

21st May 2026

Whole School

Attendance as at:

21.5.26: 96.2%

Target: 97%

Wherwell Primary School

Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy fortnight at school, and I would like to begin by saying just how proud we are of our Year 6 children following SATs week. They approached each day with maturity, determination and positivity, and their attitudes throughout the week were exceptional. They worked incredibly hard, showed real resilience and supported one another every step of the way. Whatever the outcomes, which we will not know until 7th July, they should all feel enormously proud of themselves — we certainly are!

We are also incredibly proud of all the children who entered the poetry competition. The poems about Wherwell were wonderful and reminded me why I love working here. A special congratulations to our Key Stage 1 overall winner, Skye, and our Key Stage 2 overall winner, Bertie. I look forward to seeing the collection published as a book.

Thank you once again to the judges — Karen, Sophie, Cherise, Dawn, Cayley, Ems and Ed — and, of course, to Samantha for the fantastic idea and for organising everything.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful half-term break and enjoy spending time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June.

Wherwell

Wow, what an amazing school,
How lucky are we, it is so wonderful.

Everyone loves to listen and learn,
Readng books and taking turns.

Whistle is blown to start the day,
Every child runs in excitement to play.

Love and friendship in every place,
Lots of happy smiles on every face.

Skye , Age 6, Puffins



Best wishes,

Mandy Ovenden (Headteacher)

School Memories

When I was young,
When I first arrived,
Way back when I was almost five.
They opened the gates,
And as I went in,
I asked to myself, 'What is this wonderous thing?'
I came into the classroom,
And down on the mat,
With lots of other children I sat.
Amazed at the pencils and pens,
Rulers and rubbers,
Children saying goodbye to their mothers.
At the end of that day,
I hugged Mum and Dad,
Now knowing what this was and feeling glad.
And now I will leave,
Walk through the school gates, one last time,
Leaving behind seven years that were mine.
The library with books,
The hall filled with song,
The learning time (which sometimes felt long).
Joking and laughing,
Running around in the field,
The shiny conkers, from which, the cases I peeled.
My time at Wherwell,
Memories happy and sad,
Sad because they make me feel glad...
And now I must leave it behind.
Bertie , Age 11, Housemartins





ROBINS



The Robins enjoyed a broadcast lesson by the National Literacy Trust on Wednesday, based on the story Stanley's Stick. They are now busy creating a picture based on their own sticks, using their imaginations to think of what they could turn them in to.

They have also been very busy in the allotment! Robins Roots is now fully planted up, with tomatoes, cucumbers, basil, chard and nasturtiums growing. We will be watering them carefully and are looking forward to being able to hopefully start picking crops after half term!



PUFFINS



Puffins got to take part in some drama last week as part of their English learning journey. They created freeze frames and showed different feelings and emotions just by using their face and their posture!

As part of our science learning, everyone got to plant a sunflower seed and we will be keeping a diary to show how they grow over the next few weeks. Everyone is very keen to see how fast they will grow!





KINGFISHERS



Kingfishers have had an exciting couple of weeks. We have planted some seeds as part of an experiment in science all about how much light plants need to grow. We have a



plant in full sun, partial sun, shade and darkness as well as artificial light. Then, we had enough left over to plant our very own tomato plants. Watch this space!

In art, we have been painting landscapes. We have used watercolours and the inspiration of other artists to create some truly stunning landscape art!



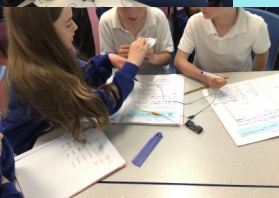
SPARROWHAWKS



Last Thursday, Sparrowhawks had a wonderful day out in Salisbury. We explored inside Salisbury Cathedral and took part in a workshop to learn about the cathedral that moved location. Sparrowhawks did a great job at taking on their roles as historical people from Salisbury.



In science, we created our own switches for electrical circuits. We managed to do this by using our knowledge of conductors and insulators.

