

Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

12TH DECEMBER 2025



Message from Mrs Atkins

This week has been full of festive fun. Some of our amazing Year 2 children went to Oaklands Rest Home and showed off their singing and dancing skills to all the residents there. It was joyous to see the different generations coming together and celebrating our community. YR also performed their nativity at the church and it was brilliant to see them all dressed up in their outfits looking very cute. Finally, we held our Christingle service today, where the children learnt more about the meaning of Advent and what the decoration of the oranges represents— thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

Don't forget that Marchwood village is holding it's annual Christmas fayre this Saturday from 3 - 8pm. The infant school will have a stall where people can play the tombola, and buy raffle tickets for our wonderful hampers. Please come and say hello and support if you can.

I can hardly believe that a term has gone by since I joined this lovely school. I have loved getting to know all the children, staff and parents and thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and settled. The community around the school is very important to me and I have been lucky enough to meet with some prominent figures, including the head of APB and the military welfare officer. By working together with the community, we can ensure that our children are supported by as many people as possible.

If you have a child who is due to start school next September then remember that the deadline to apply online is 15th January 2026 to secure your place.

Have a great weekend.

Sally Atkins

Christmas Lunch

We hope as many of the children as possible will join us for our whole school Christmas lunch on Thursday. All of the children sit together and are served by teachers. Please note the change of Wednesdays menu below.

Weds 17th Dec: Mild Beef Chilli with rice/Vegetable Enchilada/Pasta

Thurs 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch, see last page. No Purple option today. Allergies will be catered for.

*Please note that the first week of the Spring term will start with week two winter menu.



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Diary Dates

December

- **SATURDAY 13TH**
MARCHWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3PM-8PM
- **TUESDAY 16TH**
CHRISTMAS POST BOX CLOSES
- **TUESDAY 16TH**
KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
Y1 - 9.45AM Y2 - 1.45PM
- **WEDNESDAY 17TH**
KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
Y2 - 9.45AM Y1 - 1.45PM
- **THURSDAY 18TH**
WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- **THURSDAY 18TH**
MIS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN
- **THURSDAY 18TH**
POP-UP CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP 3PM
- **FRIDAY 19TH**
ROCK STEADY CONCERT - BY INVITATION
- **FRIDAY 19TH**
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

January

- **MONDAY 5TH**
FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
- **THURSDAY 15TH**
Y2 TRIP TO BEAULIEU MOTOR MUSEUM AND HOUSE
- **THURSDAY 29TH**
ROWAN CLASS LED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
ROWAN CLASS PARENTS INVITED. 2.45PM

Bible Verse for the Week

Luke 2:10,11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people. Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

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Message from Roger, Chair of Governors

At the end of September you would have received a letter inviting you to join the school Governors as a Parent Governor. We have not received any applications so far so you still have a chance. A Parent Governor is a very important part of the Team. You would not be a parent representative but you will provide a parent's perspective to our discussions. It will give you the opportunity to be really involved with the school, understanding how the school is performing on such things as quality of education, behaviour, attendance, budget and safe guarding. You will also be invited into the school to observe its working. We meet two times every half term starting at 4.45 pm for a couple of hours. Training will be provided, usually on-line, and you will be allocated an experienced Governor as a buddy to work with. You will be part of a great team that is very friendly. I would be happy to discuss this further with interested parties.

Happy Christmas from Roger, Chair of Governors

Oaklands Rest Home

Some Year 2 children visited the residents at Oaklands Rest Home this week to spread a little Christmas cheer.

They beautifully sang some Christmas carols and danced for them. The smiles on the faces of the residents said it all!

We're very proud of all the children who came along. They represented our school wonderfully and made some elderly members of our local community very happy.

Mrs Jerome



MIS Christmas Fundraising Events

We have no less than 11 lovely hampers to win each containing festive treats and voucher prizes. **You've got to be in it to win it!** The hampers can be viewed in the foyer. Don't miss our last Christmas Gift shop on Thursday 18th, The shop will also be available on Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas Performances, Year R parents are welcome to pop in too.



£1 per ticket, available from the school office
Return the money & stubs with details completed by 17.12.25.

Draw to take place Thursday 18th December.

Thank you for your support.

