skier by Ellie, Age 7 -

Third Place:



Bunny by George Age 6



Spring by Daisy age 8



Pokeball by Blake, Age 8



Untitled by Brodie

Sparrowhawks

First Place:



Wallace the Whale, by Fergus

Joint Second Place:



The Pink Easter Bunny, by Evaline Age 8

Joint Second Place:



Untitled by Elsie

Third Place:



The Wherwell Dragon by Tommy Age 9



Sonic by Noah Age 8

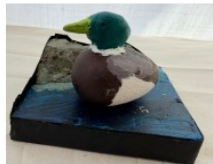
Housemartins

Joint First Place:



Rapunzel locked in a tower by Daisy Age 10

Joint First Place:



Mallard Duck by Lucas Age 10

Joint Second Place:



Egg-mobile by Bertie Age 11

Joint Second Place:



Untitled by Esme Age 10

Third Place:



Bee on flower by Emma Age 9



Monday to Sundae By Olivia Age 10



Happy Easter by Tilly Age 11

Overall Winners

KS1:



KS2:





SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2026

YR R, 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

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<p>THE LIGHTS - ANDOVER</p> <p>30<sup>TH</sup> AND 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</p> <p>9AM - 3PM</p>	<p>ITCHEN COLLEGE - SOUTHAMPTON</p> <p>1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</p> <p>9AM - 3PM</p>
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Winchester, SO21 3RY



We are registering children aged between 2 and 3 years old to start preschool in September 2026. If you are interested in finding out about our amazing preschool and what we offer, please visit our website

[www.paintpotsnursery.co.uk](http://www.paintpotsnursery.co.uk) or to contact us for more information or to book a visit, please email Nhena at: [pp13@paintpotsnursery.co.uk](mailto:pp13@paintpotsnursery.co.uk)

or call: 01962 760039

[www.paintpotsnursery.co.uk](http://www.paintpotsnursery.co.uk)



**ARMY FLYING MUSEUM**

# EASTER FUN AT THE MUSEUM!

Join us each week day from the 30<sup>th</sup> March to the 10<sup>th</sup> April for themed crafts - 10.00 to 12.30

Spot the **Easter Bunny** trail available throughout the holidays.

31st Mar & 11th Apr <b>Model Making</b> 10.00 to 15.00	3rd to 6th Apr <b>Easter Weekend Easter Egg Hunt*</b> Keep your eyes peeled over this weekend for the two <b>golden eggs</b> .	1st Apr <b>Three Bees Project</b> 10.00 to 14.00
2nd Apr <b>Spring flower seed planting</b> 11.00 to 13.00		11th Apr <b>The Hampshire Reptile Trust</b> 10.00 to 15.00

armyflying.com 01264 781086

\*please note, additional charges may apply



**GLOBE FIT KIDS PRESENTS...**

# EASTER HOLIDAYS KIDS CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA!

<p>7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 8.30 - 4 PM</p> <p>HAF - FREE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FSM</p> <p>£34 - FULL PRICE</p> <p>EMAIL <a href="mailto:INFO@GLOBEFIT.CO.UK">INFO@GLOBEFIT.CO.UK</a> FOR MORE INFO</p>	<p>Augusta Park Community Centre, Hampshire</p> <p><b>FREE HAF</b></p> <p>Spaces booked via <b>Bookwhen</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs">www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs</a></p>
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## GLOBE FIT'S EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA!

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
			
Rangoli & Flag Painting	Make a Pyramid Hieroglyph names	Mosaic Art & Paper Lanterns	Maori Pattern Art
Bollywood Dance Workshop	Egyptian Dance Workshop	Moroccan Dance Workshop	Haka Dance Workshop
Let's Make: Chapati bread	Let's Make: Pharaoh Pitta	Let's Make: Spice & Cous Cous Cups	Let's Make: Kiwi Smash & Layer Pots
Let's Learn About: India	Let's Learn About: Egypt	Let's Learn About: Morocco	Let's Learn About: New Zealand





## CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASS

A fun weekly dance class for children to build confidence, stay active, and make friends!

Learn to Dance • Express Yourself • Develop Skills

### CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

Ages 5-11 Yrs  
Monday 4:15 - 5:15 pm



Contact: **07983 591554**

Email: [Fldance2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Fldance2001@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.fldance.co.uk](http://www.fldance.co.uk)

2026 TIMETABLE

<b>MON</b>	Wallop Hall 5:30pm Shine Group 5 to 11 yrs	Chilbolton Village Hall 4:15pm Eclipse Group 5 to 11 yrs
<b>WED</b>	Fairground Hall - Weyhill 10am Over 60's Dancercise - Dance & Fitness Adults	
<b>WED</b>	Phoenix Centre - Andover 6:45pm Vision Group Adults	7:45pm Infinity Group Adults (Advanced)
<b>THUR</b>	Phoenix Centre - Andover 6:00pm Gravity Group 13 - 16 yrs	7:00pm Altitude Group 18 Years +
<b>FRI</b>	Fairground Hall - Weyhill 10am Over 60's Dancercise - Dance & Fitness Adults	
<b>SAT</b>	Harris Hall - Andover 9:30am Little Stars Group 4 - 9 yrs	10:30am Firecrackers Group 10 - 13 yrs

**GET IN TOUCH:**  
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**DANEBURY SCHOOL**

## YEAR 5 TASTER SESSIONS

**2026 DATE & TIME OF EVENTS**

At 09:30am-12:30pm

Thursday 11th June - Child & Parent session

Thursday 18th June - Child & Parent session

Monday 22nd June - Child session only

**Register and book a place using the QR codes!**

[www.yourspacetherapies.org](http://www.yourspacetherapies.org)

**Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!**

Dates: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
 Time: 9.30am - 2pm  
 Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

*Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!*

**What to Expect:**

- Mindfulness Time with Ponies
- Pony Care
- Riding and Mounted Games
- Connect with Arts and Nature
- Make New Friends

Click the links or scan the QR code to book the day of your choice:

[Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

[Friday 10th April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH.

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
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
Disco	Thursday 7th May (details on page 6)
Year 6 SATS	Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
Year 4 Swimming - details to follow	Wednesdays - 20th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June & 1st July
<b>House Martins Parent share</b>	<b>Tuesday 19th May at 2:50</b>
<b>Robins Parent share</b>	<b>Wednesday 20th May at 8:55 in the hall</b>
<b>Kingfishers Parent share</b>	<b>Wednesday 20th May at 2:50</b>
<b>Puffins Parent share</b>	<b>Thursday 21st May at 9 in the hall</b>
<b>Sparrowhawks Parent share</b>	<b>Thursday 21st May at 2:50</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>Parent's Evening</b>	<b>Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 6th July</b>
<b>Last week of clubs including football</b>	<b>Week beginning 6th July</b>
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance	Tuesday 14th July 6pm
House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance	Wednesday 15th July 6pm
<b>Talent show, finalists</b>	<b>Monday 20th July PM</b>
<b>Year 6 water fight and leavers lunch</b>	<b>Tuesday 21st July</b>
<b>Year 6 Rounders: Parents Vs children</b>	<b>Wednesday 22nd July</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Wednesday 22nd July at 3:10</b>