

Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

17TH OCTOBER 2025



Message from Mrs Atkins

It was great to see so many parents in school this week, either taking part in our PINS meeting about neurodiversity in children, attending parents evenings or joining us for our Celebration Collective Worship. The relationship between school and families is very important to us and we would like to continue to encourage you to pop in and share any concerns or happy news that you have. Our door is always open. I know you will join me in thanking our fabulous teachers for spending their evenings meeting you all.

Don't forget to attend our **PTA AGM on 21st October at 6.30pm**. We would love to continue to work with parents to offer our children a range of fun activities, like Christmas shopping day and school discos, and to raise much needed funds for the school.

Next week is Harvest Festival and I hope that we see lots of you there. We have been looking at different crops in our Collective Worship and how they can grow if we care for them properly. The children were interested in how such small seeds can grow into trees or food for our tables. And we discussed how as children we want them to grow and flourish too, both in their education and as kind, thoughtful people. We learnt that if the world was represented by 10 people, only 3 of them would have enough to eat, so we thank you in advance for any donations you could make to our food bank collection. By helping others we are developing our own capacity for love and making sure our children understand how to care for others.

Have a lovely weekend

Sally Atkins

Conker Competition

Our annual conker competition is running over the coming weeks, inviting children to find the biggest and the best! There will be a certificate for the biggest conker (not to be confused with the most conkers!) You can only enter one conker so choose your biggest! All entries should be sent to Mrs Atkins, clearly marked with the child's name and class. Our conker competition closes on **Friday 24th October**.



ISSUE 7

Diary Dates

October

- **TUESDAY 21ST**
Y1 TRIP TO MARWELL ZOO
- **TUESDAY 21ST**
PTA AGM
ALL WELCOME (ADULTS ONLY) 6.30PM
SCHOOL HALL
- **WEDNESDAY 22ND**
YR PARENTS CURRICULUM MEETING
6.00PM-7.00PM
- **THURSDAY 23RD**
HARVEST SERVICE- ST JOHNS CHURCH
9.45-10.30AM, ALL WELCOME
- **THURSDAY 23RD**
AUTUMN DISCO
- **FRIDAY 24TH**
FRASER PORTRAITS ORDER DEADLINE
FOR FREE DELIVERY
- **MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST**
HALF TERM BREAK

November

- **TUESDAY 4TH - MONDAY 10TH**
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL
2.45PM - 3.45PM
- **FRIDAY 14TH**
CHILDREN IN NEED
- **FRIDAY 14TH**
PINS WORKSHOP 1-2PM,
ALL PARENTS WELCOME
- **WEDNESDAY 20TH**
NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS
- **WEDNESDAY 20TH**
MHST ANXIETY COURSE 9AM
- **THURSDAY 27TH**
CHRISTMAS ART DAY - PARENT HELP
NEEDED
- **FRIDAY 28TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Bible Verse for the Week

Isaiah 40 31:

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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PTA AGM

Tuesday 21st October 2025, 6:30pm. School Hall. Refreshments provided.

All parents are invited to this meeting so please come and find out about what we do, give your ideas and show your support. It would be a real shame if the PTA had to close after so many years of creating memories and supporting our lovely village school.

Thank you

WIN SFC U21 Tickets!

Enter at the school office or tuck stall.

WIN FAMILY TICKETS FOR THE GAME!
(2 adults and children go free)
£3 A NUMBER!

**MAKE IT A HALF TERM
TO REMEMBER!
SAINTS U21S VS REAL MADRID**



WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER | KO 7PM



This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Mila P and Alfred G

Oak Class

Maddison F and Kodi M

Elm Class

Phoebe M and Miller B

Rowan Class

Travis P and Ava S

Beech Class

Vara D and Reggie H

Sycamore Class

Oliver K and Josiah W

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.

Autumn Disco

**AUTUMN
DISCO**

Thursday 23rd October

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

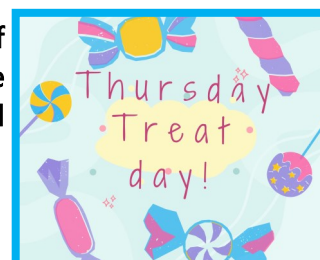
Tuck - Glow toys



Tickets will cost £3.50. Please order your tickets by returning the letter slip, for cash payments, or pay by card via the 'Clubs' area on Arbor.

Great News! To avoid the queues, we will also be opening the tuck shop after school on Wednesday 22nd October for disco tuck only. Your child can choose their treat and this will be put in a named bag for them to enjoy at snack time at the disco. We will also be selling glow toys (£3.00 each)

We need extra help to run this event so if you can volunteer for one or multiple sessions, please email adminoffice@marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk to let us know in advance.



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Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **The Ancient World**.

The children created models of part of the Great Wall of China. The models were amazing!

The children learnt that the Great Wall of China was started over 2000 years ago, when the first Emperor of China decided to protect his land from northern invaders. It continued to be built over many centuries, the wall stretches thousands of miles with ramparts, trenches and gates.

The children discovered that in some places the people building the wall crushed sticky rice into the mortar to help hold the bricks together, this helped to make the wall stronger!

Last week thanks to so many votes Marchwood C of E Infant School achieved first place for their entry. Well, done! In addition to winning first place position the week before Rupert received a special certificate and a bar of chocolate from the Kids With Bricks team in the post. Well done, Rupert!