MIS Fundraising Team



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Year 2 Gymnastics Festival

Some children in Year 2 attended a Gymnastic Festival at Noadswood School last Friday afternoon. They learnt some brilliant new skills and had the opportunity to practise these skills using the wonderful facilities. The Young Leaders at Noadswood were fantastic when it came to encouraging and supporting our children to improve the skills they'd learnt.

It was a brilliant afternoon and our Year 2 children were an absolute credit to our school. Thanks to NFSSP for organising this wonderful opportunity for our children.

There'll be lots more opportunities coming up in the new year.

Mrs Jerome, PE Lead



Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **The Farm**.

This week the children created models of a scarecrow. The models were amazing!

The children learnt that scarecrows have been used by farmers to protect their crops for hundreds of years. The idea of a scarecrow is older than that, going back thousands of years. In ancient Egypt, farmers put up wooden figures to protect wheat along the Nile. In Japan they made scarecrows out of bamboo and old rags.

The children discovered that the world's tallest scarecrow was more than 9 metres high, which is taller than a house!

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>



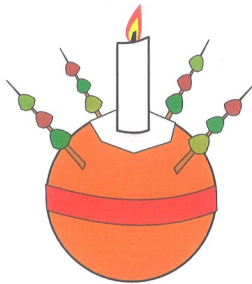
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Christingle Service



Monday December 22nd

St John's Church, Marchwood
3:30pm

Children to be accompanied by an adult

messychurchmarchwood@gmail.com

www.messychurch.org.uk



For unto us
a child is born!

With Marchwood
Churches Together



Rainy weather version!

**Come along at 4pm for all
the fun plus a roof!**



**The Pop Up
NATIVITY**
change of plan!

Doors at 4pm for a
4.30pm Start

Come sing some carols and meet the
people from the Christmas story and
find out why this season is SO joyful!



more Christmas fun at www.marchwoodandelingparish.org/christmas

CHRISTMAS 2025
IN THE PARISH
**ST JOHN'S
CHURCH
MARCHWOOD**

**MARCHWOOD
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
Well Christmas has arrived in
Marchwood! At the Christmas Fayre
There will be a book stall, roof tiles and
a tombola to raise money for
St John's Church roof! Plus much more!
**13th December, 3pm-8pm Marchwood
Village centre and Village Hall.**

LIVE NATIVITY

We are giddy with excitement to
bring you the LIVE NATIVITY - with
real farm animals, refreshments,
Nativity trail - this is set to be a
special Christmas event! **14th
December at 4pm-7pm Donations
welcome! Book your 'Nativity Trail'
slot via the website.**

CAN YOU FIND JESUS?
Jesus is coming! In Advent we wait for
Christmas Day when we celebrate Jesus'
Birth! We thought we would challenge
you to find 'pebble Jesus' all around the
Parish! Tag us on social media
@marchwoodandelingparish - we will be
showing all the found Jesus photos at the
LIVE NATIVITY and Christmas Morning!
Running throughout Advent!

**MESSY CHURCH
CHRISTINGLE**
We know we have some crafty folk
in the Parish! Come join the Messy
Church Team for a crafty
Christingle! Aimed at kids but fun
for the whole family!
22nd December 3.30pm - 4.30pm

**JESUS' BIRTHDAY
PARTY!!**
We love Christmas because it's Jesus'
Birthday and He likes to share the gifts
all around! Find out about the BIGGEST
GIFT Jesus shares with us at Jesus'
Birthday Party! **25th December at 10am**

WWW.MARCHWOODANDELINGPARISH.ORG/CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS 2025
IN THE PARISH
**ST MARY'S
CHURCH
ELING**

**TOT'S CAFE
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Do you have pre school aged
children? Come along to our
Tot's Cafe Christmas Party! Let's
have some Christmas Fun!
**Tuesday 17th December at
9.30am - 11am**

**WHOLE PARISH CAROLS &
LESSONS WITH MILITARY
WIVES CHOR**

The reason for the season has a name, Jesus, Emmanuel -
come join the whole parish for worship with lessons and
carols in the stunning setting of St Mary's Church, Eling.
Sunday 21st December at 10am - NB no service at St
John's Church this week.

