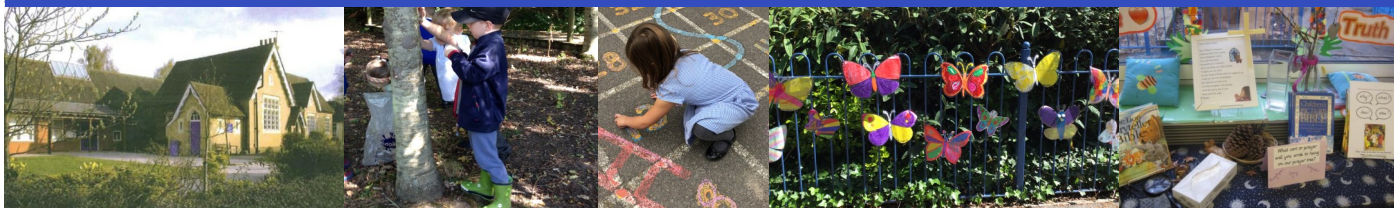


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Message from Mrs Atkins

HAPPY EASTER! At the end of a super busy term, I hope you all get the chance to have a well deserved break over the next two weeks. It was lovely to see so many adults at our Easter Service at the church and I know the children were very proud of all the work they had put in. I especially enjoyed the Spring Chicken song by YR and have lovely memories of my own children singing that at their services.

The children all had a fantastic time at the disco and we would like to say a HUGE thank you for all your participations in Mothers day, Discos, Tuck and sponsored reading. For the sponsored read alone we raised **£928**. With the money raised we have been able to buy some much needed reading books for year 2 and will be buying some new books for the library. Your donations really do make a difference. We were also lucky enough to be donated 10 laptops this week from Felix's dad and they will be put to good use in our computer area in Y2. Thank you from all of us.

Well done to Sienna this week, who actually made the local news with her amazing picture asking for Samba, the escaped capybara, to come home.

I am so proud of all the children and staff at our school. The children work hard every day and the progress they have made is

incredible. I hope you will also join me in thanking our wonderful staff for all the care, support and time they put into educating and looking after your children. We know that at Marchwood C of E Infant School we value the **whole** child and want to make sure that their emotional and mental health is looked after as much as their education. The sense of belonging is extremely important to us and these are woven into school life every day through our Christian Values of Love, Courage and Hope.

Have a fantastic 2 weeks and I hope to see you when the sun is still shining.

Sally Atkins



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Diary Dates

April

- **FRIDAY 3RD**
GOOD FRIDAY-BANK HOLIDAY
- **SUNDAY 5TH**
EASTER SUNDAY
- **MONDAY 6TH**
EASTER BANK HOLIDAY
- **MONDAY 13TH**
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
- **MONDAY 13TH**
YEAR R TRIP TO LONGDOWN FARM
MEET 9.30AM
- **MONDAY 13TH**
GYMNASTICS CLUB STARTS
- **MONDAY 13TH**
GARDENING CLUB
- **TUESDAY 14TH**
KIDS WITH BRICKS CLUB STARTS
- **TUESDAY 14TH**
CROSS COUNTRY CLUB STARTS
- **THURSDAY 16TH**
Y1 WALK AROUND MARCHWOOD
PARENT HELP NEEDED
- **THURSDAY 16TH**
FOOTBALL CLUB STARTS

May

- **MONDAY 4TH**
MAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- **WEDNESDAY 13TH**
SEP 26- NEW PARENTS MEETING
- **MONDAY 18TH - FRIDAY 22ND**
WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
- **MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH**
HALF TERM BREAK

Bible Verse for the Week

Matthew 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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Easter at Marchwood and Eling - A message from Rev'd Lauren Cheshire

Dear Children, Families, and Staff,

As the days grow brighter and the first signs of spring begin to stretch and wake around us, we come to one of the most important and hope-filled seasons in the Christian year: Easter.

Easter is a story that moves through shadows into light. It begins with sadness and confusion on Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross, and blossoms into joy and wonder on Easter Sunday, when we celebrate that Jesus is alive. It reminds us that even when things feel difficult, dark, or uncertain, hope is never lost. New life can break through in the most unexpected ways. In school, you might explore this through stories, symbols, and creative activities. In church, we walk through the same journey together in different ways, and I would love to invite you and your families to be part of that.