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>



Children in Need - Spotty Day!

We are supporting Children In Need on **Friday 14th November**.

The children can wear something spotty to school for a donation for this very worthwhile charity. We will have our collection buckets out for cash or we have our own Just Giving page to collect your donations, which is already live! Just click on the picture below or scan the QR code to donate.



In the run up to Children In Need day, ABM our catering providers are running an exciting competition for the children. Design your own Pudsey! Make sure your design has your name and class written clearly on the reverse, and hand it to the kitchen staff.

Thank you for your support.



On 14th November abm Catering will be supporting BBC Children in Need.

We are holding a
'DESIGN YOUR OWN PUDSEY'
competition

The winning design will receive a special gift from us.

Please hand in your entries by Friday 14th November to your School Catering Manager.....

We're supporting children in Need

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Harvest Festival

We will be supporting Waterside Food Bank to celebrate Harvest. Donations can be brought into school from **Monday 20th October**. Please see the list for ideas of what to donate. Food items must be in good condition and in date.

The service will be on **Thursday 23rd October** at St John's Church, Marchwood, 9.45am -10.30am. All of our families are invited to attend. We will also be looking for parent help (otherwise child free) to walk to and from the church. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help. Thank you



Food Shortages

400g Potatoes (tinned)

400g Rice Pudding

100g Coffee

40's Tea bags

300g Carrots (tinned)

Ginger Cake

Sponge Puddings

FRUIT (TINNED)

UHT MILK (1 LITRE AND 500ML PACKS)

TOILETRIES (SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH ETC)

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. You will need to input the School Code below to complete the form. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH116299

Session date: **Thursday 20th November 2025**

Year Group: **Year R – 2**

Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options. More information for parents is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

Alternatively, if you decide you **do not** wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, **please complete the form to record your decision**. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service



School Age Immunisation Service

Get protected against flu



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

COMING SOON

The Immunisation team will be coming to
Marchwood C of E Infant School
to administer the flu nasal spray to the students on:
20th Nov 2025



Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

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For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

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SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS
for your school
when you buy at
the Book Fair!

Come to our
BOOK FAIR

A pop-up book-store
with hundreds of
books from
JUST £2.99

What are you waiting for?

Come find us
at your
Book Fair!

TIME:
2.45pm-3.45pm

DATE:
4th Nov-10th Nov

LOCATION:
Music Room

Find these characters and
EVEN MORE
BOOKS online



It's fun! **Light Party** It's free!

Friday October 31st
Marchwood Gospel Church
5:30 - 7:00pm

FREE admission

Family party

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Organised by Messy Church, Marchwood

Any questions? Email: messychurchmarchwood@gmail.com



AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

The next drop-in takes place **Tuesday 4th November.**

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions** for parents and carers.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom

 Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com



LET'S LIGHT UP THE SKY!

Buy your tickets here

**MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL
FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Gates open at 5.30pm

AT MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Food Vendors **Bar**

There will be stalls, games and entertainment

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ACE SPORTS
HOLIDAY CLUBS
Action Packed Holiday Club FUN!!

October Half Term 2025

BARTLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL
New Forest

TUESDAY 28TH TO THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
£29 PER DAY OR JUST £82 FOR ALL 3 DAYS!!

10% DISCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS!!
FULL WEEK BOOKING DISCOUNTS!!
8.30PM TO 4.30PM
EXTENDED DAY PASSES TO 5.30PM AVAILABLE
HALF DAYS FOR YEAR R'S UNDER 5 (ACE MINI'S)

BOILERBALL, SO BARTLEY, NETS, ARCHERY, LASER TAG, FOOTBALL, PAD BOKING, CRICKET, HURDLE, CIRCUS, HOCKEY, LADIES, & MORE!!

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Childcare Vouchers accepted!!
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October 2025

HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER SENDIASS
enabling voices to be heard

Get Togethers

2nd October, 10-12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet Hampshire GU51 5FA -

8th October, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ **SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support**

14th October, 10-12pm: Havant Get Together - Horizon Havant, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2AY

21st October, 10-12pm: Eastleigh Get Together - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH

22nd October, 8-9pm: online Evening Get Together - - Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

- 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

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the Basingstoke 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

HOME START
Hampshire
in the New Forest

Volunteers needed

Come and join our Home-Start Hampshire family!

Home-Start Hampshire in the New Forest is a local community of volunteers and expert support, helping families with young children through overwhelming or challenging times. We're currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help our mission in supporting families across the New Forest.

Family Support Volunteers
Help make an amazing difference directly with families by providing home-visiting support for 2-3 hours each week

Community Team Volunteers
Be part of our fundraising or events teams, help us to raise awareness, or support us through micro volunteering - there's something for everyone.

There for families when they need us most.

Scan here for more info or contact us below

Contact us today for more information and an application form
Email: info@hshants.org.uk Phone: 0330 124 2095
www.home-starthampshire.org.uk Charity number: 1144661



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

Year R: Ask me who is Boris?

Can you tell me about the story, Boris the Robot?

Year 1: Ask me about how I use my senses outside?

Year 2: Ask me about the wolf, the rabbit and adverbs?

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 13th October - 17th October 2025

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
98.38%	97.47%	95.88%	94.05%	99.23%	90.04%

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