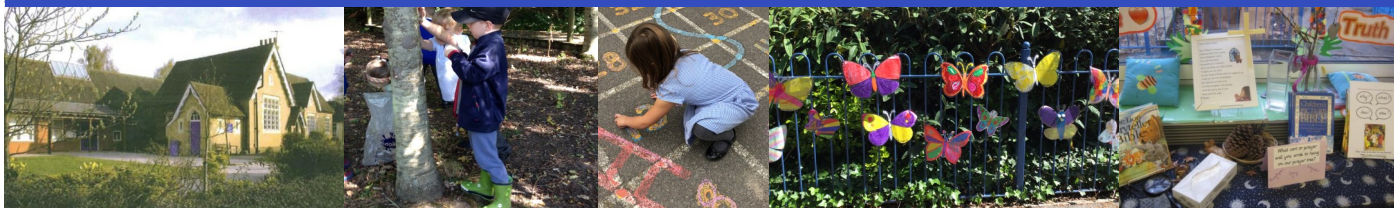


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NEWSLETTER

8TH MAY 2026



Message from Mrs Atkins

This week has been another week packed with exciting things for your children, both academically and as part of our enrichment curriculum. Y1 got to experience some folk active music in the hall, Y2 have been creating their own maps for the Beebots and YR have planted a whole range of vegetables and herbs. Well done everyone.

Part of the ethos at Marchwood C of E infant School is that we are fully inclusive and welcome children with a whole range of needs and backgrounds. Part of this is making sure we recognise the needs of every child and adapt our learning, environment and teaching in appropriate ways. It may be that for some of our children, simply being in the school environment can be overwhelming and all our staff work extremely hard to ensure that children feel safe and valued. It may be that sometimes your child may report a child acting in a way that is unexpected, please be assured that we are supporting children in a whole range of ways and this may not be visible to everyone in the class. All children deserve a high quality education, both academically and in how to act in social situations and everyone in our school is part of our Marchwood family. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your class teacher or our Sendco, Mrs Wright and remember to communicate in a calm and respectful manner.

At this time of year we always get questions from Year 2 parents about SATS. Year 2 SATS no longer take place, however schools can opt to use papers with children to back up their own teacher assessments. Some children in Year 2 may be given these papers to complete but we will not be reporting the scores from these anywhere and the final reports will be the teacher assessment result only. The children will not be put under any stress when completing papers as they will be presented in normal lesson times in a very relaxed manner. These papers may be given at any time from mid May onwards. We have taken the decision to administer some papers as a moderation exercise to ensure effective teaching and learning is continuing at a high standard, but reiterate that the teacher assessment will be our measure for the end of the year and we will not be publishing or sharing individual test score outcomes. We hope this makes the process clear for every-one, however if you have any further questions please ask your class teacher in the first instance.

Learning to read is one of the most valuable ways to support a child's learning and we are delighted to invite some parents/carers in to learn about our phonic scheme next week. At home, it is important that you try and read with your child on a regular basis and also play games such as eye spy, or write a shopping list together. If you need any support in this, please contact your class teacher.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the parents of our new YR intake into school next week and helping them become part of our community.

Have a fantastic weekend and remember that looking after yourselves is just as important as looking after your children.

Sally Atkins

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Diary Dates

May

- **MONDAY 11TH**
GARDENING CLUB
- **WEDNESDAY 13TH**
PRAZIN HANDS PUPPETS - CLEANING TEETH
- **WEDNESDAY 13TH**
SEP 26- NEW PARENTS MEETING 6-7PM (ADULTS ONLY)
- **FRIDAY 15TH**
GREEN MILE
SCHOOL CHARITY FUNDRAISING DAY
- **THURSDAY 21ST**
HOLLY CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 2.45PM
- **MONDAY 18TH - FRIDAY 22ND**
WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
- **MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH**
HALF TERM BREAK

June

- **MONDAY 1ST**
GARDENING CLUB
- **MONDAY 15TH**
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- **MONDAY 15TH**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON GROUP A 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **MONDAY 15TH**
Y2 INDUCTION MEETING AT MJS 6-7PM
- **TUESDAY 16TH**
Y1 TRIP TO HAROLD HILLIER ARBORETUM
- **THURSDAY 18TH**
SPORTS DAY 9.30AM
- **FRIDAY 19TH**
FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON 1.30-2.30PM (NO SIBLINGS)
- **MONDAY 22ND**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON GROUP B 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **TUESDAY 23RD**
M&M THEATRE -WIZARD OF OZ
- **FRIDAY 26TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
- **MONDAY 29TH**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON GROUP A 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **MONDAY 29TH**
GARDENING CLUB

Bible Verse for the Week

Psalm 23:1

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."