At **St John's Church in Marchwood**, we have several special events for Easter:

- **Good Friday – "At the Cross" (3rd April, 10am–4pm)** A quiet, reflective space with creative prayer activities for all ages, helping us think about the story of Jesus' love. I will be leading a walk through at 4pm, but you can simply take the journey yourself, looking at each station alone or as a family.
- **Easter Sunday – "It's All Good!" Celebration (5th April, 10am–12:30pm)** A joyful, all-age communion service followed by an Easter egg hunt, baby animals, crafts, and refreshments. A real celebration of new life and hope!

There is also a beautiful **Dawn Service at Goatie Beach** early on Easter morning, where we watch the sunrise and remember the moment the world changed forever.

Easter is not just something that happened a long time ago. It is a message for us today:

that love is stronger than hate,
that hope is stronger than sadness,
that courage is stronger than fear,
and that new beginnings are always possible.

As your local vicar and a foundation governor, it is a joy to be part of your school community. You are always so welcome at St John's, and I would love to see some of you and your families over the Easter season. Until then, don't eat too much chocolate and remember God loves you! Wishing you all a joyful and hope-filled Easter,

Rev'd Lauren Cheshire



Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Alfred G and Cove S

Oak Class

Charlie C and Verity D

Elm Class

Phoebe M and Victor-Lee A

Rowan Class

Ava S and Narla M

Beech Class

Vara D, Esme B and

Joshua S

Sycamore Class

Felix S-B and Freya G

If your child is receiving an award, you will be invited to celebrate with them on Friday at 2.30pm. Invitations will be sent on a Wednesday.

Parents of children with birthdays or certificates outside of school are also welcome to attend.

If your child is away, you may join us the following week.



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The Gospel Church
Long Lane
Marchwood

Come and celebrate Easter with us!

Good Friday Afternoon

3rd April 2026

Come anytime
between
2pm and 4pm



There will be lots of homemade cake, hot and cold drinks, Lego and Duplo to play with and Easter arts and crafts

We will be showing a short Easter Lego Movie at intervals across the afternoon.



Any child bringing their own homemade model of part of the Easter story will receive an Easter egg.



Saturday March 28th
St. John's Church, Marchwood
2pm

Join us for Easter craft, games, food and songs.



Free entry



For all the family
(children must be accompanied by an adult)



messychurchmarchwood@gmail.com

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/church/messy-church-marchwood-hampshire>

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CARE HOME

Join us for our
Easter Extravaganza

Saturday 28th March
2pm - 5pm

Enjoy an afternoon filled with seasonal treats, activities, and time spent with friends and family.

Hythe Road, Marchwood, Southampton, SO40 4WU



**'IT'S ALL GOOD'
EASTER SUNDAY EVENT!**

ALL AGE COMMUNION SERVICE - EASTER STORY - MUSIC
CRAFTS - EGG HUNT - BABY ANIMALS!

SUNDAY 5TH
APRIL 2026

ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
MARCHWOOD
10AM - 12.30PM

FREE
DONATIONS
WELCOME

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Gardening Club

This week we have been using the 'Growing to love tomatoes' pack donated to the school by Veg Power. Each child planted a tomato seed. They also took home their own pack of seeds, a sticker chart to track their plant's growth and some cells to grow them in. We also planted some carrot seeds, some more summer bulbs, some onion bulbs and finally some sweetcorn starters donated by Mrs Atkins from her allotment.



Big Mouth Theatre Club

Booking for the summer term is now open.

Open to all year groups. Monday's 3.15pm-4.15pm
Music room, please collect from the rear playground door.

<https://www.bigmouththeatre.com/clubs-booking-form>

BIG MOUTH THEATRE

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Spaces Available After Easter!

LET YOUR IMAGINATIONS RUN FREE!

OUR DRAMA CLUB IS THE PLACE TO BE!

- Build confidence & self belief
- Enjoy our relaxed and friendly sessions
- Have fun with creativity & make new friends

Visit [bigmouththeatre.com](https://www.bigmouththeatre.com) or scan the QR code! →

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Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **Incredible Inventions**. This week the children made models of footwear. The models were amazing!

