

Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

11 SEPTEMBER 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

It has been so lovely to welcome our new cohort of YR children to our school family this week. They have settled really well and I've enjoyed getting to know them all and their different personalities.

Year 1 and 2 have continued to be amazing and I've already given out two Headteacher Merit Cards for excellent work. It's great to walk around the school and seeing children not only working hard but smiling and saying hello. You should be very proud of how they have all returned.

In worship this week we welcomed Big Mouth Theatre in to talk to the children about the after-school drama workshop. We turned one of the children into a human sized lump of playdough and took part in emotion showers! We offer lots of opportunities for children to take part in clubs and enrichment activities, take a look at our clubs page on the newsletter or on the website to find out more.

In year 1 and 2 PE lessons, the children were led by Charlie and Jack from ACE sports. They are both qualified sports coaches and will provide weekly lessons throughout the year. They are also running football clubs at lunchtimes and after school clubs. I spent some time in the lessons and the children had great fun learning all about how to warm up properly and taking part in collaborative games. We even learnt how to play extreme rock, paper, scissors.

On **Monday 14th September 2.45pm-3.10pm**, you are warmly invited to a PTA/Friends of MIS meeting. We have previously had a very active and effective Parent Teacher Association and we are looking to continue that work into this academic year. For this to happen we need YOU! As a minimum we need a chairperson, secretary and treasurer to legally continue but we also need lots of members to arrange events, support other parents and contribute to all the fantastic extra-curricular activities the children take part in. If you feel you would be able to give up a small amount of time and support the school, please come along, refreshments will be provided.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has taken to the new entrance into school so well. Have a lovely weekend

Sally Atkins

ISSUE 2

Diary Dates

September

- **MONDAY 14TH**
PTA MEETING – 2.45-3.10PM
- **MONDAY 14TH**
ACE, GYM CLUB STARTS
- **TUESDAY 15TH**
PIANO FUN CLUB STARTS
- **TUESDAY 15TH**
ACE, MULTISPORTS CLUB STARTS
- **THURSDAY 17TH**
SWEET TREAT THURSDAY – TUCK SHOP
- **MONDAY 21ST**
GARDENING CLUB STARTS CLUB
- **MONDAY 21ST**
BIG MOUTH THEATRE CLUB STARTS
- **THURSDAY 24TH**
BAGS 2 SCHOOL

October

- **WEDNESDAY 7TH**
FRASER PORTRAITS – INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
- **THURSDAY 8TH**
HARVEST FESTIVAL –
ST JOHN'S CHURCH. 2PM-3PM
- **TUESDAY 13TH**
Y2 TRIP TO NEW FOREST WILDLIFE PARK
- **WEDNESDAY 14TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **THURSDAY 15TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **MONDAY 19TH**
FLU IMMUNISATIONS
- **WEDNESDAY 21ST**
Y1 TRIP TO MARWELL
- **WEDNESDAY 21ST**
YR PARENT MEETING – THE EYES CURRICULUM. 6-7PM
- **MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH**
HALF TERM BREAK

Bible Verse for the Week

Psalms 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to

<https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-29Y3KGM2> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by September 18th, 2026.



Changes to Free School Meals Funding

All infant school children are provided with a free lunchtime meal. This is called Universal Free School Meals, UFSM.

Traditionally extra funding has been provided by the government for families on low incomes commonly known as Free School Meals, FSM. This is income based and has pupil premium funding attached that is paid to schools to support the qualifying children.

From September the government has removed the income threshold for qualifying families and have expanded those eligible to any family who receive Universal Credit. There are now two types of FSM.

- Targeted FSM - for families who fall below the income threshold of £7,500. This attracts pupil premium funding.
- Expanded FSM – for any families who receive Universal Credit. This does not attract pupil premium funding.

We must report numbers for both types of FSM on the school census in October. If you think you qualify for either Targeted or Expanded FSM, it's important that you complete an eligibility check on line at

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

Paper forms are available from the office.

Thank you for your support

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Elm Class

Neve B and Charlie C

Rowan Class

Elysia R, Elijah H and Henry C

Maple Class

Henry D and Freija H

Sycamore Class

Ocean P and Benji 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.

If your child is away, you may join us the following week.

BIG MOUTH THEATRE
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

LET YOUR IMAGINATIONS RUN FREE!
OUR DRAMA CLUB IS THE PLACE TO BE!