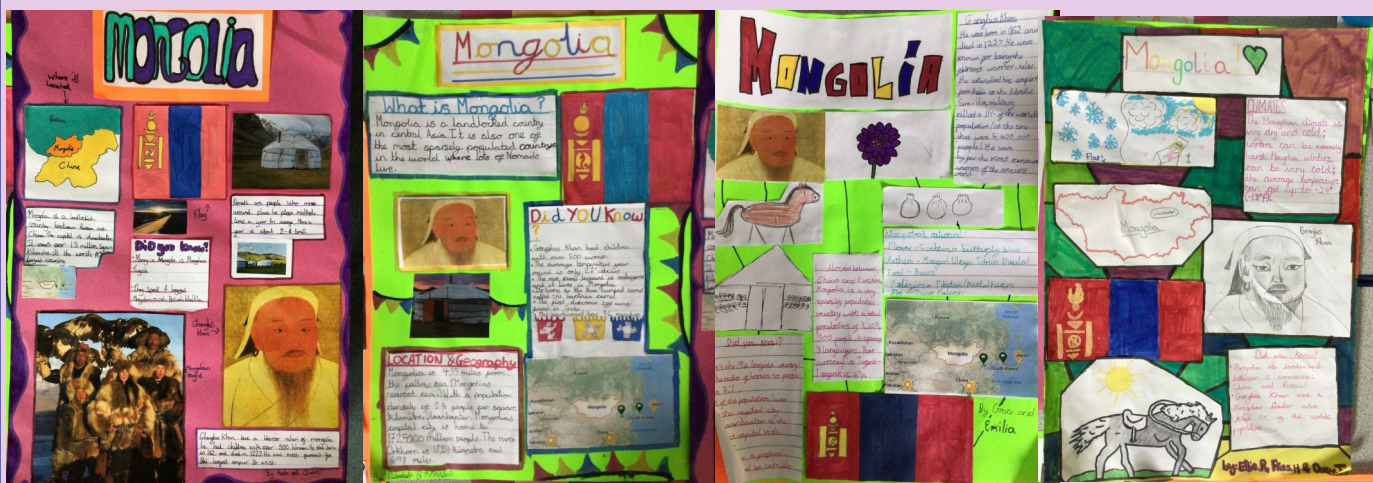




HOUSE MARTINS

Firstly, I would like to congratulate year 6 on completing their SATs tests last week. They all worked incredibly hard and did themselves really proud with their resilience, perseverance and motivation to do their best. Well done Year 6!

Meanwhile, in English, House Martins have been researching and creating some brilliantly eye-catching posters about Mongolia in relation to our book— The Unforgotten Coat—which tells the story of a British girl who befriends two refugees from Mongolia and, in doing so, learns more about this fantastic country.



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

Safeguarding Governor: Karen Bleazard

Children's Services Tel: 0300 555 1384



FAMILY FUN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Wednesday Craft Club

Make and take family crafts - £2 per child

Back to the Iron Age on Thursdays

Hands on history - free with annual ticket to Museum of the Iron Age

Family Trail and Iron Age Crafts

Every museum open day - free with annual ticket to Museum of the Iron Age



Hampshire Cultural Trust is a registered charity (no. 1158583) and company (no. 08986225) in England.



Following the huge success of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', Lost The Plot Theatrical hit the road with another family classic...

Get blown away in this brand-new musical adventure of The Three Little Pigs!

Join our three pigs as they excitedly leave the family sty in search of new adventures! Will they make a pig's ear out of it, or will they raise the roof? It'll take brains, bravery and curly-tails to build bridges and forge friendships with each other and those they meet along the way.

Get those trotters tapping and those snouts a-squealin' with new catchy songs, dancing and plenty of audience participation for piglets of all ages.

There's snout left to do but to book your tickets for this oink-tastic musical!



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WHAT'S ON May 2026



May Half Term

Drop off your young people

Southampton Culture Club for Kids: Story Worlds (6y-12yrs)

Tue 26, Wed 27, Thu 28 May
9am-4pm
SeaCity
£35, £90 all three days



Bugs in Boxes (4+)

Tue 26 May
10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm
Tudor House £8

Tour for All: Southampton Myths and Mysteries (6+)

Tue 26 May 11am
Tudor House
£10 (children FREE)

Art for All: Clay Capybaras (5+)

Wed 27 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery £8

Art for All: Birds, Beetles and Butterflies with Watercolour (7+)

Thu 28 May
10.30am, 1.30pm
Tudor House £8



Art for All: Make a Clay Stitch! (4+)

Thu 28 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery £8



Toddler Time:

Under the Sea (under 4's and friends)

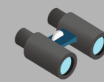
Fri 29 May 10.30am
SeaCity £6

Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)

Fri 29 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery £8



Psst. Look out for our May half term fun activities!



KEEP IT A SECRET!!



25th to 29th May
Join us at our **craft tables** 10.00 to 12.30 to put some secret agent skills to the test.



Discover the stories of real-life secret agents as part of a fun **code cracking trail** around the Museum.

Trail available all week.



WE need you, yes YOU, and your super-cunning spy skills for a mysterious **Family Mission!** Come along and become an Undercover agent. See website for timing.



26th & 31st - **Model Making**
10.00 - 15.00

All ages are invited to learn how to make & paint plastic models at one of the free model making sessions with Models for Heroes.



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Diary Dates

Activity	Date (New Dates in red)
Year 4 Swimming	Wednesdays - 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June & 1st July
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 PM
Year 6 Residential Trip to Runways End	Monday 8th - Friday 12th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening	During the week commencing Monday 8th
INSET DAY	Monday 15th June
House Martins pond dipping at a Test Valley nature reserve	Wednesday 17th June AM
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
Musical performance—for children who play an instrument	Wednesday 1st July in the hall at 2:15
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