The children learnt that in Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome footwear was very basic. Sandals were made from leather or plant fibres to help keep feet cool. As centuries passed shoemaking became a real craft. In Medieval Europe, shoes and boots were made by cobblers and showed off social status. Some styles were a little strange like the super long pointy toes in the 1400s. In the 1800s the sewing machine was invented, which changed shoe making, so that shoes could be made faster, stronger and for everyone.

The children discovered that shoes are getting seriously smart. There are self-lacing trainers, shoes made from recycled ocean plastic and even 3D printed designs. Scientists are even working on shoes that can charge your phone as you walk!

When everyone had finished their model, the best one was voted for and a photo was uploaded to the competition page of the Kids With Bricks website. At the end of the term the results from the leader board are looked at. For the school that has gained the most points that term, prizes are sent to all the children in the club! Anyone can vote for the best model!

Please use the link below which will take you to the website, click on VOTE NOW

Votes are now made on KWB Facebook page.

Each week there is a 'competition post' and all you have to do is give your school's build a like. The school with the most likes wins. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1515520296680125&set=pcb.1515521863346635>



Kids with Bricks Booking for Summer Term

We are pleased to be able to offer our Kids With Bricks after school club running from **3:30-4:30** every **Tuesday** for **13 weeks** from **14th April 2026**. This club is open for **Years 1-2**.

BOOK ONLINE!

The club costs £3.50 + VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

Fraser Portraits

Don't forget to order your class/leavers photos online by **Friday 27th March 2026** for free delivery via school. If you need a copy of the proof card, please contact the school office. The school earns commission on all order placed. Thank you for your support.



Provide a safe home for an international student studying at Brockenhurst College

Would you like to welcome an international student into your home?

We are looking for friendly and caring host families to provide a warm and supportive environment for students studying at Brockenhurst College.

- ✓ Flexible hosting with full support.
- ✓ Short-term and long-term placements available.
- ✓ A rewarding cultural exchange experience.
- ✓ Competitive weekly payments.

If you have a spare room and want to make a difference to a young person's life, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact us for more information on:

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Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is supporting good attendance and punctuality. Each week we will be celebrating the class with the highest level of attendance and they will win Stella, our attendance star in their class for the following week.



Attendance for 23rd March- 27th March 2026

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
93.18%	92.73%	94.64%	95.52%	97.67%	97.41%



In collective worship this week we have been thinking about Easter.

Year R: Ask me about what I made for our Easter service.

Year 1: Ask me about the happy and the sad parts of the Easter Story .

Year 2: Ask me about the Easter Story and belief .

HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE

Easter

OUTDOOR TRAIL
Friday 3 - Monday 6 April 10am-3pm
• Participating children £3.50
• Adults Free

EASTER ADMISSION
Friday 3 - Monday 6 April 10am-3pm
• Adult standard admission
• Children Free

INDOOR CRAFTS
Woodland animal themed crafts available 10am-3pm on:
• Tuesday 31 March, 7 April
• Thursday 2, 9 April
Included in Castle admission, free for members

Become a Highcliffe Castle Member

- Entry to the Castle for a year*
- 10% discount in the Castle Shop
- 10% discount in the Castle Pantry
- School Holiday activities
- Discount on selected events
- Castle e-newsletter updates

Family Membership £50
Up to two adults & three under 15s

For more information, please visit: highcliffecastle.co.uk

Easter Holidays at St Barbe

ST BARBE MUSEUM ART GALLERY LYMINGTON

Mon 30 March & Wed 1 April
St Barbe Out and About - half term family activities
Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free
We are out and about bringing you some family fun activities inspired by our Witch/Craft exhibition.
Find us on **Monday** at St Mark's Community Hall, Pennington SO41 8EJ
Find us on **Wednesday** at Sway Village Hall SO41 6BB

Tue 31 March
Potion Making Workshop
Ages 8+ | 10am-12noon | £8 | Limited places |
Adult supervision required for under 13 years
Experiment with potion making and take home your very own potion.

Thurs 2 April
Hoppy Easter
Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm | Free
Fun family activities with an Easter/Spring theme.