- Build confidence & self belief
- Enjoy our relaxed and friendly sessions
- Have fun with creativity & make new friends

Visit bigmouththeatre.com or scan the QR code! →

BIG MOUTH THEATRE
hello@bigmouththeatre.com
01489 786691

"I LOVE Big Mouth After School Club!" Jessica, aged 6.

The children of Marchwood Infant School will experience an astronaut's adventure if they join us at **Big Mouth Theatre** after school club, as we plan for...

MISSION SPACE

Join us as we venture to galaxies far, far away with **Star Wars** and travel to a future Earth with **WALL-E**! We'll have a blast as we launch into space, explore physical theatre to create our own weird and wonderful aliens, use the Force to defeat the dark side and help **WALL-E** find the last green plant on Earth! With plenty of activities and missions packed into each session to help develop the children's acting skills and confidence, our after-school drama clubs are definitely something to 'phone home' about...! Our session plans are produced in-house, allowing for fun, structured and inclusive sessions that are guaranteed to help children build their confidence and self-esteem while having a galactically good time!

Big Mouth Theatre is a high-quality drama activity provider offering a range of non-competitive, structured sessions designed to enhance, support, and nurture your child's wellbeing. Dynamic age-appropriate games and fundamental acting activities are led by our trained and DBS-certified drama coaches to help enable your child to feel a sense of achievement and inclusion, resulting in a more confident, well-balanced, happy individual... because who doesn't want to see a smile on their child's face?

Big Mouth Theatre drama clubs will take place every Monday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm at Marchwood Infant School commencing on 21st September. Subscriptions are payable half termly, in advance - that's just £32.50 for the 5 sessions, taking us up to the October Half Term.

If, after the 1st session, your child does not choose to join us on a weekly basis, simply let us know and we'll refund your payment!

It could not be easier to book a place on our clubs. Simply head to www.bigmouththeatre.com and click Book Now! Alternatively, just scan the QR Code...

Numbers are limited, so please do book early to avoid disappointment.

See you at the launch pad...

From the Big Mouth Theatre Space Crew!

ACE SPORTS & EDUCATION
MARCHWOOD INFANT SCHOOL
AUTUMN TERM 2026

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

GYMNASTICS CLUB
EVERY MONDAY
3.15 TO 4.15pm
FIRST SESSION... 14th SEPTEMBER
LAST SESSION... 9th DECEMBER
No Session 28th September & 2nd November
Join us for Gym Club every Monday at Marchwood Infants. Every week children will have the opportunity to engage in fun challenges and activities to learn and improve new skills.
Throughout the Autumn Term children will learn and improve on shapes, rolls, jumps, balances, handstands, cartwheels, climbing, vaulting & so much more!

MULTI SPORTS CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY
3.15 TO 4.15pm
FIRST SESSION... 15th SEPTEMBER
LAST SESSION... 10th DECEMBER
No Session 17th November
Our brand new Club at Marchwood Infants promises to be massive FUN!
Every week Children will have the opportunity to participate in a different sport or activity that are popular on our Holiday Club!
Next term's activities will include Dodgeball, Archery, Hockey, Floor is Lava, Capture The Flag, Gladiators, Benchball, Cricket & much more!

CLUBS OPEN TO YEAR R, 1 & 2
BOOKINGS ONLINE ONLY
£5.95 per session
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS AT THE FOXHILLS FEDERATION ONLINE!

SCAN ME

ACESPORTSANDEDUCATION.COM/AFTERSCHOOLCLUBS

Kids With Bricks

Kids With Bricks Club started again on Tuesday after school.

The theme for this half term is **The Fabulous History of Britain.**

The children created models of a castle and had great fun building their model!

The children learnt that Britain has hundreds of castles that were built at different times and for different reasons. Some were built as fortresses, some were built as homes for kings and queens and some were built simply to show how rich the owner was. The children discovered that Windsor Castle was built more than 900 years ago by William the Conqueror in the 11th century. It has been lived in and enlarged by generations of kings and queens since. It is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world!

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 online for the best model, so have a look. **Votes are now made on their Facebook page.** From Sunday each week, after all schools have uploaded their photos, there is a 'competition post' and all you have to do is give our school's build a like. The school with the most likes wins.