**CAN YOU FIND JESUS?
THIS CHRISTMAS?**
Help us find Jesus this season, hidden all around St
Mary's and Eling are little pebble Jesus's. If you find
one let us know by tagging us
@marchwoodandelingparish on social media - we will
show the pictures at the LIVE NATIVITY and
Christmas morning! **Running throughout Advent!**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Come a long to this traditional and
symbolic Christmas Service where
we tell the good news of Jesus with
the help of an orange! This service
gives nostalgic vibes that will last
you until Christmas and beyond!
24th December at 4pm

MIDNIGHT MASS
Come and join us for a time of worship.
There will be carols and communion
**11pm on 24th December at
St Mary's Church, Eling.**
There's nothing like welcoming the Prince of
Peace by celebrating the peace and
communion together!

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You are invited to... **NHS**

Challenging Behaviour Workshop

WHEN:
Thursday 12th February 2026

WHERE: 9am-10.30am

Marchwood C of E Infants School

WHAT: Presentation and chat

WHO:

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 behav-
iours going?
- Practical ways to help your child
- Useful resources to support you
- Time for questions and discussion



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Get Togethers

4th December, 10-12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA -

10th December, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viabes Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

16th December, 10-12pm: Eastleigh - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH - ****SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support****

17th December, 8-9pm: online Evening - Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

19th December, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD

Join us

- Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

Hampshire SENDIASS

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Eastleigh** session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.

For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk

Become a Parent Representative!

Join Hampshire Parent Carer Network and help shape better services for families.

Your Role

- Share your experiences as a parent carer to help shape children's services.
- Ensure parents' voices influence key decisions.
- Work with professionals to improve services for children with disabilities.

What's Involved

- Attend relevant meetings or events (with another HPCN member if possible).
- Share short written feedback within 2 weeks.
- Respond to topic-related requests and help at events.
- Join training sessions and promote our work

Time Commitment

Flexible - even one hour a month can make a difference! Training and support provided.

We'll Support You

Advice, guidance, and training Reimbursement for travel and related expenses.

Are you interested? For more information Contact: Participation@hpcn.org.uk

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HAMPSHIRE CAMHS

INFORMATION AND ADVICE SESSIONS 2026

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT A YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL HEALTH?

10am - 2pm

The Arc, Jewry Street Winchester, SO23 8SB

This is an opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.

Bookable slots available via our website or just drop in.

hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

NHS

7 Jan 1 July
4 Feb 5 Aug
4 March 2 Sept
1 April 7 Oct
6 May 4 Nov
3 June 2 Dec

BURNOUT IN THE LEAD-UP TO CHRISTMAS

with a guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

17th December - 11am - online Session

Join Ellie as she shares her lived experience of autism, ADHD, and navigating the pressures of the festive season.

Ellie brings honest insight as an ADHD, Autistic adult, and mum to two autistic teenagers. A supportive, relatable session to help you make the festive period more manageable.

This session will explore:

- What burnout can look and feel like in the run-up to Christmas
- Why the festive period can be particularly challenging for autistic and ADHD individuals
- Practical techniques and preparation strategies from Ellie's lived experience
- How parents and caregivers can support autistic or ADHD young people during this time
- Ways to reduce overwhelm and create a more manageable, meaningful holiday season

To book onto this session please use our Tickettallor link: <https://www.tickettallor.com/events/hpcn>

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The Play Park Romsey

Where little adventures begin.

Unit 3, Romsey Industrial Estate,
Greatbridge Rd, SO51 0HR
Open Thursdays - Mondays
www.ThePlayPark.com



WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- Play Sessions & Cafe
- Childminder Discounts
- Birthday Parties
- Exclusive Hires

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Open from 9.15 - 17.45

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Our passionate team of instructors will help your child overcome those initial first fears and discover a love for the water.

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In collective worship this week we have been thinking about the Christmas Story. On our Advent wreath, we lit the third candle for love and the fourth for joy.

Year R: Ask me about the character I played in the Nativity and why they are an important part of the story.

Year 1: Ask me what do the five candles on the Advent wreath represent?

Year 2: Ask me about how to measure in centimetres?

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 8th December - 12th December 2025

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
95.24%	91.82%	95.17%	96.79%	95%	92.14%

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Merry Christmas!

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December

Roast Turkey, mini sausage
or Quorn Fillet, mini veg sausage
With Yorkshire Pudding

Roast Potatoes
Carrots, Peas, Gravy

Festive Iced
Shortbread Biscuit