

Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER

2 OCTOBER 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

This week we had a very special delivery of lots of new outdoor equipment for our children, including a new water wall and mud kitchen for Year R, a kitchen, some steering wheels and weighing scales for outdoor explorers and another kitchen, buses, tunnels and climbing equipment for the playground. Yr 1 and 2 got to try the equipment out in Outdoor Explorers and reports were all good! If you do have any metal pots or pans or plastic jugs at home that you would like to donate, we would really appreciate them.

It has been a real hands-on week for KS1 this week. Y1 have been growing cress and experimenting the best conditions for growth and Y2 have been making and tasting their own bread! They looked great. Year R have also been busy creating structures outside and investigating the sand and water. I've loved seeing how settled everyone is.

In worship we have looked again at our school vision. We want our children to be brave, resilient, kind and curious. See if our children can show you the actions for these. It is important to us that the British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance are embedded throughout our curriculum. Check our website to see how we teach these to the children at an appropriate level.

Finally, don't forget to sign up for parent consultation evening if you haven't already. This will give you the chance to find out how well your child has settled into their new year group.

Have a lovely weekend and lets hope the sun lasts.

Sally Atkins

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 **8.15am**.

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



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Diary Dates

October

- **WEDNESDAY 7TH**
FRASER PORTRAITS – INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
- **THURSDAY 8TH**
HARVEST LUNCH MENU
- **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

Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

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.

Simon Says

Thank you to everyone that sent in a donation we have raised **£160** for this vital charity. There is still time to send in a donation if you wish.

Over 40 schools in Hampshire were planning to take part. And approx. 10,000 kids, which is phenomenal.

There is some local media coverage on the Simon Says Game.

- **Radio Solent** — **12:05pm, Friday 2nd Oct**
- **BBC South Today** — evening programme, **6:30pm, Friday 2nd Oct**. They will feature an interview at one of our participating schools.
- **Portsmouth News** — we're hoping they'll share the story as well after Friday
- **Simon Says** will be updating their **social channels** throughout the day as well.

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



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



This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Poppy R and Forrest B

Oak Class

Leo Jack S and Henry H

Elm Class

Joshua W and Hollie T

Rowan Class

Ted M and Ava G

Maple Class

Kiera M, Matilda H and
Henry D

Sycamore Class

Channing P and Daniel 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.

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

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)



Harvest Lunch

On **Thursday 8th October** we will be celebrating with a special Harvest Lunch.

Allergies will be catered for.

Please note so we are not having a roast two days running Wednesdays menu will be Pasta Bolognaise, veggie mince pasta or Jacket Potato.

Don't forget to see if you have won a prize!

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.





MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

New Forest Mental Health Support Team

Understanding and Managing Anxiety Workshop

14th October 2026 - 9:15am

This workshop looks at what anxiety is, when it becomes a problem, and what keeps it going.

Parents/carers will come away with some ideas and skills to help manage their child's anxiety.

We look forward to seeing you there 😊





School Age Immunisation Service

Your child's Flu vaccine is due



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. (A pain free injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

The Immunisation team will be in the school on

Monday

19th October



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

School Code

SH116299

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Workshops!

We wanted to share a reminder of our **upcoming Online Parent Workshop; 'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety' for primary and secondary aged children**. This workshop is running **next Thursday, 8th October 10am-11:30** and is accessed via the zoom link below.

Topic: Supporting your Child with Anxiety

Focus: Secondary & Primary Schools

Date: Oct 8, 2026 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038532980?pwd=6WG3Ma0qalLhP8TCbgXaqvn1PmAggD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 3853 2980

Passcode: 231178

MHST

Kids With Bricks

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

The children created models of a church or abbey. The models were amazing!

The children learnt that Westminster Abbey is one of the most famous buildings in the whole country. It is an incredible church that has been the heart of British history for thousands

of years. Nearly a thousand years ago, during the reign of Edward the Confessor, he ordered a great church to be built. Over time it has been rebuilt and enlarged to the Gothic building that can be seen today. The children discovered that Kings and Queens have been crowned there, royal weddings have taken place there, famous writers, scientists, soldiers and rulers have been remembered there. It is a very historical building, designed to make people stop and stare!

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 28th September – 2 nd October 2026					
Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Maple	Sycamore
97.44%	98.8%	95.71%	99.05%	95.17%	94.64%

“ASK ME ABOUT...”

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about Harvest and the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

Year R: Ask me about how to count a group of objects properly.

Year 1: Ask me about which object rolled the furthest? The pencil, the ball, the cube or the tin can?

Year 2: Ask me about why bread is a special food for some people?

Curious Creatures
"An absolute celebration of all that is good about theatre for children" *What's On Stage*
"A huge sense of joy and fun that is as inspiring as it is infectious" *The Cornishman*
Explore the Wonders of the Animal Kingdom with Fun Facts, Puppets, Live Music and Comedy!

HYTHE PARISH HALL
Monday 26 October, 10:30am
£8, £6 (u18s), £24 (family) from cultureincommon.co.uk/whats-on
in person from Meeple Play Café, Hythe or Tel: 02380 841411
Refreshments & Snacks + Raffle available (cash only) | Suitable ages 5+
*Post-show Puppet Making workshop! £4 per child – places limited.

A Showcase by
Praizin' Hands Puppet Group

Illuminate The World

A Puppet Show for all ages
Sat 21st Nov 2026

Three Performances
2.00pm | 4.30pm | 7.00pm
Followed by refreshments

FREE!
(tickets required)

Fawley Royal British Legion
Exbury Road, Blackfield
SO45 1XD

Scan Here to get your FREE Tickets!
or head to tiny.cc/illuminatetheworld