Please use the link below which will take you to the website, click on VOTE NOW

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



Dear Parents,

Kids With Bricks After School Club at Marchwood Church of England Infant School

We are pleased to be able to offer our Kids With Bricks after school club running from 3:30-4:30 every Tuesday for 14 weeks from 9th September 2026. This club is open for Years 1-2 and there are a maximum of 12 places available. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK.

As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and to work in teams.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leader board.

BOOK ONLINE!

The club costs £3.50 + VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

* Ticket sales go live on Wed 8th July at 12:00 midday!

Any problems please contact us on bookings@kidswithbricks.com

Kind regards,

John Gallacher

BACK TO POOL!

LYMINGTON HEALTH & LEISURE
TOTTON HEALTH & LEISURE
APPLEMORE HEALTH & LEISURE
RINGWOOD HEALTH & LEISURE
NEW MILTON HEALTH & LEISURE

Summer is over, but the fun does not have to stop.

As the new school year begins, our Swim Academy is the perfect place for children to continue learning, growing and building confidence outside the classroom.

Every lesson is part of an exciting adventure, helping swimmers develop essential life skills, achieve new goals, make friends and stay active throughout the term.

Whether they are diving in for their first lesson or progressing to the next stage of their swimming journey, our supportive teachers help every child learn and flourish.

Fill in each numbered blank with your own funny answers before you read the story. You can use real answers, silly answers, or a mix of both. Once all the blanks are filled in, read the story and find out what hilarious adventures unfold on your first day back at swim Academy.

After the school holidays, (1) could not wait to get back to Swim Academy.

"I definitely have not forgotten how to swim!" I said after spending the holidays (2).

As soon as the lesson started, I realised I had lost my goggles. I checked my bag, the poolside, and even behind (3).

Then my friend (4) pointed at my head.

My goggles had been there the whole time.

A few minutes later, Coach asked us to swim (5) lengths. I was concentrating so hard that I accidentally splashed myself in the face.

By the end of the lesson, I was ready to eat a giant plate of (6).

My teacher said I had swum brilliantly and looked as fast as a (7) in the water.

WORD BANK

- Your Name: _____
- Holiday Activity: _____
- Thing to Look Behind: _____
- Friend's Name: _____
- Number: _____
- Food: _____
- Animal: _____

DID YOU KNOW?
The first recorded swimmer was a fish. People were drawing pictures of fish thousands of years ago in ancient Egypt.

ENQUIRE TODAY

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Has your child just started Year 1?

Come and join us every Saturday morning at 9:00 for our fun football session which focuses on ball mastery.

These sessions are planned for children to join teams next season, with a clear pathway with local football teams for the 3 v3 leagues.

- ✓ Safe environment
- ✓ No fees, pay as you go
- ✓ Affordable Sessions
- ✓ Friendly coaches (all with Enhanced DBS)
- ✓ All sessions held at Goals, Southampton

GOALS

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Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
8:30 - 11:00 AM

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CAKE, CAFFINE & KINDNESS
All in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Join us for a warm welcome, tasty treats and good company.
Every slice. Every sip. Every donation makes a difference.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Together, we can make life better for people living with cancer.

SCAN TO DONATE
 or visit my JustGiving page to support my London Marathon challenge in aid of Macmillan.

Thank you!

CANCER DOESN'T STOP. NEITHER DO WE.

A&S EVENTS
Craft & Gift Fair
 SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026
 10AM - 3PM
EXBURY CLUB
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Shop Local
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BBQ on the day!

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One of a kind Creations

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Local Honey

FAMILY AUTUMN SEASON

Mr Sleepybum's Dream Machine
 Sun 4 Oct | £35 / £12 / £9

Silly Scott's Family Halloween Spooktacular
 Sat 24 Oct | £36 / £11 / £9

The Brain Bending Science Illusion Show
 Wed 28 Oct | £35 / £12 / £9

Silly Scott's Winter Wonderland 'A Magical Family Show'
 Sat 5 Dec | £36 / £11 / £9

The Captain Calamity Santamime Adventure
 Mon 21 Dec | £35 / £12 / £9

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THE SPICE PARTY

21 Nov To Be Loved - Adele £19

12 Feb Pink - Beautiful Trauma £22

18 Dec The Spice Party
 Seated: £18
 Dance floor: £17

18-19 Feb Everything Changes - The TAKE THAT Tribute Show £21

21 Dec The Four D's Boyband Rewind £20/£18

26 Feb Young Elton £22

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