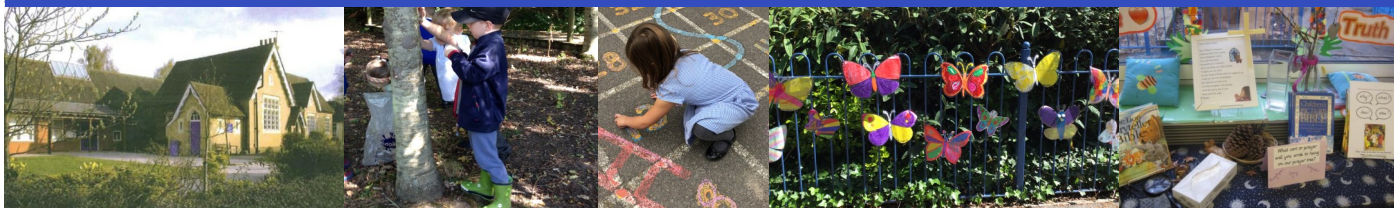


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27TH FEBRUARY 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

Welcome back—I hope everyone had a lovely half term and managed to get some rest but I know that's never easy when you have children at home. This time of year is one of my favourite, with the flowers starting to poke their heads through and the lighter nights and it's great to see gardening club back up and running. There is nothing better than knowing you have grown something from a small seed. On **Wednesday 4th at 9am** you have the opportunity to come and hear all about the school's vision for transforming play and break times and utilising all of our outdoor space. Don't worry if you can't make it, there will be another opportunity the following week.

Well done to everyone who has sent in photos of themselves reading in unusual places—if you want to see all the strange places then take a look at our [website](#) or our [facebook](#) page. There is still time to take part in this challenge or in our sponsored read!

A huge thank you this week to the Marchwood Men's Shed, who have helped us with the climbing frame and the grounds—we really do appreciate your help. The children in Y2 made some lovely thank you cards for them which you can see below.

Finally a huge well done to Rupert in Y2, who has managed to raise a whopping £235 with his running 10k in February. We are really proud of you! Don't forget to send in your nominations for children who are showing our Christian Values at home—we love being able to give them a shout out.

School reports are being placed in books bags today ahead of parent consultations next week.

Keep smiling and have a great weekend.

Sally Atkins



Parent Consultation Meetings

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Consultations on **3rd & 4th March** (Rowan class 3rd & 5th March). Most people have now booked, if you are having problems with booking an appointment please contact the school office.

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Diary Dates

March

- **MONDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 6TH**
BOOK WEEK
- **MONDAY 2ND**
EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM STARTS
- **MONDAY 2ND**
POP IN TO SHARE A BOOK 2PM
- **TUESDAY 3RD**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30PM-6.30PM
- **WEDNESDAY 4TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30PM-6.30PM
- **WEDNESDAY 4TH**
CLASS PHOTOS - SMART UNIFORM
- **WEDNESDAY 4TH**
OUTDOOR LEARNING MEETING 9AM
- **THURSDAY 5TH**
WORLD BOOK DAY-DRESS AS A BOOK CHARACTER
- **FRIDAY 6TH**
SPONSORED READ ENDS
- **MONDAY 9TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
- **TUESDAY 10TH**
GARDENING CLUB
- **TUESDAY 10TH**
OUTDOOR LEARNING MEETING 3.30PM
- **THURSDAY 12TH**
MOTHERING SUNDAY GIFT SALE
- **FRIDAY 13TH**
MUMS AFTERNOON 1.30PM-2.30PM (NO SIBLINGS)
- **THURSDAY 19TH**
ELM CLASS LED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 2.45PM
- **FRIDAY 20TH**
DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP MONEY
- **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**
LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

April

- **MONDAY 13TH**
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Bible Verse for the Week

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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World Book Week

- **Monday 2nd March** we will be inviting any parents who would like to share a book with groups of children into school from 2.00pm in the afternoon. Please return the slip or let your teacher know if you can attend.
- **World Book Day, Thursday 5th March**, will be a come to school dressed as a book character day. Please can we stress this does not mean you need to spend lots of money. Many websites offer cheap costume ideas that you can put together from things at home. Please ensure costumes and footwear are suitable for a busy day in school.
- **World Book Day Special Menu, Thursday 5th March**, ABM are celebrating WBD with a book themed menu, please see the next page. Allergies will be catered for. We hope as many children as possible join in.
- We hope you are enjoying taking part in our **sponsored reading event**. We hope to raise money for new and exciting books for our school library. Children can fill in a dinosaur paw print for each book read and on Friday 6th March we will see how far round the school playground we can make the footprints reach. Please return your reading log by the morning of **Friday 6th March** and any sponsorship money by **Friday 20th March**. Spare sponsorship forms are available from the office. It's not too late to take part!
- Anytime up to and including **5th March** please take pictures of your child reading in an 'unusual' place. These photo's can be either emailed to adminoffice@marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk or sent in with your child to share. A display will be made of all photos and prizes will be given for the most unusual places.

We hope your children will really enjoy this week in school and with your support we can continue to make reading for pleasure and fostering a lifelong love of books a high priority.

Mrs Fisher



Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Bellarose C, Jacob W and
Mila-Grace M

Oak Class

Eliana J-A and Joshua W

Elm Class

Phoebe M and Gypsy G

Rowan Class

David S and Findlay S

Beech Class

Negasi x and George R

Sycamore Class

Theodora J and Reggie S

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.

