

Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

6TH FEBRUARY 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

Another wet week! We welcomed Rev Lauren in this week who spoke to the children about Hope and I know we are all hoping for a sunny day some time soon. Fingers crossed half term will be kind to us.

Next Thursday there is a workshop on **managing challenging behaviour** in school from 9-10.30. This will give parents / carers some new skills and also give you a chance to ask any questions. If you are interested please let the school office know.

Girl's football started last week and it has been great seeing the children outside whatever the weather. The children have been learning how to work as a team as well as refining their skills with the ball. Maybe we have some future Lionesses at the school.

Keep an eye out for an email asking for PTA support this week. After looking at our constitution it turns out that the PTA is open to all family members, friends of the school and members of the community. If you know of anyone who may be able to support us then please ask them to let us know—grandparents and extended family are more than welcome!

Please can I remind parents and carers dropping off about the parking restrictions along Twiggs lane. The preschool have notified me of several people parking on the double yellow lines or completing a three point turn at the junction. I have spoken to the PCSO who will be attending the school during busy times to observe what is happening. Please remember to drive carefully and please only drive into the car park if you have permission and a valid parking permit. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Have a happy weekend.

Sally Atkins

Parent Consultation Meetings

Booking for Parent Consultations on **3rd & 4th March** (Rowan class 3rd&5th March), are now open on Arbor. If you are having trouble getting onto Arbor, please ask the office for a reset link to be sent. Remember your Arbor account is linked to the email we have on file for you.

If you are having problems with booking an appointment please contact/pop into the school office.

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Diary Dates

February

- **THURSDAY 12TH**
CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP
9AM -10.30AM
- **THURSDAY 12TH**
GIRLS FOOTBALL TASTER SESSION 3
- **SATURDAY 14TH**
SPONSORED READ BEGINS
- **MONDAY 16TH -FRIDAY 20TH**
HALF TERM BREAK
- **MONDAY 23RD**
GARDENING CLUB STARTS
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
SPRING REPORTS TO PARENTS

March

- **MONDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 6TH**
BOOK WEEK
- **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
- **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
- **FRIDAY 13TH**
MUMS AFTERNOON 1.30PM-2.30PM
(NO SIBLINGS)
- **FRIDAY 20TH**
DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP MONEY
- **THURSDAY 26TH**
EASTER SERVICE, ST JOHN'S CHURCH
*2PM -PARENTS INVITED (*CHANGE OF TIME)
- **THURSDAY 26TH**
SPRING DISCO 4PM-6.30PM
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Bible Verse for the Week

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

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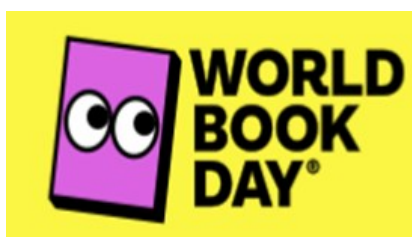
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Challenging Behaviour Workshop

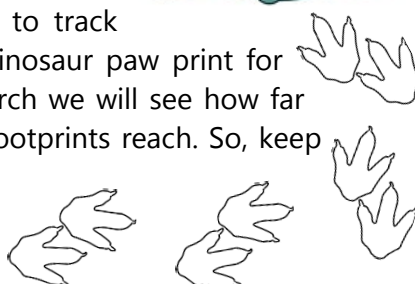
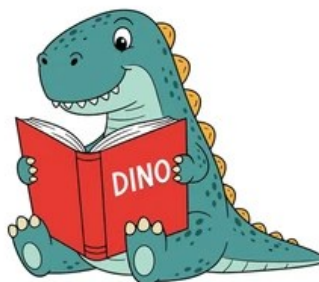
Please register your interest with the school office.



<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

World Book Week - Sponsored Read

In the run up to World Book Week on 2nd March, we are running a **sponsored read** to raise funds to buy some new and exciting books for our school library. Starting half term week and finishing at the end of Book week, we would like as many children as possible to take part. Next week children will bring home a sponsor form and reading log sheet to track their books. They can then fill in a dinosaur paw print for each book read and on Friday 6th March we will see how far round the school we can make the footprints reach. So, keep reading over half term!



Mrs Fisher

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS You are invited to... **NHS**

Challenging Behaviour Workshop

WHEN: Thursday 12th February 2026, 9.00-10.30
WHERE: Marchwood C of E Infants School
WHAT: Presentation and chat

A face-to-face **presentation** with time for questions and conversation. Open to all parents and carers from Marchwood Infants

What to Expect:
Experienced mental health practitioners from your school's Mental Health Support Team will cover key topics and share strategies to support children with challenging behaviours. After the presentation, there will be time to ask questions or discuss with the experts.

Topics covered:
→ Understanding what we mean by challenging behaviour
→ Exploring common causes
→ Exploring what keeps these behaviours going?
→ Practical ways to help your child
→ Useful resources to support you
→ Time for questions and discussion

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS
Services delivered in partnership with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System. hampshirescamhs.nhs.uk

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Elijah H and Henry C

Oak Class

George W and Primrose J

Elm Class

Noah T and Arlow W

Rowan Class

Pasha P and Willow C

Beech Class

Finnley H and Negasi X

Sycamore Class

Isabel F and Jackson-Roy J

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.

In-Car Safety

The Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Part of this education includes ensuring young people are travelling with correct restraints. Are you aware that 37% of children are in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height? The Road Safety Team would like to share this car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people's children and how to fit different types of car seat. To read this informative leaflet, please visit –[in car safety guide](#)



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Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is the **Winter Olympics**.

