

Whole School

Attendance as at: 95.5%

17.07.26:

Target: 97%

17th July 2026

Wherwell Primary School

Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the school buzzing with activity over the past couple of weeks. There has been so much to celebrate, and it has been a real pleasure to see the children enjoying such a wide range of memorable experiences.

Our youngest pupils in Puffins had a fantastic day at the beach. Despite the warm weather, they kept cool by paddling in the sea and, of course, enjoyed a well-deserved ice cream!

Sparrowhawks have certainly been busy. They delighted audiences with another outstanding ukulele performance, showcasing just how much they have progressed this year. They also enjoyed a Geography field-work visit to The Cow Common, where they explored rivers first-hand to support their classroom learning. One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly the production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. The performances by House Martins and Sparrowhawks were absolutely superb. The children's confidence, comic timing, expressive acting and energetic singing made for a thoroughly entertaining show, and we were incredibly proud of every single performer.

Another musical highlight was our school concert, where children from across the school who learn musical instruments had the opportunity to perform for an audience. It was wonderful to see their confidence and talent shine through, and our fantastic choir rounded off the event beautifully.

There is still plenty to look forward to before the end of term. Robins will be visiting Hillier Gardens next week, while our Year 6 pupils have several special events planned to celebrate the end of their primary school journey, including a celebratory lunch, the traditional rounders match against their parents and, of course, the ever-popular water fight—where a few unsuspecting members of staff may find themselves caught in the crossfire! The whole school will also come together for our annual talent show and our final celebration assembly, where we will discover which House has claimed victory this year.

It has been another fantastic year at Wherwell. Watching our children grow in confidence, develop new skills and support one another has been a privilege. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our wonderful staff, the support of our families and, most importantly, the enthusiasm, kindness and resilience of our incredible children. Thank you all for making this such a successful and memorable year. We look forward to making even more special memories together next year.

Finally, a very special good luck to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they leave Wherwell and begin the next exciting chapter of their journey at secondary school. You have been fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we are incredibly proud of all you have achieved. Although we will miss you, we know you are more than ready for the opportunities and challenges ahead. Be confident, be kind, work with resilience and never stop believing in yourselves. We wish each and every one of you every happiness and success for the future. Good luck, we know you will do brilliantly!

If I don't get the chance to say it before we finish on Wednesday, I hope you all have a wonderful summer break. Enjoy some well-deserved rest and precious time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed, recharged, and ready for a fantastic new school year on Wednesday 2nd September.

Very best wishes,

Mandy

KEY STAGE 2 SATS RESULTS	Reading	English SPAG *	Maths	Writing TA **
KS2 Expected standard plus Wherwell 2026	80%	80%	80%	80%
KS2 Expected standard Plus National 2026	75%	74%	75%	73%
KS2 Greater Depth Wherwell	67%	53%	60%	27%
	Nationally last year 33%	Nationally last year 30%	Nationally last year 26%	Nationally last year 13%
* Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar				
** Writing is teacher assessment				

Our Year 6 children have achieved brilliantly in their assessments– we are so proud of them and they must be congratulated for their incredible hard work and resilience. We can see huge progress at an individual level for each and every child and if you were able to come and see their performance of Pirates of The Curry Bean, you would have seen such amazing personal progress for every one of them.

I am so proud of our Year 6 pupils, have been helpful and kind, offering support to both their peers and younger children. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch them grow into confident, capable learners. As they take the big step into secondary school, I wish them all the very best. They are more than ready for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Goodbye and good luck, Felicity, Bertie, Dexter, Wilf, Daisy, Grace, Quinn, Ellie, Jamie, Tilly, Noah, Amelie, Emilia, Euan and Lucas. You will all be missed!



ROBINS

Robins said goodbye to our lovely (and rather huge) chicks this week as they moved to their wonderful new home with Oscar and his family. A big thank you to Oscar's family for giving our chicks a loving home.

