

Whole School

Attendance as at:

8.5.26: 96.2%

Target: 97%

8th May 2026

Wherwell Primary School

Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families taking part in the Harewood Run on Bank Holiday Monday. This annual spring event, set in the beautiful surroundings of Harewood Forest, was once again a fantastic success. All proceeds from the event support the Wherwell Playing Fields Association and the Wherwell School PTA which then provides much needed resources for our children. A huge thank you goes to the PTA, the volunteers, and of course the Muddy Running Club for organising and supporting such a brilliant community event.

We were especially proud that 49 children took part in the Fun Run, completing the 2km course, with some children even completing the 5km run as well. I was incredibly impressed by the children's energy, enthusiasm, and resilience throughout the event.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the day; it was such a pleasure to be able to hand out the much deserved medals.

Another highlight for us last week was the achievement of a group of Year 5 and 6 footballers who competed within our cluster of schools at Broughton Primary. The boys remained calm under pressure and played exceptionally well as a team, proudly bringing home the trophy for first place. We will proudly have Wherwell engraved on the plaque. Well done, boys!



Finally, I would like to wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck for their SATs next week. The children are experiencing a mixture of emotions about the tests, with some feeling nervous and others even excited. I know how hard they have all worked and, whatever the results, the most important thing is that they are well prepared for secondary school and that they do their best. I know they will.

I'm sure that toast and croissants at school will be the final ingredient for success — along with a good night's sleep, of course!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mandy (Headteacher)



Yesterday's school disco was a fantastic success, bringing lots of energy, laughter and brilliant dance moves to the hall! A huge thank you goes to Emma Eliot and the PTA for organising such a fun-filled disco for the children.

The children had a wonderful time enjoying hot dogs, glow sticks and dancing the time away with their friends. The dance floor was packed with some impressive moves on display — including plenty of enthusiastic attempts at “the sealion”!

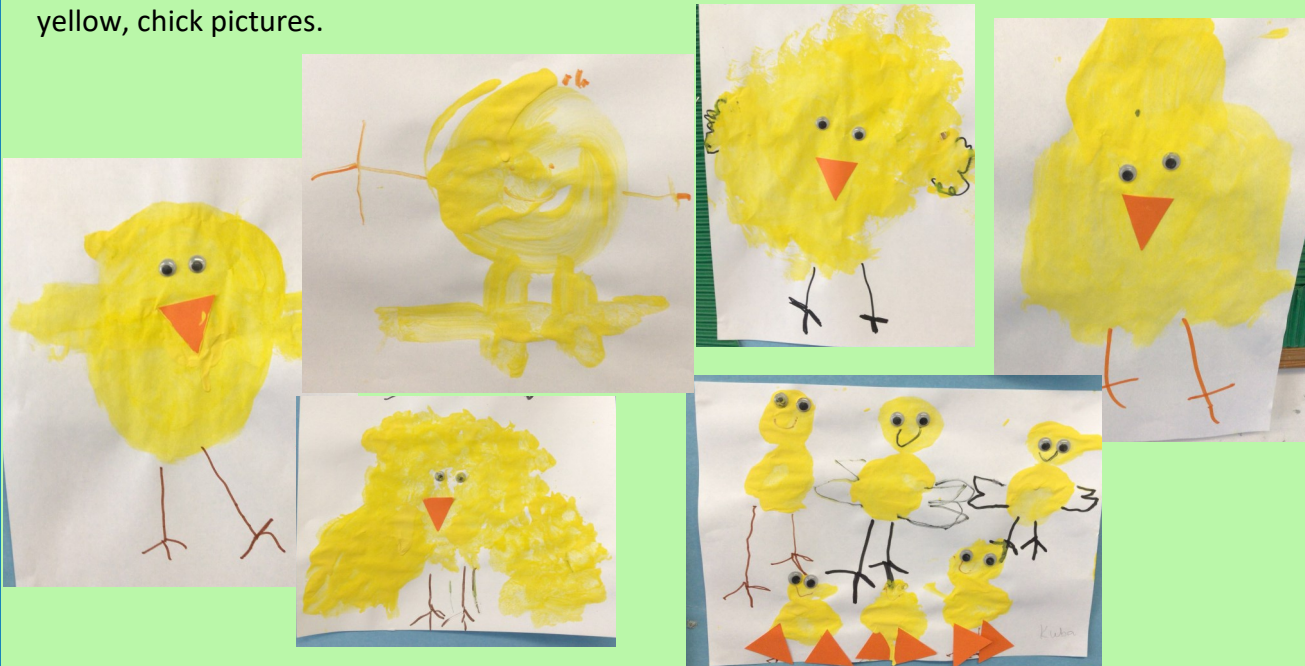
Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a memorable event for our school community.





