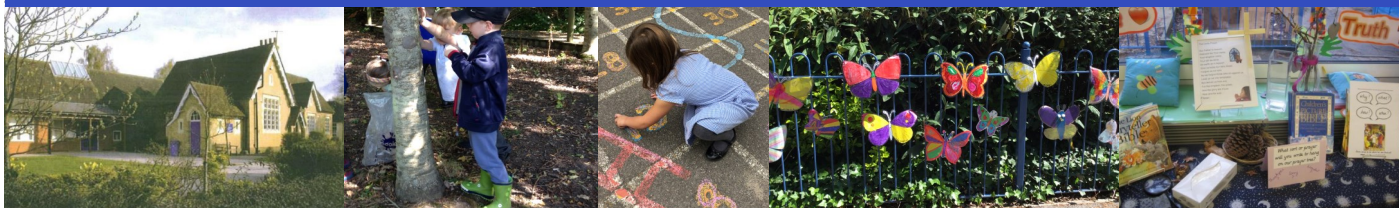


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Message from Mrs Atkins

This week I have been thinking about how we prepare our children for the next stage of their education and how they can be equipped for the world ahead of them. Resilience plays a key part in this and at Marchwood CofE Infant School we try to teach the children that sometimes we may have uncomfortable feelings, or may not like doing something, but actually sitting with those feelings, or carrying on regardless may be necessary. You can help with this by talking through any difficult emotions with your children and encouraging them to wait or take turns in your everyday activities. If you need any support with this, then please speak to your class teacher or our ELSA Mrs Besant.

You may have seen in the recent news increased research into the impact of smart phones and technology on young children and their development. Along with the local Junior and Secondary schools we are committed to making our schools smartphone free and emphasising that we do not want primary school children to bring a smartphone to school. This 10-minute video from the parent group Smartphone Free Childhood tells us all everything we need to know about why this is necessary and how we can achieve it, pulling together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFsiYAsgx7U&t=7s>.

Have a lovely weekend

Sally Atkins

Late Collection

Please can we remind every-one about the importance of picking children up from school on time. We have an increasing number of children being collected from the office at the end of the day, often not being collected until nearer 3.30pm or beyond. The school day for Year R finishes at 3.10pm and Year 1 & 2, 3.15pm. Late collection can be upsetting for children and teachers often have to be in other meetings by 3.30pm, so it would be appreciated if every-one could try to be on time. Our Pupil Collection Policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk/policies/>

Thank-you for your support with this matter.

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Diary Dates

October

- **MONDAY 13TH**
PINS WORKSHOP 1-2PM,
ALL PARENTS WELCOME
- **TUESDAY 14TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **WEDNESDAY 15TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **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
6.30PM-7.30PM
- **THURSDAY 23RD**
HARVEST SERVICE- ST JOHNS CHURCH
9.45-10.30AM, ALL WELCOME
- **THURSDAY 23RD**
AUTUMN DISCO
- **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
- **THURSDAY 27TH**
CHRISTMAS ART DAY - PARENT HELP
NEEDED
- **FRIDAY 28TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Bible Verse for the Week

Psalm 107:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

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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**.



This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Albie R and Nina W

Oak Class

Holden C-W and Hollie T

Elm Class

Matilda H and Otis M

Rowan Class

Charlie P and Willow C

Beech Class

Bethany C and Alfie C

Sycamore Class

Everlyn H-S and Maame 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.

PTA AGM

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

Please don't forget to return the slip on the blue PTA AGM letter sent out this week. 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.

All parents are invited to this meeting so please come and find out about what we do, give your ideas and meet like minded parents and staff.

Thank you
PTA Team



Autumn Disco

We would like to invite all the children to an evening of music, fun and games with their friends on **Thursday 23rd October 2025**.

	Arrival	Collection
Year R	4.00pm	5.30pm
Year 1	4.30pm	6.00pm
Year 2	5.00pm	6.30pm

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. Please purchase by the end of the day on **Wednesday 22nd October**. (A limited number of tickets will be available on the door but please pre-order if you can). A physical ticket will not be issued, there will be a list on the door of paid participants and payment will also show on your Arbor portal.

