# Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

## Message from Mrs Atkins

It has been a really successful week at school. The children in Holly and Oak have attended their first whole school collective worship. Daily worship is such an important part of our week and gives us a time to come together and celebrate all the amazing things that the children have done. Keep sending in accounts of when your children have shown their Christian values of Love, Courage and Hope at home so we can celebrate them at school.

We have allocated Praizin' Hands as our chosen charity this year. Praizin' Hands puppets are a local community group who have been coming into our school for over 20 years delivering Christmas, Easter and various PSHE topic, themed puppet shows. All the people running the shows are volunteers and they rely on donations to keep the service running. The children always look forward to their arrival, learning lots through music and puppeteering. For more information about them follow this link to their website: http://www.praizinhands.org.uk/ .

You will see they do some amazing work both in the community generally but particularly for schools such as ourselves in delivering enriching experiences for children supporting our strong Christian ethos.

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA meeting last week, fingers crossed we will soon be up and running.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Atkins

## Superhero Menu!

On **Thursday 3rd October** it's census day and we are inviting all of the children to try a school lunch. We have a special superhero menu that we hope all of the children will enjoy.

You may send in a packed lunch just in case. **Be a Superhero and try a school lunch!**

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## Diary Dates

### October

- **FRIDAY 2ND**
  SIMON SAYS CHARITY DAY
- **WEDNESDAY 7TH**
  FRASER PORTRAITS – INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
- **THURSDAY 8TH**
  HARVEST FESTIVAL – ST JOHN'S CHURCH. 2PM-3PM
- **TUESDAY 13TH**
  Y2 TRIP TO NF WILDLIFE PARK
- **WEDNESDAY 14TH**
  MHST ANXIETY WORKSHOP 9.15AM
- **WEDNESDAY 14TH**
  PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **THURSDAY 15TH**
  PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **MONDAY 19TH**
  FLU IMMUNISATIONS
- **WEDNESDAY 21ST**
  Y1 TRIP TO MARWELL ZOO
- **WEDNESDAY 21ST**
  YR PARENT MEETING – 6-7PM
- **THURSDAY 22ND**
  AUTUMN DISCO
- **MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH**
  **HALF TERM BREAK**

### November

- **MONDAY 2ND- FRIDAY 6TH**
  SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – 2.45PM
- **THURSDAY 26TH**
  CHRISTMAS ART MORNING
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
  **INSET** – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

**Bible Verse for the Week**

**Psalm 46:1**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

## Parent Consultations

Don't forget to book your 10 minute slot via the Arbor Portal for our Autumn Parent Consultations on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October,** between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. If you need help to book, please contact the school office.

## School Photos

Fraser Portraits, our school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 7th October** to take individual school photos of your child. Sibling groups will be taken in school.

If you would like a sibling group taken with children not at our school, please come along to the school office at 8.15 am.

**Please note this is a smart school uniform day for all year groups (not PE uniform).**

## Autumn Disco

We would like to invite all the children to an evening of music, fun and games with their friends on **Thursday 22nd October 2025.** Look out for the letter coming home soon.

Year R, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Year 1, 4.40pm – 6.00pm

Year 2, 5.00pm – 6.30pm

**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.**

## Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating…

**Elm Class**

Leo J and Maddie F

**Rowan Class**

Oliver H and Jacob W

**Maple Class**

Nana Ai and Oscar P

**Sycamore Class**

Emelia W and Logan 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.

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

## Simon Says

We are excited to let you know that on **Friday 2nd October 2026**, our school will be taking part in **Hampshire's Biggest Game of Simon Says!** This will raise vital funds for the charity Simon Says, while aiming to achieve **the largest number of people playing Simon Says simultaneously in the UK!**

As you may be aware, we are a Simon Says Champion School and are working alongside Simon Says to help create a bereavement-aware school community where children and families feel supported when they need it most.

We would be delighted if families could support our participation by making a voluntary donation to Simon Says. On **Friday 2nd October**, we would be grateful if your child could bring in a **suggested donation of £1**. You could send this donation in a named envelope, or drop it in the collection buckets that will be out on the day. Your donation will help the charity continue its important work supporting bereaved children, young people and families across Hampshire. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference.

**The Big Game!**

We will gather the children together to take part in the Big Game of Simon Says at 11am. We will join thousands of children and young people across Hampshire who will also be taking part in the game at the same time.