A few weeks ago, Robins Class used pastels to create some beautiful observational drawings of the chicks, we thought carefully about the colours and shapes as we drew them and enjoyed using the pastels a lot!

Robins Class are looking forward to our trip to Hillier Gardens next Wednesday, keep everything crossed that we have good weather for the day!



PUFFINS

What a wonderful day at the beach Puffins had last week! The children had the best day collecting shells and digging holes. They weren't particularly successful at dodging the waves but luckily because it was so hot, everyone dried off quickly. The ice cream or lolly seemed to be the highlight for lots of them! The trip really helped them to understand the difference between human and physical geographical features.



Puffins home learning project has been very successful this half term with a wonderful selection of coastal dwellings such as lighthouses, beach huts, caves and even a lifeboat station! Thank you all for your support in completing these projects with your children throughout the year, they really love sharing them with their friends.



KINGFISHERS

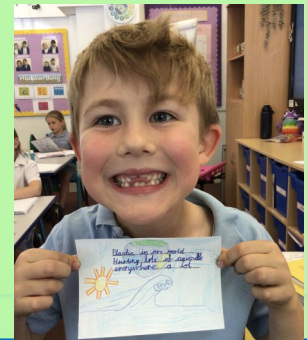
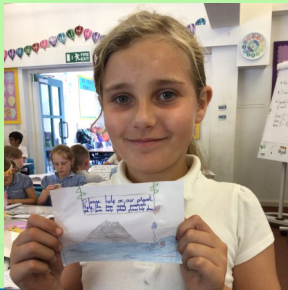


Following our theme of sustainability, Kingfishers have loved writing Haikus this week.



We have learnt all about these traditional Japanese poems and found it particularly difficult to make sure each line had the right number of syllables but we got the hang of it in the end!

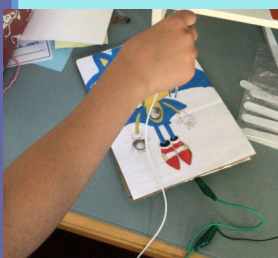
We wrote our haikus with the theme of plastic and sustainability in mind and we came up with some really exciting and thoughtful poems. We learned all the rules we had to follow to make a good haiku and put it into practice, creating a beautifully decorated poem we were really proud of.



SPARROWHAWKS

Sparrowhawks have had an extremely busy week filled with our school play, the *Listen 2 Me* performance, a brilliant DT project, and a trip to Cow Common to study rivers!

The children have had so much fun learning to play the ukulele and mastering different chords. They practiced their performance skills beautifully and all did an amazing job during the showcase.



We have also been putting the finishing touches on our DT project: creating our very own *Operation* games! The children did a fantastic job using their science knowledge of conductors and electrical circuits to make them work.



To end our action-packed week, Sparrowhawks enjoyed a refreshing trip down to Chilbolton Cow Common. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore river flow and depth first-hand while taking in the beauty of our local area.





HOUSE MARTINS

Wow—what a week we've had in House Martins! Not only have we been busy rehearsing and performing *The Pirates of the Curry Bean* alongside Sparrowhawks (more on this overleaf!), but we've also been preparing for both the Leavers' Assembly and the highly anticipated Year 6 Parents vs Children rounders match, which takes place next week.

