

Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

20TH MARCH 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

We finished last week with an early celebration of Mothering Sunday and it was lovely to see so many mothers, grandparents and aunts attending. We discussed in Worship all the wonderful things that the special women in our lives do for us and I hope that every-one who came into school had a wonderful afternoon sharing time with their children.

The children have been hard at work preparing the songs for their Easter service and we welcome every-one to join us next **Thursday 26th March** for our Easter service at St Johns Church, Marchwood. Start time will be **2.00pm**. Please send your child in smart school uniform for the service, there will not be PE on this day. If you are child free and able to help walk children to and from the church please could you let your respective teachers know, seats will be reserved for helpers. We would be very grateful for your help with this. There will be a collection after the service for our school charity, Oakhaven Hospice.

Well done to the Yr2 children who took part in the Target festival at Testwood school this week. They tried activities like archery and hammer throwing and we were really proud of how they represented the school. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your help in transporting the children to these events.

Look out for a letter over the next week asking for your help in donating items for our loose parts play at break and lunchtimes—if we all have a good look around, I am sure we can provide the children with amazing tools to support their learning. If you know anyone in a trade or a local business that can also support us then please let us know. Donations can be dropped off at the start of term.

Check out our Facebook page and our website, latest news sections, for photos of our activities this week. Have a lovely weekend.
Sally Atkins

Sponsored Read

We hope the children enjoyed taking part and seeing the dino prints up around school. Thank you to everyone that has returned their sponsor money. There is still time to send it in certificates will be given out in Friday Collective Worship next week. We are just over £800 raised so far! We will give a final total in next week's newsletter. Thank you so much!



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Diary Dates

March

- **THURSDAY 26TH**
EASTER SERVICE, ST JOHN'S CHURCH
2PM - PARENTS INVITED
- **THURSDAY 26TH**
SPRING DISCO 4PM-6.30PM
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
ROCKSTEADY CONCERT -
BY INVITATION. 9.15AM
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING
CLASS/LEAVERS PHOTO WITH
FREE DELIVERY TO SCHOOL
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

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**
FOOTBALL CLUB STARTS

Bible Verse for the Week

Michah 7:7

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me.

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MIS Fundraising

SPRING DISCO



Thursday 26th March

We would like to invite all the children to an evening of music, fun and games with their friends!

Tickets available now via Arbor (Clubs) or cash at the office.

Year R – 4pm – 5:30pm

Year 1 – 4:30pm – 6pm

Year 2 – 5pm – 6:30pm

Tuck - Glow toys



To beat the queues you will be able to buy your tuck for the disco on Wednesday and Thursday after school. It will put in a named bag ready for your child to enjoy at snack time at the disco.

We hope you enjoyed your gifts last Mothering Sunday and you had a lovely day with your families. The Gift sale raised almost £475 profit. To help support learning experiences and resources for the children. Thank you so much, you are all officially amazing.

MIS fundraising team

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Oliver H and Theo T

Oak Class

Holden C-W and Sheldon B

Elm Class

Amelia L and Victor-Lee A

Rowan Class

Leo W and Nana A

Beech Class

Felicity H and Finley L

Sycamore Class

Chiara O, Theo M, Pippa G and Maame A

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.



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>

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.

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Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **Incredible Inventions**.

This week the children built models of futuristic flying machines. The models were fantastic!

The children learnt that humans have dreamed of flying for thousands of years, but it wasn't until the early 1900s that someone finally made it happen. In 1903, in Kitty Hawk in America, two brothers named Orville and Wilbur Wright built and flew the first powered airplane. It was made of wood, fabric and a small engine. It stayed in the air for just 12 seconds! That moment changed the world forever. The two brothers made a lot of money demonstrating their early flying machines at events around the world. The children discovered that the fastest plane ever, the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird could fly over 3 times the speed of sound. That's so fast you could travel from London to New York in under 2 hours!

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, so have a look and place your vote before Monday. Please use the link below and select our school.

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



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**. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK.

As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and to work in teams.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leader board.

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.

Any problems please contact us on
bookings@kidswithbricks.com

Gardening Club

Mr Warren has made a Gardening Club page on our website under the 'News and Events Tab', with photos of what the children have been doing. Take a look!

<https://www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk/gardening-club-3/>

ACE SPORTS & Education MARCHWOOD INFANT SCHOOL SUMMER TERM 2026

AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB

GYMNASTICS CLUB
EVERY MONDAY
3.15 TO 4.15pm
FIRST SESSION... 13th APRIL
LAST SESSION... 8th JULY
**No Session 20th April & 1st June

Join Coach Charlie every Monday for Gymnastics Club at Marchwood Infant!

Open to ALL Pupils. Gym Club will give Children a great introduction to Gymnastics. This Term Children will learn and master shapes, rolls, jumps, vaults, inversions (handstands and cart wheels) and climbing, through FUN challenges and performances.

CLUBS OPEN TO YEAR R, 1 & 2
BOOKINGS ONLINE ONLY
£5.95 per session
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

CHECK OUT OUR EASTER & SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS AT BARTLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL ONLINE!