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to bring everyone together for this exciting event and to be part of **Hampshire's Biggest Game of Simon Says!**

To read more about it visit the Simon Says website:- https://www.simonsays.org.uk/biggest-game-of-simon-says/

Simon Says
Child Bereavement Support

## Nasal Flu Vaccinations

We are coming to Marchwood CofE Infants on **Monday 19th October** to give pupils their annual flu vaccination and would like your consent to vaccinate your child.

**How to respond**

It's important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination. It will take less than 5 minutes to respond using the link below.

**Flu Vaccination Form**

https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH116299

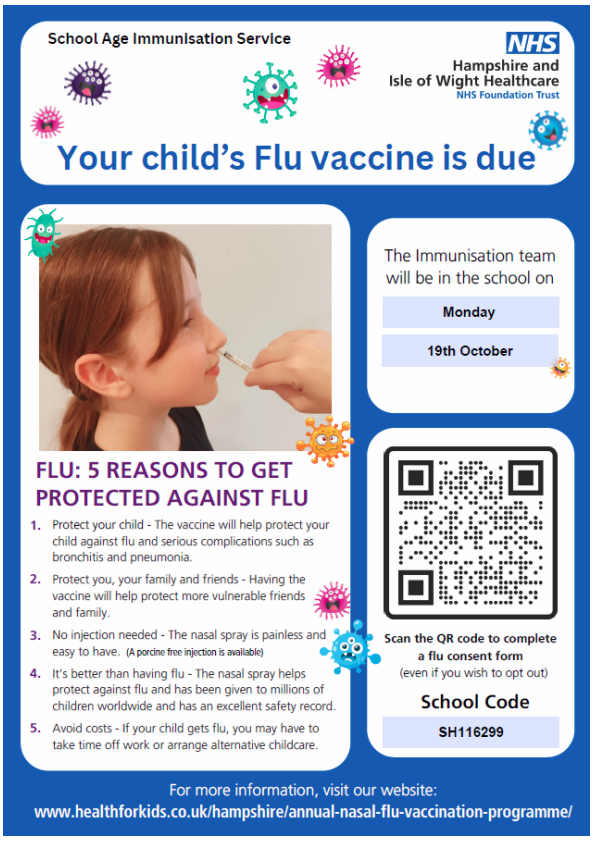
You need to respond by **15th October** . Please enter the Year group that your child is currently in.

If you cannot use the online form, you can respond over the phone using the contact details below.

**Contact us**

Speak to a member of our team by calling 02382 318318 or email hiowh.swimms@nhs.net

**From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service**




## Harvest Festival

We will be supporting Waterside Food Bank to celebrate Harvest. Donations can be brought into school from **Monday 5th 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 8th October** at St John's Church, Marchwood, 2.00pm. 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)

Waterside Foodbank
Together with Trussell

## Gardening Club

Gardening Club is back with new and returning faces! It was great to see all the children really get stuck in and dirty today as we took out the plants which hadn't survived the summer sun and turned over the compost. A huge thank you to the adults who support me in running the club, Mrs Mulholland and Mrs Conlon. We have had a little move around too,  giving us two new areas: a flower garden outside the Year 1 classrooms, and a vegetable garden out by the playground. In our next session, we will be doing a lot of planting!

Mr Warren

## Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **The Fabulous History of Britain.**
The children created models of a crown. The models were fantastic!

The children learnt that William the Conqueror who became King of England in 1066 wanted a huge fortress in London. He ordered the construction of an enormous stone tower beside the River Thames known today as the White Tower. This part of the Tower of London is known as the keep and it is visited by millions of visitors every year who want to see the greatest treasures - the Crown Jewels. The children discovered that the Crown Jewels has the largest clear-cut diamond in world. It is called the Cullinan I or the Great Star of Africa.

Thanks to so many votes Marchwood C of E Infant School achieved second place for their entry of a castle. 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 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

## 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 21st September – 25th September 2026 | | | | | |
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| **Holly** | **Oak** | **Elm** | **Rowan** | **Maple** | **Sycamore** |
| 99.17% | 98.4% | 89.05% | 99.05% | 98.97% | 96.07% |

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| **In collective worship this week we have been thinking about how our friends can help us feel brave.** |
| **Year R: Ask me what nursery rhymes have we been singing this week?** |
| **Year 1: Ask me about what went wrong at Cake's party?** |
| **Year 2: Ask me about what a contraction is and whether I can say a sentence that includes one!** |