This week the children created models of a log cabin. The models were fantastic! The children learnt that in 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo, a glamorous ski resort in Italy, hosted the first Winter Olympics to be televised. The athletes stayed in wooden mountain cabins with timber walls, stone fireplaces and thick blankets to keep out the cold. The children discovered that the 2026 Winter Olympics, which starts on **Friday 6th February**, is being held there again.

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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FUEL FOR YOUNG MINDS

PARENT SURVEY

How are we doing?

We would love to hear your thoughts!

Take 5 to fill in our online survey, where you can tell us what you think about our catering service.

QR code linking to the survey.

We look forward to collating your responses, making improvements and giving you the food and service you really want.



Is Your Child Water Competent?

Did you know?
Only around 4% of seven to eleven year olds in England meet all four core swimming competencies set out by Swim England

Swim England Competencies

- ☐ Tread water for at least 30 seconds
- ☐ Perform a star float for at least 60 seconds
- ☐ Have experience of swimming in clothing
- ☐ Swim at least 100 metres with ease and without stopping

At Swim Academy, we teach all of these and so much more.
We build stronger, safer, and more confident swimmers.

QR code linking to the sign up page.

SIGN UP NOW

New Forest District Council, Freedom Leisure, and other partner logos.

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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 2nd February - 6th February 2026

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
93.5%	99.06%	99.31%	95.86%	98.33%	97.93%



In collective worship this week we have been thinking about having the courage to say no when something is not right.

Year R: Ask me, what is a split pin?

Year 1: Ask me how do I wash a woolly mammoth?

Year 2: Ask me why the Torah is a special book for Jewish people?

MARCHWOOD AND ELING PARISH

TOT'S CAFE

TUESDAYS 9.30 - 11AM

DONATIONS TOWARDS REFRESHMENTS WELCOME

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ELING

PRE-SCHOOL AGE TERM TIME ONLY

TOYS - SNACKS - FUN - SONGS - STORIES

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February Half Term at St Barbe

Mon 16 February
St Barbe Out and About - FREE Family Activity
 Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free | Pennington
 We've popped over to Pennington to bring you some family fun activities inspired by our Kurt Jackson - Lymington River exhibition.
 Find us at St Mark's Community Hall, Pennington SO41 8EJ

Tue 17 February
Splatter Art
 Ages 8+ | 10am-12noon | £8 | Limited places | Adult supervision required for under 13s | Book via website
 Have a go at painting like Kurt Jackson, using different mediums and techniques. Dress for mess!

Wed 18 February
St Barbe Out and About - FREE Family Activity
 Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free | Sway
 We've skipped over to Sway to bring you some family fun activities inspired by our Kurt Jackson - Lymington River exhibition.
 Find us at Sway Village Hall SO41 6BB

Thurs 19 February
Go with the Flow
 Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm | Free Drop-in
 River themed crafts inspired by our Kurt Jackson - Lymington River exhibition.

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

16-20 FEBRUARY 2026

FUNSEEKERS CAMP

8.30am - 4.30pm daily
 Open to all children in Year 2 - Year 8

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- MONDAY** Trip to Moors Valley Country Park
- TUESDAY** Chocolate Workshop with Miss Witt
- WEDNESDAY** Arts and Crafts
- THURSDAY** Chocolate Workshop with Miss Witt
- FRIDAY** Trip to Owl and Reptile Centre

Explorers: (Y2 - Y8): 1-3 days: £50 per day
 4+ days: £45 per day
 Sibling discounts

Scan or click the QR code to book

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WHAT'S ON January - April 2025

SOUTHAMPTON City of Opportunity

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Hands on History: Castles and Catapults (6+)
Mon 16 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Introducing Acrylics - Winter Scenes (8+)
Mon 16 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Tour for All: Saxons, Vikings and Normans Walking Tour
Tue 17 Feb | 11am | Tudor House | £10 (accompanying children FREE)

Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)
Tue 17 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Great Fire of London Clay Scenes (5+)
Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Bluey Inspired Pen Pots (3+)
Wed 18 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: K Pop Demon Hunters Clay Sculpture (6+)
Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

NEW FOR 2026
Toddler Time: Characterful Dogs! (under 4s and friends)
Thu 19 Feb | 10.30am | SeaCity | £6

Hands on History: Awesome Egyptians (7+)
Fri 20 Feb | 10.30am, 1pm | SeaCity | £8

Junior Art School: Go Wild with Wool (7 - 13 years)
Drop off your young people
Fri 20 Feb | 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.
Cruise Adventures
Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18 Feb

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

An all-in-one childcare solution this half-term

FAIRTHORNE HOLIDAY CLUB

YMCA

Breakfast & Dinner Club available!

YMCA Fairthorne Manor
SO30 2GH
01489 785228
Half Day - £15
Full Day - £33
Find out more

ACE SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS
Action Packed Holiday Club **FUN!!**

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

@ BARTLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL
New Forest

Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th February

£29 PER DAY OR JUST £82 FOR ALL 3 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)

CHECK OUT OUR EASTER & SUMMER CLUBS ONLINE!!

childcare vouchers accepted!!
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acesportsandeducation.com

FREE PLACES FOR 'BENEFITS RELATED' FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

JC Sports Development

FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTI-ACTIVITY FUN DAYS

NERF WARS WATER FIGHTS TENNIS DODGEBALL ARCHERY FOOTBALL AXE THROWING & MANY MORE!

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th February (Four Days)

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