Tuck will be on sale before you enter so your child can choose their treat and this will be put in a named bag for them to enjoy at snack time. 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 a Trojan horse. The models were fantastic!

The children learnt that the Trojans had been locked in a battle with the Greeks for 10 years. Try as they might the Greeks couldn't break through the enormous gates of the city of Troy until the Greeks came up with an idea made of wood. The Greek army built a giant wooden horse and left it outside the gates of Troy. The Trojans believing it was a gift from the gods took it inside the city, but unbeknown to them, men from the Greek army were hidden inside the wooden horse. They let themselves out at night and opened the gates to the city of Troy allowing the Greek army in! The children also discovered the term 'Trojan Horse' is now used in computing. A 'Trojan' is a sneaky virus that hides inside something harmless just like the original. Last week thanks to so many votes Marchwood C of E Infant School achieved first place for their entry. Well, done!

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>



Gardening Club

This week we continued our efforts in uprooting all the old dead plants and getting those ready to compost. We have turned over the soil and reorganised our area. We planted our first garlic bulbs and some daffodil bulbs too with more to plant in our next session. A big thank you to Felix SB's dad who donated a GIANT elephant garlic for us to plant!

We have had a few pots donated, thank you very much! We are just a few away from having enough ready to plant for each classroom and office in a few weeks. Please consider donating any old indoor pots you have lying around.

We have also moved a second giant tyre so watch this space for another fruit tree to be planted in the coming months. What do you think it will be?

See you soon! Mr Warren



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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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FamilyFirst netmums

Here's your free copy of the UK's largest parenting title - Enjoy!

[CLICK HERE](#)



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Spare Undies

We are running short of spare underwear, in particular socks. If you have any that you are happy to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you

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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PTFA **BARKER-MILL FOUNDATION** **ABP ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS**

Walhampton
Welcome to Walhampton Holiday Camp...

FUNSEEKERS
27-31 OCTOBER, 2025

We know how busy family life can be and to further support parents and children during the holiday period we are thrilled to offer our Holiday Club at Walhampton School. There will be a range of activities for your child to participate in and have fun throughout the holidays.

CAMP ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST!

- Water bottle
- Warm coat
- Wellies or change of shoes
- Packed lunch (nut free)

Full list available on our Parent Pages

MONDAY BEE KEEPING SESSION
TUESDAY SWEET MAKING SESSION
WEDNESDAY FISHING SESSION
THURSDAY SWEET MAKING SESSION
FRIDAY HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

PLUS LUNCH GAMES, LUNCH BOXES, PUZZLES, BOOKS, BALL, NATURE ACTIVITIES

PRICES

EXPLORERS:
1-3 days: £50 per day
4+ days: £45 per day

Same day sibling sign-ups: second child is given a 20% discount, third child is given a 40% discount.

Scan here to register!

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Starting School in September 2026
New Entrants
Open Mornings & Afternoons

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026 and you would like the opportunity to look around our school, Mrs Atkins would like to invite you to have a guided tour and an informal chat on:

Tuesday 23rd Sep - 9.30am
Wednesday 24th Sep - 9.30am
Wednesday 15th Oct - 1:30 pm
Friday 17th Oct - 9.30am
Monday 17th Nov - 1:30 pm

If you would like to come along, please register at the school office.
 023 8086 8819
adminoffice@marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk

October 2025

HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER
enabling voices to be heard



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 Viablos 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.

Hampshire SENDIASS

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 our school value of 'Hope'.

Year R: Ask me why Incy Wincy climbed the spout and what was at the top?

Year 1: Ask me what instruments did I play in music this week? How did they sound?

Year 2: Ask me about 'Maps'. What is a key and what is an aerial view?

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 6th October - 10th October 2025

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
95.17%	97.73%	96.3%	94.47%	97.24%	93.79%

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