Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER 9 OCTOBER 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

At Marchwood CofE Infant school we want the children to grow up to be valuable members of their community and our world. This half term we are launching our mission for all our children to become AGENTS OF CHANGE.

God teaches us not only to love thy neighbour but to take care of the world, and by supporting others and caring for our environment, every person, no matter how small can make a difference. Some ideas we will be talking to the children about are:
Litter picking, recycling, raising sponsorship, volunteering to help a neighbour, befriending someone in our community or composting.



If you feel your child has made a difference to the lives of others or our environment then please let your class teacher know and they will receive one of our very special Agents of Change stickers and have their photo on our Courageous Advocacy board.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at our Harvest Festival this week and who donated food for the Waterside Food Bank. As always your continued support is always appreciated.
Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Atkins



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Diary Dates

October

- **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
  THE EYFS CURRICULUM
- **THURSDAY 22ND**
  AUTUMN DISCO
- **MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH**
  HALF TERM BREAK

November

- **MONDAY 2ND- FRIDAY 6TH**
  SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – 2.45PM
- **THURSDAY 12TH**
  RHSE OPEN FORUM MEETING 9.15AM
- **FRIDAY 13TH**
  CHILDREN IN NEED
- **FRIDAY 13TH**
  YR FISRT CLASS PHOTO IN
  THE DAILY ECHO
- **MONDAY 16 TH**
  ANTI BULLYING WEEK
  ODD SOCKS DAY
- **THURSDAY 26TH**
  CHRISTMAS ART MORNING – PARENTS WELCOME (NO SIBLINGS)
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
  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.

Scholastic Book Club

Our new **Autumn Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-KZS6TPQR 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 October 19th, 2026**.

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, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Year 2, 5.00pm – 6.30pm



by Zana



by Cassius

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…

Holly Class
Kyrie A-E and Indi H
Oak Class
Maddison W and Alexander J-C
Elm Class
Lucy J and Shelby-May S
Rowan Class
Penny L and Theo T
Maple Class
Freddie S-M and Elena C
Sycamore Class
Eleanor T and Charlie P

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.

Conker Competition Time!

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 23rd October.**





Whilst you are out and about looking for conkers, Miss Wilkins is asking for donations of pine cones, conkers and anything else of natural interest for the outside play resources.



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

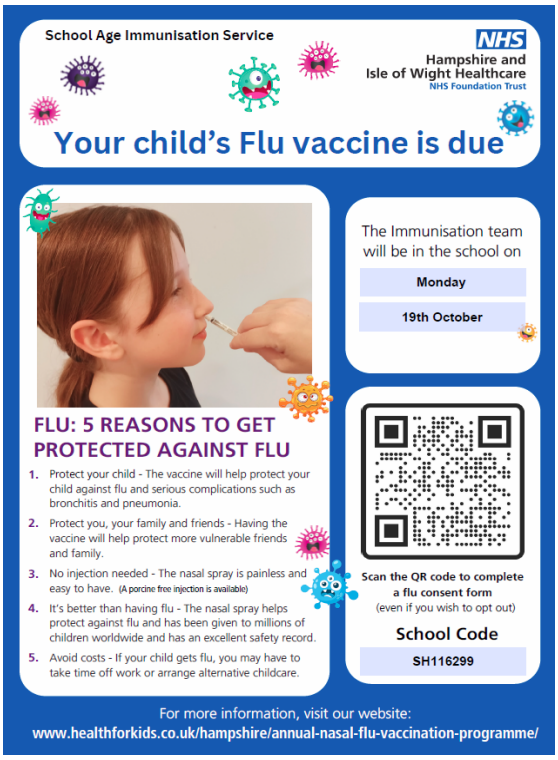
You need to respond by **15th October** . Please enter the Year group that your child is currently in.

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



Gardening Club

Our second session at Gardening Club was a busy one! We have planted some Fatsia Japonica (Spider's Web) around our benches by the field which will do really well in the shade. We also worked really hard on our flower garden. We buried some spring bulbs deep in the soil lying in wait, and topped them off with some fresh compost and winter bedding plants. We have pansies, violas and primroses to give us some colour through the darker months. Our arch has also been built (thank you Mrs Jerome for holding the ladder while I built it!) which will serve as the entrance to our garden, and we will eventually have some beautiful climbers on it as well. Please encourage your children to come look at the flowers as they grow, but remind them not to touch them, or climb on the tyres or beds.

Next session, our focus will be getting the vegetables in the soil!

Mr Warren








Kids With Bricks

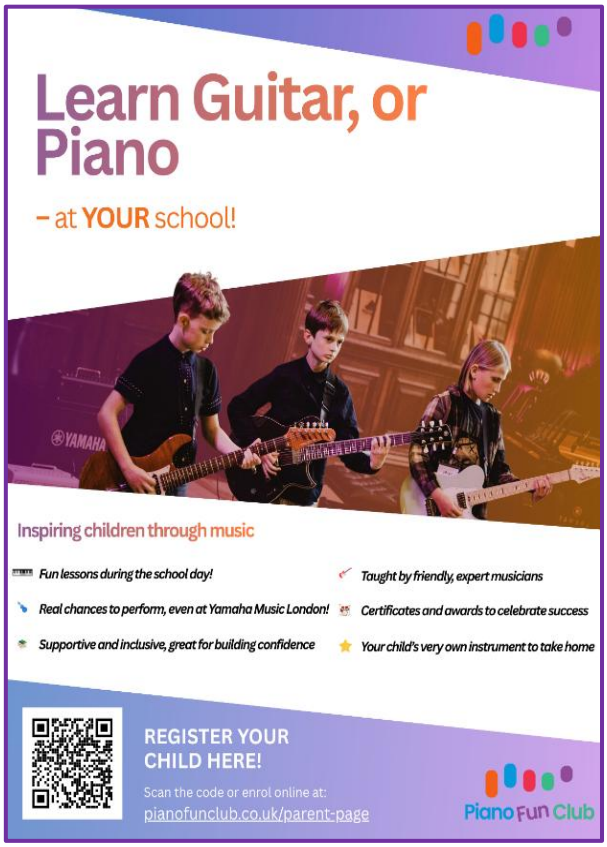
The theme for this half term is **The Fabulous History of Britain.**

The children created models of Roman Baths. The models were fantastic!
The children learnt that the Romans crossed the sea and invaded Britain in 43AD and ruled Britain for over 400 years. Many of the things that the Romans built can still be seen today like roads, forts, walls and of course the Roman Baths in Bath. The Romans discovered hot water was naturally bubbling out of the ground, so they built an enormous complex of baths and a temple around the hot spring. The Roman name for the town was Aquae Sulis, now known as Bath. The children discovered that the water starts as rain, sinks deep underground and is heated by the Earth's natural warmth. Eventually it rises back towards the surface through cracks in the rock and it comes out hot. The baths were a place to meet up with friends to relax, exercise and even do business. Incredibly two thousand years later the hot water is still coming!

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





Reminder

Now the weather is changing, please remember to send your child to school with a suitable coat. We simply do not have enough spare coats to go around. Children will be accessing outside areas in most weathers.

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 5th October – 9th October 2026					
Holly	**Oak**	**Elm**	**Rowan**	**Maple**	**Sycamore**
93.09%	99.6%	98.64%	99.05%	97.24%	92.86%





In collective worship this week we have been thinking about stories that Jesus told.
Year R: Ask me about what I have been pretending to be in P.E this week?
Year 1: Ask me about what are Christians thankful for at harvest time?
Year 2: Ask me about the pencil techniques of shading, hatching, cross-hatching, scumbling and stippling.