Thurs 9 April
Folklore Fun
Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm | Free
Fun family activities inspired by our Witch/Craft exhibition.

www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk
Registered charity no 1018779

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30%* OFF HOLIDAY CAMPS THIS EASTER

Outdoor and Indoor Activities
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Options
Choose from:
High Ropes Camp
Multi-Activity Camp
Survival Camp
Water Camp
Holiday Club

YMCA Fairthorne Manor is offering a discount to local schools to support with the financial burden school holidays bring. Visit ymca-fg.cinella.com and use code: **EASTERSCHOOLS10** at checkout for any 1 day booking, and **EASTERSCHOOLS40** for our 4 day Water Camp to redeem this discount on any Fairthorne Manor Daycamp or Holiday Club this Easter. If you have any questions, email info@ymca-fg.org for support.
*T&Cs apply

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Welcome to our March newsletter! Please share with as many people as you can. For those who don't know who we are – we are THE HANDY TRUST. A full youth support service running in the Waterside area offering youth clubs, holiday clubs, detached work, individual support and much more! We hope you enjoy getting more updates on what we're up to!

Easter holidays

We have lots of exciting plans for Easter! We are open to the whole family for free with a fully funded lunch! Those 10 and over can attend independently, under 10s must attend with an adult – just turn up for these clubs. Join us to make Easter bonnets (booking only), and show them off! The Easter bunny will also be joining to judge the best bonnet! See below for further details.

What else...

You will see us out and about even more now the lighter evenings are here! We will be around the local community available for young people to talk to, as well as anyone who would like to say hi!

Our youth hubs are also running as normal with more fun to be had next term including murder mystery night, football tournament and a nerf war!



WHAT'S ON

January - April 2025

Southampton City of Opportunity

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Hands on History: Off With Their Heads (6+)
Mon 30 Mar | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art School Plus: Mind-blowing Mixed Media, inspired by artist Emma Richardson (11 - 16 years)
Drop off your young people
Mon 30 Mar | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £26

Art for All: Perfect Peter Rabbit Puppets (4+)
Tue 31 Mar | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Fabric Print an Egg Hunt Bag (5+)
Wed 1 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Hands on History: WW2 Cliphers and Spies (7+)
Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am | Tudor House | £8

Tour for All: Southampton and the Second World War
Thu 2 Apr | 2pm | Tudor House | £10 (accompanying children free)

Art For All: Wonderful Wooden Eggs (6+)
Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

NEW FOR 2026: Toddler Time: Beautiful Butterflies (under 4s and friends)
Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am | SeaCity | £6

Art for All: Paintsperimentation Workshop (6+)
Tue 7 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Spring Decopatch Plant Pots (4+)
Wed 9 Apr | 10.15am, 11.30am or 1.15pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Clay Axolotls (5+)
Wed 9 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Tour for All: Titanic Walking Tour
Thu 9 Apr | 11am | Tudor House | £10 (accompanying children free)

Art for All: MARVELous Clay Superheroes (6+)
Thu 9 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Hands on History: Titanic Science! (7+)
Fri 10 Apr | 10.30am, 1pm | SeaCity | £8

Junior Art School: Paint, Paint, Paint inspired by artist Emma Richardson (7 - 13 years)
Drop off your young people
Fri 10 Apr | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £26

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.
Week 1: Spring Has Sprung
Mon 30 Mar, Tues 31 Mar, Wed 1 Apr
Week 2: Planet Earth
Tues 7 Apr, Wed 8 Apr, Thur 9 Apr

See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



ALL STARS cricket

Big Moments of summer fun!

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

Join us at: Totton & Eling Cricket Club, Southern Gardens, Totton, SO40 8RW

Session dates: 11, 18 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June & 6 July 2026

Session timings: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Contact: allstars@tottonandelingcc.co.uk or book now at www.tottonandelingcc.co.uk/all-stars-cricket/

MARCHWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL & FUN DAY

Saturday 18th July 2026 12pm - 4pm

Lloyd Recreation Ground Marchwood

Adult £12 Children Free

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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Noadswood School, Purlieu, SO45 4ZF **NEW VENUE!**

FREE PLACES FOR 'BENEFITS RELATED' FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

NERF WARS BASKETBALL TENNIS FOOTBALL ARCHERY DODGEBALL ARTS & CRAFTS AXE THROWING & MANY MORE!

9.00 AM - 3:30 PM

Week 1: Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
Week 2: Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April

 **BOOK HERE**  **BOOK HERE**

Sibling Discount & Multi-Day Booking Discounts



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