Marchwood C of E Infant School

NEWSLETTER 23 OCTOBER 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

It's a wet and rainy end to what has been a fantastic half term. So many great things have happened this term, including welcoming our new YR children, school trips, harvest festivals, outdoor learning, lots of clubs for the children and of course some amazing learning. It is no wonder that your children are feeling a little tired!

This week has been as busy as the others with Y1 having a trip to Marwell Zoo. They were very lucky that the rain held off as much as it did, and they saw some incredible animals! The children particularly loved the giraffes, okapis, monkeys and Luca the tiger! Thank you to all the grown-ups that helped.

In YR there was a mystery to solve as Humpty Dumpty seems to have fallen off a wall and no one appears to know why? The children have made posters to ask for any information with great eyewitness drawings.

Y2 have been learning about Truth and Trash in PSHE and trying recognise what is true and what is opinion, as well as comparing lots of stories about wolves and creating wolf art using different shading techniques. I love having the children come to see me with their work and getting their special merit cards.

I hope you all have some rest planned for over the half term, ready for the most festive time of year (too soon I know). Please keep an eye on the Newsletter and website calendar for important dates during this busy time.

A little reminder that PE uniform consists of dark trousers and the school PE top or a plain white or blue T-shirt.



Have a fantastic half term and see you in November

Mrs Atkins

New Menus

After half term we change to our new Autum/Winter lunch menu which will run until Easter. Menus can be viewed on our website.

https://www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk/lunch-menus

A paper copy can be requested from the school office.

ISSUE 8

Diary Dates

October

- **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 – SPOTTY DAY
- **FRIDAY 13TH** YR FIRST CLASS PHOTO IN THE DAILY ECHO
- **MONDAY 16 TH ANTI BULLYING WEEK-**ODD SOCKS DAY
- **MONDAY 16 TH** FINAL GARDENING CLUB OF THIS TERM
- **THURSDAY 26TH** CHRISTMAS ART MORNING – PARENTS WELCOME (NO SIBLINGS)
- **FRIDAY 27TH INSET** – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

December

- **MONDAY 7TH** FINAL GYM CLUB OF THIS TERM
- **TUESDAY 8TH** FINAL MULTI-SPORTS CLUB OF THIS TERM
- **THURSDAY 10TH** YR NATIVITY – ST JOHNS CHURSH 2PM
- **FRIDAY 11TH** CHRISTINGLE, ST JOHNS CHURCH 2PM
- **TUESDAY 15TH** Y1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 9.45AM
- **TUESDAY 15TH** Y2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 1.45PM
- **TUESDAY 15TH** FINAL KWB CLUB OF THIS TERM
- **WEDNESDAY 16TH** Y2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 9.45AM
- **WEDNESDAY 16TH** Y1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 1.45PM
- **THURSDAY 17TH** CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- **FRIDAY 18TH** CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – SCHOOL CHARITY **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available in school from **Monday 2nd November** for a small donation to the Royal British Legion charity. This year we also have a range of other poppy products to buy in our Poppy Shop in the school office. The prices below are a suggested minimum donation for these.





Paper poppy or sticker - 50p
Pencil – 50p
Reflector - 50p
Wristband - £1.00
Snap band - £1.50

If you are sending cash in for these, please put it in a named envelope or purse. Loose change can get lost and causes upset.

Scholastic Book Fair

After half term we are looking forward to having the Scholastic/Travelling Book Fair in school. This is a pop-up shop where you can buy children's books, ideal for festive presents and stocking fillers. The fair will be open from **Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November, 2.45pm – 3.45pm each day.** Monday's will be in the office foyer area and for the rest of the week it will be in the Music Room. Cash & card payments accepted.



Bible Verse for the Week

Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating…

Holly Class
Henry J and Finn P

Oak Class
Millie R and Lila L

Elm Class
Kodi M and Maddie F

Rowan Class
Albie R and Teddy S

Maple Class
Louie W and Gypsy G

Sycamore Class
Willow C and Ryder B

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.



Gardening Club

In our third session of gardening club, we got lots done! Mrs Conlon worked with some children in the flower garden. They planted some clematis to grow up our arch and sowed some wildflower seeds too. Mrs Mulholland worked with a group planting beans, peas and carrots next to the new arch in the vegetable garden. I worked with some super diggers who emptied the last two beds of compost and carried everything up to the vegetable garden. They then filled one of these beds with garlic and the other bed will be filled in our next session.

Mr Warren











Kids With Bricks

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

This week's build was a model of a king or a queen. The models were fantastic!
The children learnt that for more than a thousand years Britain has had kings and queens. Long ago kings and queens had far more direct power than the monarch does today. In the past they could lead armies, collect taxes, grant land and make important decisions. The children discovered that the monarchy is still here today even though Britain has changed beyond recognition during the different reigns of kings and queens.