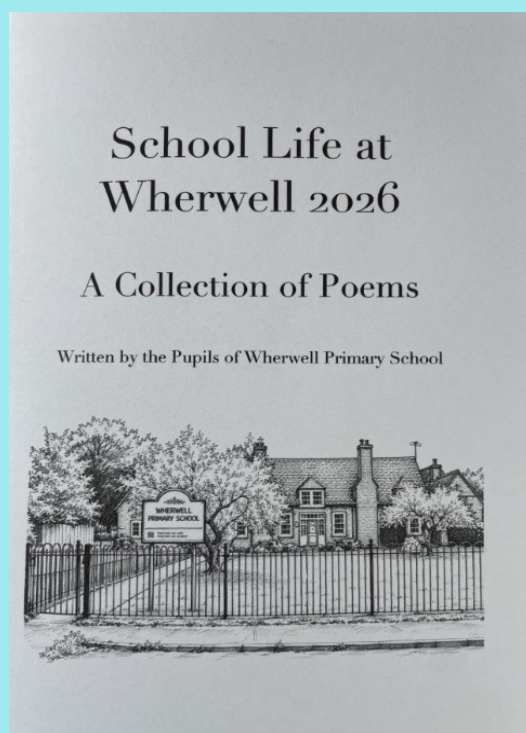
I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to our wonderful Year 6s. You have been such a fun-loving, close-knit group, and it has been a pleasure to watch you grow over the years. I know that the friendships you have built at Wherwell will, for many of you, last a lifetime, and I hope you continue to be the kind, thoughtful and enthusiastic young people you have been here as you begin your next chapter at secondary school. Good luck!



We are thrilled to announce that our school has achieved the School Games Gold Award! This national recognition celebrates our commitment to providing sports, physical activities and competitive opportunities for all of our students. A huge thank you to our amazing pupils, staff, parents who help us with transporting children to events and Mrs Orvis who helps lead running club.



Poetry books can be found in the school office or on sale after school on Tuesday 21st July.
They are £3 each.



The Pirates of the Curry Bean

This week, House Martins and Sparrowhawks wowed four audiences with their fantastic performances of *The Pirates of the Curry Bean*.

We would like to congratulate all of the children on an outstanding show. They overcame their nerves with incredible courage and resilience, supported one another every step of the way, and worked together as a team to deliver a truly memorable performance. We couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved.

A huge thank you also goes to our parents and carers for creating such fantastic costumes and for supporting the children with learning their lines and songs. Your encouragement and commitment helped make the production such a success.





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Open Evening



JOHN HANSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Thursday 24th September 2026

Primary children and their families are invited to our John Hanson Open Evening. Enjoy a student-led tour of our facilities and meet our teachers.

Starts at 5pm
Ends at 7:30pm

Headteacher Talks

Our Headteacher, Mrs Sudds will deliver presentations at 6pm and 7pm in the Main Hall.

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Children's Sustainability Awards 2026

My Favourite Bird

Dear Headteacher/Teacher,

The Sustainability Centre is delighted to support the **Southern Sustainability Partnership Children's Sustainability Awards 2026**, in partnership with Barratt Redrow Homes.

We are inviting primary school children to celebrate nature by creating a painting or drawing of their favourite bird. The competition is open to both individual children and school entries.

Twelve winning artworks will be featured in the Children's Sustainability Awards Calendar, with each winner receiving an award and a framed copy of their artwork. Proceeds from calendar sales will help support The Sustainability Centre's work, inspiring people of all ages to live more sustainably through environmental education and practical learning.

Competition details:

Theme: My Favourite Bird

Who can enter: Primary school-aged children

Entry deadline: 31 July 2026

Winners announced: 31 August 2026

Please send entries to info@southernsustainability.co.uk with the subject Children's Sustainability Awards Entry.

We would be very grateful if you could share this exciting opportunity with your pupils and encourage them to get involved. We look forward to seeing their wonderful artwork celebrating the wildlife around us.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The Sustainability Centre



www.southernsustainability.co.uk



Activity	Date (New Dates in red)
Talent show, finalists	Monday 20th July pm
Uniform sale (poetry books) please bring coins as we don't hold a lot cash on site.	Tuesday 21st July 3pm
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 21st July at 1:45pm
Year 6 water fight and leavers lunch	Tuesday 21st July
Robins trip to Hilliers Garden	Wednesday 22nd July
Year 6 Rounders: Parents Vs children	Wednesday 22nd July
Last day of term	Wednesday 22nd July at 3:10pm

INSET DAYS 2026– 2027
Tuesday 1st September
Monday 22nd February
Friday 28th May
Monday 7th June
Monday 5th July