Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER 16 OCTOBER 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

It was great to see so many of you at parent's evenings this week. The relationship between school and home is so valuable and I know you will join me in thanking our teachers for staying on after school to build those partnerships with you.

Year 2 have had a very exciting week this week with a trip to the New Forest Wildlife Park. The children have told me all about the amazing animals they saw, including wolves, deer and wallabies! Thank you to all the parents that helped make the trip so great. See some great animal pictures on our latest news section on the website https://www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+News+2026%2D27&pid=156

It is that time of year when we start our open days for new prospective parents. If you know anyone who has children starting school in September then please remind them to book in on our school tours at the school office.





We've had a great response to our Agents of Change campaign and once the badges arrive it will be great to see our children been celebrated for helping the community or the world in some way. So far, we have had litter picking, helping someone with their shopping, making a hedgehog house and recycling. Well done everyone.

Remember to send in pictures. Have a fantastic weekend

Mrs Atkins



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Diary Dates

October

- **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
- **FRIDAY 23RD**
  ORDER DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS (WITH FREE POSTAGE)
- **MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH**
  HALF TERM BREAK

November

- **MONDAY 2ND**
  FIRST DAY BACK AFTER HALF TERM
- **MONDAY 2ND- FRIDAY 6TH**
  SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – 2.45PM
- **TUESDAY 3RD**
  Y2 MJS OPEN MORNING, 9.30AM
- **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

Isaiah 40:31

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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.** Tickets are £3.50 and can be purchased on Arbor, clubs area, or in cash with the letter slip or at the office. Please try to buy in advance so we know numbers.



Year R, 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Year 1, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Year 2, 5.00pm – 6.30pm

We still need extra help to run this event, in particular for the Y1&Y2 sessions, 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
Isla O and Toby D
Oak Class
Alfie C and Teddy L
Elm Class
Addison M and Mithusha M
Rowan Class
Sophia K and George P
Maple Class
Elena C and Miller B
Sycamore Class
David S and Pasha 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!

Don't forget 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.** All children taking part will receive a certificate.





Becoming a School Governor



Hello, I am **Cpl Joseph**, a newly appointed Co-opted Governor at **Marchwood Infant School** and a serving soldier with **17 Port & Maritime Regiment RLC**. I am delighted to take on this role and look forward to contributing to the school and community. Becoming a governor is a fantastic opportunity to support both the school and the wider community while gaining insight and experience as a first-time governor. I am eager to work alongside fellow governors, staff, and parents to help shape the future direction of the school and ensure that every child receives the best possible start to their educational journey. I look forward to making a positive contribution and supporting the continued success of Marchwood Infant School.

Ralph Joseph

Kids With Bricks

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

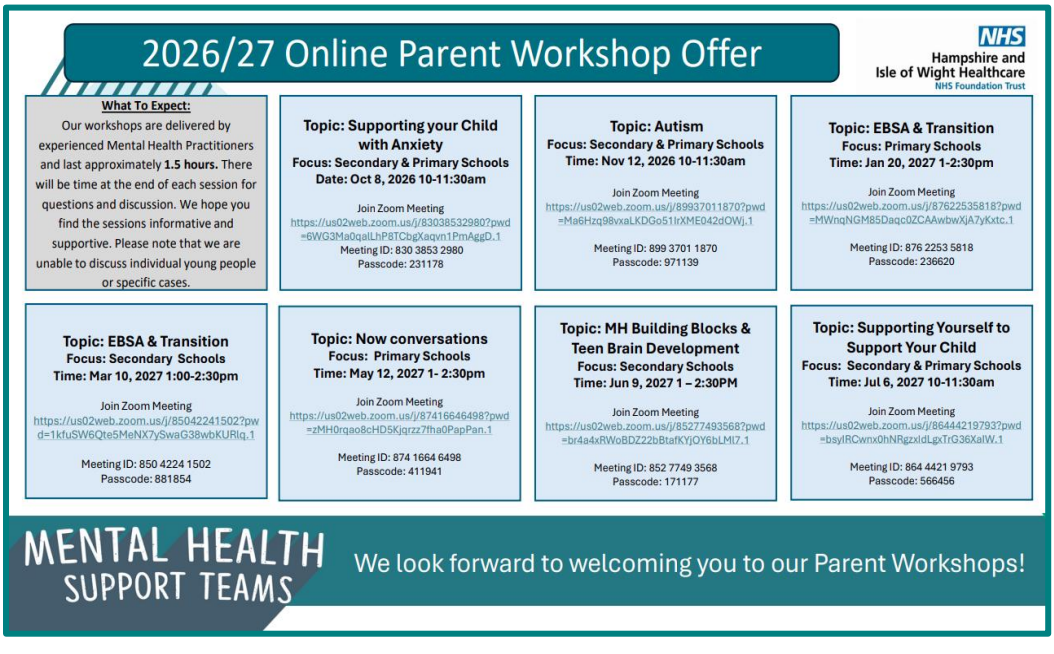
The children learnt that in 1834 a huge fire destroyed much of the old Palace of Westminster. A brand-new Parliament building was designed and part of that plan included an enormous clock tower, the Elizabeth Tower. It was completed in the 1800s and had four clock faces, one on each side of the tower, high above London so people could see the time from far away. The children discovered the name Big Ben is actually the nickname of the enormous bell inside the tower.

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





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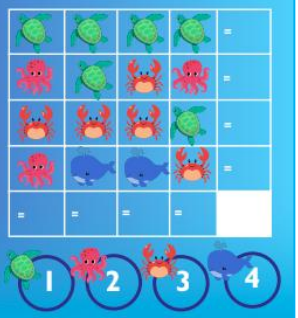
From perfecting strokes and learning new techniques to reaching exciting milestones, every lesson offers another opportunity to learn, progress and achieve something new.

With plenty of encouragement and fun along the way, those little improvements can soon turn into big achievements.

Whether they are taking their first steps into the pool or working towards their next Swim Academy stage, our teachers will be there to support their journey and celebrate their progress every step of the way.

Ready to take the plunge? Join our Swim Academy and start their swimming journey today.

Use the value of each picture to add up the rows and columns. Can you work out every answer?



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FUN FACT

Benjamin Franklin invented the first pair of swimming flippers and hand paddles when he was just an 11 year-old boy.



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12TH DECEMBER

OPEN 2PM - 6PM

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Seasonal gifts, Refreshments, Christmas tunes, Santa's Grotto and much more!

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 12th October – 16th October 2026					
Holly	**Oak**	**Elm**	**Rowan**	**Maple**	**Sycamore**
93.62%	95.6%	99.52%	98.57%	97.24%	95.36%





In collective worship this week we have been thinking about how working together as a team helps us.
Year R: Ask me about who Boris is?
Year 1: Ask me about which materials could be squashed and which ones couldn't?
Year 2: Ask me about our Year 2 trip this week. What was my favourite animal and what did I learn about them?