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

Half Term at St Barbe



St Barbe Out and About
Ages 3+ | Pennington |
Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free



Portraits with a Twist
Ages 8+ | St Barbe|
10-12 | Pre-book £8



St Barbe Out and About
Ages 3+ | Sway |
Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free



Face Art
Ages 3+ | St Barbe |
Drop-in 10:30-12:30 &
13:30-15:30 | Free|

See our website for more details

ST BARBE
MUSEUM+ART GALLERY
LYMINGTON

St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery
New Street, Lymington,
Hampshire SO41 9BH

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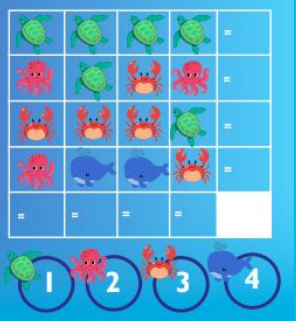
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Ready… and start their swimming journey today.

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



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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INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Design a planet to add to our night sky scene.
Can you find the shining stars hidden around the Castle?

INDOOR CRAFTS

Make your own rocket or design your own planet suncatcher on Tuesday 27 and Thursday 29 10am-3pm.

50%
FAMILIES DAY
Wednesday 28 October
Enjoy 50% off family admission 10am-4pm

The Castle is open Sunday-Thursday 10am-4pm. Indoor activities and crafts are included in normal admission prices.

Highcliffecastle.co.uk

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What's on

September - December 2026

SEACITY MUSEUM | SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY | TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN



Wizard School (6yrs+)
Mon 26 & Tues 27 Oct | 10.30am, 12pm and 1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All:
Bats on Bags Printing Workshop! (4 yrs+)
Mon 26 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All:
Autumn Watercolour Vignettes (7 yrs+)
Tue 27 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Spooky Portraits! (5 yrs+)
Wed 28 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Hands on History: Frightening Folklore (6yrs+)
Thu 29 Oct | 10.30am, 12pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Clay Pumpkins (4yrs+)
Thu 29 Oct & Fri 30 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

CULTURE CLUB for kids



Mon 26, Tue 27, Wed 28 Oct
9am - 4pm | SeaCity | £35, £90 for all three days

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days! **Our theme for October Half Term is Spooky Autumn!**

See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on workshops and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | **tudorhouseandgarden.com** | **southamptoncityartgallery.com**



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 19th October – 23rd October 2026					
Holly	**Oak**	**Elm**	**Rowan**	**Maple**	**Sycamore**
94.75%	98.52%	96.41%	97.52%	95.69%	94.5%





In collective worship this week we have been thinking about not being afraid to make our own choices.
Year R: Ask me about Incy Wincy and Humpty Dumpty.
Year 1: Ask me about which animals we saw at Marwell Zoo?
Year 2: Ask me about minibeasts and microhabitats.







Have a happy Half Term Break.

We will see you back on Monday 2nd November



Autumn-Winter 2026/2027

WEEK 1

Commencing:
2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec, 18th Jan, 8th Feb, 1st Mar, 22nd Mar

Monday
Crunchy Vegetable Fingers with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (Vg)
Pea & Mince Keema with Rice (Vg)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Cookie (V)

Tuesday
Sweet & Sour Chicken
Tex-Mex Vegetable Enchilada (V)
Served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Banana Traybake with Custard (V)

Wednesday
Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Jelly with Mandarins (Vg)

Thursday
Sausages and Baked Bean Hotpot
Margherita Pizza (Vg)
Served with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)

Friday
Fish Fingers
Crunchy Vegetable Fingers (V)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Fruity Friday

WEEK 2

Commencing:
9th Nov, 30th Nov, 4th Jan, 25th Jan, 15th Feb, 8th Mar

Monday
Flaky Sausage Roll with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (Vg)
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Lemon Sponge (V)

Tuesday
Chicken Fajita
Rainbow Sweet & Sour Vegetables (Vg)
Served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Shortbread (V)

Wednesday
Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Cheese and Crackers (V)

Thursday
Chicken & Bacon Pasta Carbonara
Margherita Pizza with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Apple Crumble with Custard (V)

Friday
Battered Fish Fillet
Vegan Quorn Sausage (Vg)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans (Vg)
Fruity Friday

WEEK 3

Commencing
16th Nov, 7th Dec, 11th Jan, 1st Feb, 22nd Feb, 15th Mar

Monday
Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel (V) with Herby Diced Potatoes (Vg)
Chinese-Style Egg Rice (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Shortbread (Vg)

Tuesday
Beef Burger in a Bun
Served with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges
Veggie Mince Taco with Cheese (V)
Served with Fluffy Rice (V)
Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Brownie (V)

Wednesday
Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)

Thursday
Chicken Tikka Masala served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables
Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)
Dutch Apple Pie with Custard (V)

Friday
Fish Fingers or Salmon
Vegan Quorn Sausage (Vg)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans (Vg)





AVAILABLE DAILY:

Either Pasta with Tomato & Basil or Pesto Sauce or Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Choice of Sandwiches
Cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayonnaise, or Egg Mayonnaise.
Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt, Jelly and Water.