

Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

12TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Message from Mrs Atkins

It has been so lovely to see all our new children in school today and hear their excitement. Well done for all the parents who coped with emotions of the first day admirably.

Don't forget that next Thursday there is an opportunity for parents to all meet each other and also for me to introduce myself properly. There will be tea and biscuits and although the event runs until 10am, there is no obligation to stay for the entire time. Mrs Besant, our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant/Family Support Worker (ELSA) will also be on hand for any advice or queries.

If you are unable to attend then please come and say hello on the gate in the morning and you can contact the school by emailing the adminoffice@marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk or calling 023 8086 8819 if there is anything you need help with.

We appreciate how busy life can be with work and family commitments but for anyone across the school who would like to become more involved with school life, we have a number of opportunities to do so. Our PTA are always keen to welcome any new volunteers and committee members. We are also very grateful for any regular or occasional volunteers who can help out within school (safeguarding checks including a DBS will need to be completed before volunteering can begin). This applies to any extended family, so if there are any interested grandparents, aunties or uncles, we would love to meet them!

Sally Atkins

Parking

Please make sure you are parking legally and considerately at pick up and drop off. We have had reports of driveways being blocked causing the residents children to be late for school! We do work closely with our community police and we will be reporting incidents to them.

Parking on site is strictly for staff only and those with a parking permit.

ISSUE 2

Diary Dates

September

- **THURSDAY 18TH**
COFFEE MORNING WITH MRS ATKINS
9AM, SCHOOL HALL - ALL WELCOME
- **MONDAY 22ND**
BIG MOUTH THEATRE CLUB STARTS
- **MONDAY 22ND**
GARDENING CLUB STARTS
- **FRIDAY 26TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

October

- **WEDNESDAY 8TH**
FRASER PORTRAITS- INDIVIDUAL
SCHOOL PHOTOS
- **TUESDAY 14TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **WEDNESDAY 15TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **TUESDAY 21ST**
Y1 TRIP TO MARWELL ZOO
- **WEDNESDAY 22ND**
YR PARENTS CURRICULUM MEETING
6PM-7PM
- **MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST**
HALF TERM BREAK

Bible Verse for the Week

Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

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Governors - Robert Lankford

As we begin a new academic year at Marchwood Infant School, it's a real pleasure to welcome our new Year R families to the school community. I'm looking forward to seeing you around as you start your exciting learning journey. A warm welcome back, too, to our returning Year 1 and 2 children—I hope you all had a wonderful summer break.



For those who don't know me, I'm Robert Lankford, and I've proudly served as a governor at Marchwood Infant School since 2019. I'm now in my second term of office and continue to feel privileged to be part of such a caring and dedicated school. In my professional life, I divide my time between working as a local frontline 999 ambulance paramedic and running my own health, safety, and emergency planning business, supporting schools and other organisations with training and advice.

These experiences support my role as the link governor for health, safety, and wellbeing. I'm also an adoptive parent and serve as the link governor for looked-after children—ensuring every child feels seen, supported, and safe.

This term, I'll be working closely with our headteacher and caretaker to carry out a school walkaround, focusing on key areas of health, safety, and wellbeing across the school site.

Our governing body plays an important role behind the scenes—working as a team with school leaders to support, challenge, and help shape the strategic direction of the school. We are here to make sure every child gets the best start to their education in a happy, nurturing environment.

If you'd like to learn more about what governors do—or are even considering joining our governing board—we'd love to hear from you. It's a great way to get involved in school life, bring your own experience to the table, and help make a real difference to children's education. In the first instance, please contact adminoffice@marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk to find out more.

Wishing you all a fantastic autumn term—I look forward to seeing many of you in and around school.

Robert



This week we are celebrating...

Elm Class

Keira M and Freddie S-M

Rowan Class

Max B and Rebecca K

Beech Class

Nancy D and Felix P

Sycamore Class

Olivia L and Reggie S

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

Find us on Facebook or email marchwoodceinfpta@gmail.com



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Kids With Bricks

Kids With Bricks Club started again on Tuesday after school.
The theme for this half term is **The Ancient World**.

The children created models of a Pharaoh sitting on a throne. They had great fun making their model!

The children learnt that the rulers of Ancient Egypt were known as Pharaohs. The Egyptians believed their Pharaohs were living gods on earth and they dressed with jewelled collars, gold crowns, a crook and flail in their hand. The children discovered that when the Pharaohs died they were wrapped up as mummies and surrounded by treasure, food, games and even golden boats. Their bodies were placed in grand tombs deep inside pyramids or hidden in the Valley of the Kings.

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>



STARTING SCHOOL IN 2026

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2026, they can start school in September 2026.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2025

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026

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

October Half Term 2025

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HALF DAYS FOR YEAR R'S UNDER 5 (ACE MINI'S)

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In collective worship this week we have been thinking about how to face change with courage.

Year R: Ask me about my favourite thing at school ?

Year 1: Ask me what happened to Bear's hat?

Year 2: Ask me about Emily Gravitt. (Author and illustrator)

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 September - 12th September 2025

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
95.31%	95.59%	96.38%	93.57%	99.66%	98.28%

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