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MARCHWOOD CANDLES

MARCHWOOD VILLAGE Easter Market

MARCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL, SO40 4SX
HAND MADE PRODUCTS, TASTY TREATS, AND A LOT MORE

21ST MARCH 11AM | MARCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

This event is **FREE** and open to the public
Food & Drinks will be sold
Locally handmade products, jams & preserves
Totton Ukelele Group
Wood & Laser engraved products
Fabric Makes & Embroidery
Mandala & Handmade Soap
Candles, Wax Melts & Home Scent
Free From Gluten Cakes
Novelty Items
Local Honey
★ **Easter Egg Hunt under 9yrs old** ★



The Handy Trust **A Handy update!** **The Handy Trust**

For You, For Youth, For All

March 2026

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 if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?

Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer

 Hampshire County Council  HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER  Hampshire Local Offer

Calendar of events this spring

Lyndhurst Community Centre , Main Car Park, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY	Friday 20 March	2pm to 6pm
Leigh Park Community Centre , Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park, Havant PO9 5BG	Saturday 21 March	10am to 1pm
Andover Community Church , Charlton Rd, Andover SP10 3JH	Thursday 26 March	2pm to 6pm
Farnborough Library , Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough GU14 7JZ	Tuesday 14 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Hampshire County Council HQ , Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Monday 20 April	1pm to 5pm
Xperience Youth Centre , 70 Trinity St, Fareham PO16 7SJ	Tuesday 28 April	12pm to 4pm
Gosport Discovery Centre , High St, Gosport PO12 1BT	Thursday 30 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Alton Maltings Centre , 2 Maltings Close, Alton GU34 1DT	Thursday 7 May	2pm to 6pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre , Potters Walk, Basingstoke RG21 7LS	Tuesday 12 May	2pm to 6pm
Pavilion on the Park , 1 Kingfisher Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9LH	Friday 15 May	2pm to 6pm
Petersfield Festival Hall , Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4DZ	Monday 18 May	2pm to 6pm

To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer or scan the QR code.



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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 16th March- 20th March 2026

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
92.27%	97.83%	92.86%	94.48%	97.67%	98.21%

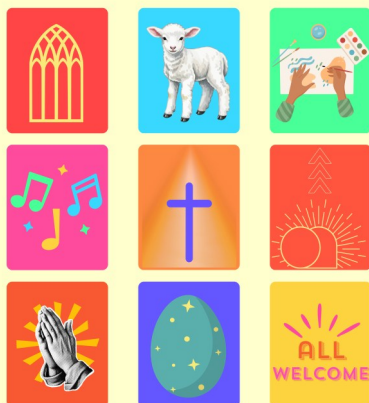


In collective worship this week We have been thinking about Spring.

Year R: Ask me about what Rosie asked us to look after?

Year 1: Ask me about how the animals pulled up the gigantic turnip?

Year 2: Ask me about hospitals before Florence Nightingale and hospitals after Florence Nightingale.



'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

WWW.MARCHWOODANDELINGPARISH.ORG/EASTER

EASTER IN MARCHWOOD AND ELING PARISH



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's Church, Eling
Wednesday 18th February at 10:11 am
Plus - 'ashes to go' prayer station set up in the St John's prayer space (in the Lady Chapel 10 am-4 pm on Ash Wednesday).



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Service
Fun - Faith - Tradition - Communion
Join us as we re-tell the story of Palm Sunday and celebrate communion together with some kids songs, waving palms, craft and refreshments after! Sunday 29th March 10:11:30 St. Mary's Church.

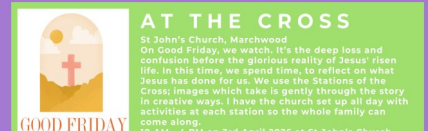


MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL AND COMMUNION

St John's Church, Marchwood
Come join us for a meal together, with moments of reflection as we journey through the story so far. The meal will end with a quiet communion and stripping of the altar before Good Friday - we leave in silence. 6-8 PM in the church hall, then moving to the church building. Book via the office or at the back of the church. Thursday 2nd April 2026 at St John's Church.

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AT THE CROSS

St John's Church, Marchwood
On Good Friday, we watch, it's the deep loss and confusion before the glorious reality of Jesus' risen life. In this time, we spend time, to reflect on what Jesus has done for us. We use the Stations of the Cross; images which take us gently through the story in creative ways. I have the church set up all day with activities at each station so the whole family can come along. 10 AM - 4 PM on 3rd April 2026 at St John's Church.



THE DAWN SERVICE

Meeting at Goatle Beach at 6am for a simple yet powerful service held at dawn. We will then bring the light into the Church with candles for a short reflection, followed by refreshments in St Mary's Church, Eling. 6am - 7.30am on 5th April 2026 St Mary's Church.



IT'S ALL GOOD-SUNDAY SERVICE AND EVENT!

It's All Good!
After the drama of the story and the sorrow of the night, today we celebrate that Jesus is risen! Come and party with us, with an all-age communion service, Easter egg hunt, baby animals, refreshments and fun activities! Easter Sunday 10 AM - 12.30 PM at St. John's Church.

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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



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.cinolla.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



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/

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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 Ciphers 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 8 Apr | 10.15am, 11.30am or
1.15pm | Tudor House | £6

Art for All: Clay Axolotls (5+)

Wed 8 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: MARVELlous 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



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