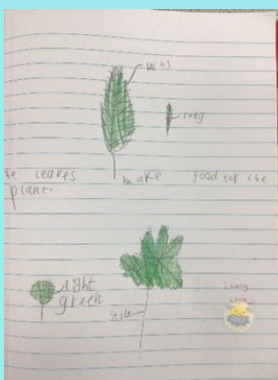
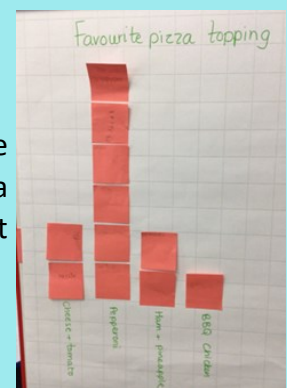
ROBINS

Robins Class have waited incredibly patiently to see if any of our chicken eggs hatch and we have enjoyed counting down the days! If any of the eggs do hatch, it will likely be over the weekend or very early next week, so keep everything crossed! In the meantime, and in anticipation, Robins Class have enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of a chicken and have painted some beautiful, bright yellow, chick pictures.



PUFFINS

Puffins have been finding out about graphs and interpreting data. We have looked at the different ways data can be represented such as on a tally chart or a table. The children have experienced collecting data and then reflecting on what they have found out.



In Science, the children have completed some fieldwork within the school grounds. They have used their observational skills to look at different types of leaves and talk about what's the same and what's different. The children did some detailed drawings of the different leaves they observed.



KINGFISHERS

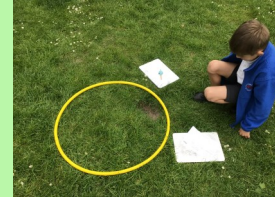


Kingfishers have been thrilled to be inundated by secret readers! We have had a huge range of stories in the past few weeks such as the Three Billy



Goats, Danny the Champion of the World and The Lorax! Thank you so much to all of our secret readers. If you would still like to volunteer, there is still plenty of time and we would be thrilled to have you.

In other news, we have been working on maps and our world in Geography, so this week, we took to the field to do some 'fieldwork'. We used a hoop to study exactly what was there in the small section of the field we had chosen. We found plenty of daisies, three-leaf clovers, ants and beetles as well as some worms and beetles.



SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks have been having lots of fun creating circuits in science lessons. We have been exploring how to make both complete and incomplete circuits and investigating why some circuits work while others do not. The children enjoyed experimenting with different components such as bulbs, switches, buzzers, and motors, and learning how each part plays an important role in making a circuit function. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm while testing their ideas and making predictions.



In maths, Sparrowhawks have been exploring a range of 3D shapes, challenging themselves to remember the names of different shapes and identify their properties, including faces, edges, and vertices. The children particularly enjoyed investigating the nets of 3D shapes and discovering how flat 2D patterns can be folded to create solid shapes.



HOUSE MARTINS

In Science this week, House Martins have been learning about the parts of a flower, and how these enable a flower to reproduce. We really enjoyed heading outside to study and collect real flowers. We were able to identify different parts of various flowers and compare them. We even cut some flowers open, and found ovules inside their ovaries!



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Diary Dates

| Activity | Date (New Dates in red) |
|---|--|
| Year 6 SATS | Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May |
| Year 4 Swimming | Wednesdays - 20th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June & 1st July |
| Sparrowhawks trip to Salisbury Cathedral | Thursday 14th May |
| House Martins Parent share | Tuesday 19th May at 2:50 |
| Robins Parent share | Wednesday 20th May at 8:55 in the classroom |
| Kingfishers Parent share | Wednesday 20th May at 2:50 |
| Puffins Parent share | Thursday 21st May at 9 in the hall |
| Sparrowhawks Parent share | Thursday 21st May at 2:50 |
| INSET DAY | Friday 22nd May |
| Half Term Holiday | Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May |
| Times Table Check - Year 4 | During week commencing 1st June |
| Class photographs | Tuesday 2nd June |
| Year 6 Residential Trip to Runways End | Monday 8th - Friday 12th June |
| Year 1 Phonics Screening | Monday 8th - Friday 12th June |
| INSET DAY | Monday 15th June |
| New Year R Stay and Play session 1 | Wednesday 17th June 9-10 am |
| New Year R Stay and Play session 2 | Wednesday 24th June 9-10 am |
| Sports Day | Thursday 25th June, pm |
| Robins Trip to Hillier Gardens | Friday 26th June |
| Summer Fete | Sunday 28th June |
| Kingfishers Trip to The Sustainability Centre Petersfield | Monday 29th June |
| New Year R Stay and Play session 3 including presentation for parents | Wednesday 1st July 9-10 am |
| Parent's Evening | Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6th July |
| Last week of clubs including football | Week beginning 6th July |
| Puffins Trip to lee-on-Solent—details to follow | Wednesday 8th July |
| House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance | Tuesday 14th July 6pm |
| House Martins and Sparrowhawks Performance | Wednesday 15th July 6pm |
| Talent show, finalists | Monday 20th July PM |
| Year 6 water fight and leavers lunch | Tuesday 21st July |
| Year 6 Rounders: Parents Vs children | Wednesday 22nd July |
| Last day of term | Wednesday 22nd July at 3:10 |