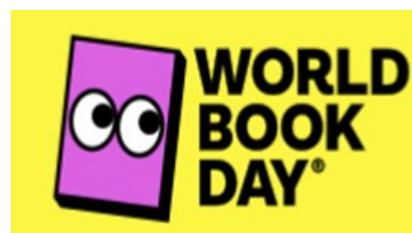
If your child is away, you may join us the following week.

Scholastic Book Club



Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-28DKTFZX>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 20p** for our school in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by March 5th, 2026**.



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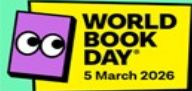
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Eat Them To Defeat Them

Over the next few weeks, your mission is to DEFEAT the VEG! Mission packs are in book bags today! Eat your veg at lunch time to get a sticker! Complete your mission at home and return the named sheet to get a certificate! Good luck!



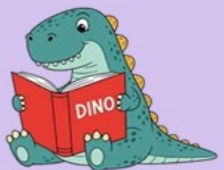


Menu

5th March

Charlie Buckets Chicken Nuggets
or
Peter Rabbits Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with
BFG Potato Wedges or chips
The Hungry Caterpillar Baked beans & peas

Assorted cookies



MIS Fundraising - Mothering Sunday Gift Shop

On **Thursday 12th March 2026** we are having a Mothering Sunday gift sale where the children will be able to buy a wonderful surprise gift for the mums and/or mother figures in their lives. The sale will take place during the morning at school. All children will have the opportunity to purchase **two** gifts and all gifts will be priced at £3.50 each. Payment can be made in cash (no loose money please) or via the school Shop on Arbor. These payments must be made in advance.

We are sure that all the children will enjoy taking part in this event and all funds raised will be used to enrich the learning experience for your children.

Thank you in advance for your support and we hope that you enjoy your gift.

Mrs Jerome



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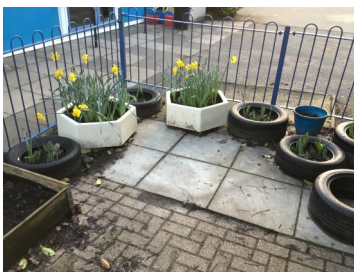
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Gardening Club

Gardening Club was back this week after our winter break. We had some new members join us from the waiting list too, and they were amazing at getting stuck in and getting dirty! This week, we turned the soil in the bed at the front of the school and planted some summer bulbs. We set up our compost area which will be ready to use in a few months. We also did some weeding and laid some bark around the pear tree to help protect it.

Mr Warren



Kids With Bricks

Kids With Bricks Club started again this week on Tuesday after school. The theme for this half term is **Incredible Inventions**.

This week the children created models of wheels. As you can imagine that was difficult to do with square and rectangular bricks, but the children rose to the challenge and the models were amazing!

The children learnt that about five and a half thousand years ago, in a place called Mesopotamia, people had a problem carrying very heavy things. Then someone had a brilliant idea to make a round disc that could turn and suddenly lots of heavy loads could be moved much easier and more quickly. The children discovered that since the first stone wheels, people have been getting more and more creative with them using them for various vehicles across the world as well as other objects which help to make everyday life easier.

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>



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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 February - 27th February 2026

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
90.87%	96.96%	98.21%	95.17%	98.33%	98.62%



"ASK ME ABOUT..."

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about Lent and hope.

Year R: Ask me about where we found Baby Bear?

Year 1: Ask me about how Hansel and Gretel escaped from the witch?

Year 2: Ask me about Super Kitty and Nefarious Norman!

**'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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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 Gostle 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.

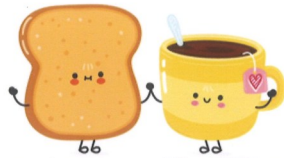
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Come in on a Friday after school for



Tea and Toast

@ The Gospel Church, Long Lane Marchwood.

Fill your Children (and yourselves!) up on free Toast and hot/ cold drinks.

Followed by activities to help the children blow off steam while their grown ups get a chance to relax before the weekend starts.

We end with a sing song and Bible story together



SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY

Let's Celebrate: Free Family Activity Day for the Gallery Reopening

Saturday 7th March / 11am - 4pm / FREE

To celebrate Southampton City Art Gallery's reopening after our refurbishment, we are pleased to announce a FREE Family Activity! Please click on the following link for more information regarding the event [Let's Celebrate: Free Family Activity Day for the Gallery Reopening - Ticketing.](#)

Running from 11am to 4pm, there will be loads of fun activities for families to take part in, including having your face painted as an Impressionist painting, enjoy making cool things inspired by the artwork on display, visit our children's Play Gallery and even enjoy some storytelling in The Perseus Series! All for FREE!

Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!



www.yourspacetherapies.org

Dates: Thursday 2nd April and Friday 10th April
Time: 9.30am - 2pm
Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!

What to Expect:

- ♥ Mindfulness Time with Ponies
- 🐾 Pony Care
- 🐾 Riding and Mounted Games
- 🌱 Connect with Arts and Nature
- 👫 Make New Friends

Click the link to book the day of your choice:

Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!
Friday 10th April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!

Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27th MARCH.

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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HOLIDAY CLUBS
Action Packed Holiday Club FUN!!

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

@ BARTLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL
New Forest

Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April

£30 PER DAY OR JUST £110 FOR ALL 4 DAYS!!
10% DISCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS!!
8.30PM TO 4.30PM
EXTENDED DAY PASSES TO 5.30PM
HALF DAYS FOR YEAR R's UNDER 5 (Ace Mini's)

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