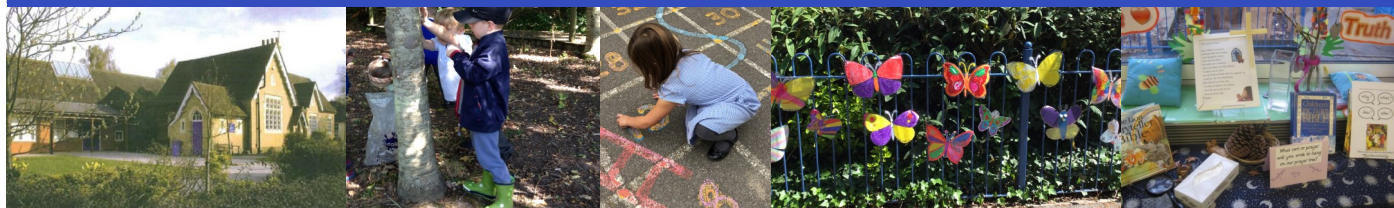


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Message from Mrs Atkins

As usual at this time of year, I have noticed over the last few weeks an increase in the amount of children having time off with illness. As a parent myself, I understand that sometimes children get ill and need some time to recuperate. It is worth noting however that the average child will have 5 days of illness over a whole school year and that Government considers an attendance of less than 90% as persistent absenteeism. This means children lose valuable learning and socialising time. Please make sure you follow school procedure when a child is not attending and call or email into school as soon as possible. Further information can be found on our website.

<https://www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk/health-and-medicines/>

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas raffle this week, as you know money raised by parents has a positive impact on your child's education and allows us to ensure we have discounted trip costs and additional enrichment activities such as discos. If you are connected with a local business then please ask if they would consider donating a raffle prize for the draw. Raffle tickets go on sale from Monday and there will be an envelope containing 2 books of tickets in your book bag. Please feel free to sell these to family and friends. Extra tickets are available from the school office.



The children have been continuing to enjoy using the track for running and scootering, and the addition of litter pickers and brooms at lunch and playtime has caused much excitement! One child even managed to pick up 4 hula hoops at once! Play is such an important part of a child's learning and allows the children a chance to think critically and take managed risks.

This is an exciting time for children and thank you to all the parents who attended our Christmas art day, the school looks very festive. The Christmas post box will be open from 1st - 16th December, if children wish to bring in cards for each other. Please make sure they are addressed with a name and class. This is a very busy time of year please keep an eye on dates for all our Christmas events.

Finally don't forget to feedback to the school using the parent questionnaire accessed via the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUzRazwSJ1GhfeJ5ck6JVq1o78bNzQQUYOICWBH5u6isNd3g/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Have a great weekend.

Sally Atkins

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Diary Dates

December

- **MONDAY 1ST**
CHRISTMAS POST BOX OPEN
- **THURSDAY 4TH**
POP-UP CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP 3PM
- **FRIDAY 5TH**
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- DONATION TO SCHOOL CHARITY, OAKHAVEN
- **FRIDAY 5TH**
PRAZIN HANDS PUPPETS
- **SUNDAY 7TH**
OAKHAVEN SANTA DASH
<https://www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash/>
- **THURSDAY 11TH**
YEAR R NATIVITY - ST JOHNS CHURCH, 2PM
- **THURSDAY 11TH**
POP-UP CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP 3PM
- **FRIDAY 12TH**
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, ST JOHNS CHURCH ALL WELCOME - 2PM
- **SATURDAY 13TH**
MARCHWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3PM-8PM
- **TUESDAY 16TH**
CHRISTMAS POST BOX CLOSURES
- **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

Bible Verse for the Week

Psalm 31:24

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

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MIS Christmas Fundraising Events

Don't forget our first Pop-up Christmas gift shop is on Thursday along side the tuck shop. This is an ideal opportunity for children to buy reasonably priced gifts for family and friends. Card and Cash payments will be available. If the weather is poor the shop will be in the foyer, just come on in!



- **Monday 1st December** - Raffle books go on sale. £1 a ticket. (Drawn Thursday 18th December)
- **Saturday 13th December** - 3pm-8pm, visit our stall at the Marchwood Village Christmas Fayre
- Pop-Up Christmas Gift shop (along side the Tuck Shop). **Afterschool on Thursday 4th, 11th and 18th December.** If the weather is poor the Tuck and Christmas shop will be in the main foyer.

MIS Fundraising Team



Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Ava G and Mila-Grace M

Oak Class

Primrose J and Addison M

Elm Class

Victor-Lee A and Noah T

Rowan Class

Zara V and Arielle F

Beech Class

Elijah E and Finnley H

Sycamore Class

Ayla S and Axel 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.

Kids With Bricks

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

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

The children learnt that cows have been living alongside people for thousands of years. They give milk to make butter, cheese and other things or are bred for meat. The children discovered that cows take part in beauty competitions. The cows are brushed and polished until they shine and the winners receive colourful rosettes. The winners can even help their farms become famous!

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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You are invited to...

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

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

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.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

Service delivered in partnership with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System.

hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk

EARLY STAGES
4-6 YEAR OLDS

MAIN STAGES
6-14 YEAR OLDS

New Term 10th Jan!

Book your 2 week trial: stagecoach.co.uk/totton

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Testwood School, Saturdays, during term time

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A Handy update!

November 2025

Welcome to our Christmas update 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!

CHRISTMAS!

This year, Waterside Christmas appeal is back. The project involves ourselves, Fawley Youth Life and Lisa Hayes working with local businesses and the wider community to ensure every child on the Waterside wakes up to the magic of Christmas with presents and treats...

If you feel you can support our appeal, please get in touch or find the Facebook group 'Waterside Christmas appeal.' If you, or someone you know, needs our support this year - please just get in touch.

Hythe and Marchwood hub sessions -

Our weekly sessions will end with a Christmas party on the 2nd of December for Marchwood, and the 3rd of December for Hythe. In the weeks after, you can catch us out with some Christmas tunes and fun around the Waterside!

We will return as normal on the 13th and 14th January 2026.

The Handy Trust

[@thehandytrust](https://www.facebook.com/thehandytrust)

[@thehandytrust](https://www.instagram.com/thehandytrust)

[@thehandytrust](https://www.tiktok.com/@thehandytrust)

Find us online:

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-6pm 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' Birthday! We thought we would challenge you to find 'pebble Jesus' all around the Parish! Tag us on social media @marchwoodandellingparish - 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**

CHRISTMAS 2025 IN THE PARISH

ST MARY'S CHURCH ELLING

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, Elling.

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 Elling are little pebble Jesus's. If you find one let us know by tagging us @marchwoodandellingparish 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, Elling.**

There's nothing like welcoming the Prince of Peace by celebrating the peace and communion together!

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"ASK ME ABOUT..."

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about

Year R: Ask me about who visited us during our PE lesson?

Year 1: Ask me about what my stick became?

Year 2: Ask me about what disgusting ingredients I added to my own Rascally Cake Recipe and how I described them using adventurous adjectives.

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 24th November - 28th November 2025

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
93.45%	99.43%	95.18%	96.43%	100%	95.26%

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