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Hope

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Absence

We have an increasing number of parents taking their children out of school without informing us in advance. Please note, all absence **must** be applied for in advance, even if you think it will not be authorised. Forms are available from the school office or our website. All term time holiday requests or extended leave of absence are not able to be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For our full attendance policy, please visit: <https://www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk/policies/>

School Charity Day - The Green Mile

Don't forget on **Friday 15th May 2026**, we will be holding a 'Green Day' in school to support our chosen school Charity 'Oakhaven Hospice'.

On this day we will be asking the children to come to school dressed in 'green' and will be holding a sponsored walk using our new field path. We will track your child's progress and let you know, with a special certificate, how many laps your child has completed! Copies of the sponsor form can be found on the Letters page of our website.

If you would like to take part in Oakhaven's event itself you can click the link here: <https://www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/oakhaven-walk/>

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Gant - School Charity Lead



This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Stevie H-E and Charlie B

Oak Class

Mithusha M and Leo J

Elm Class

Walker K and Louie W

Rowan Class

George C and Daniel A

Beech Class

Nellie C and Sienna H

Sycamore Class

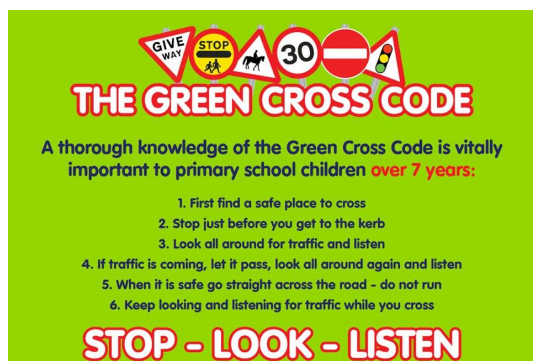
Edward H, Oliver K and
Chloe R

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.

Walk to School Week - 18th to 22nd May



Why should we walk to school?

- Makes us more active
- Practice using the green cross code
- We chat to people walking with us
- Good for mental health
- Reduces traffic outside school
- Reduces air pollution outside school

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Cross Country Club



This week in Cross Country Club we were using a slam ball as part of our strength training. Using the slam ball works the upper body, shoulders and the core. We all tried to push ourselves and run a little bit further than we did the week before. We had some children who were very proud of themselves because they kept going for 4 laps of the track (1km) without stopping and some children who supported friends who were getting puffed out and encouraged them to just keep moving.

Well-done everyone!

Mrs Jerome and Mrs Waterhouse



Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **World Records**.

This week the children created models of a mega machine. They were fantastic!

The children learnt about some mega machines. The largest plane ever built was the AN-225 Mriya. This amazing plane could carry other planes inside it and its wings were so wide they could fit over a football field. Sadly, there has only ever been one of these machines which when it flew it looked like a flying block of flats. The largest dump truck in the world is the BelAZ 75710. It is used in the mining industry and can carry nearly 450 tonnes of rock, that's heavier than a jumbo jet. The children also discovered that the largest land-based crane, named 'Big Carl', was delivered to its work site on over 250 trucks. When it was put together it was like building the biggest construction set in the world, except each piece weighed as much as a car! It stands as tall as the London Eye and is currently at Hinkley Point C nuclear power station in Somerset.

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 the KWB 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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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 May - 8th May 2026

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
96.59%	97.16%	92.41%	95.69%	98.33%	94.91%



"ASK ME ABOUT..."

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about stories Jesus told.

Year R: Ask me about the 5 little kittens jumping on the bed and what I can say about the number 5.

Year 1: Ask me about what started the Great Fire of London and how did the fire change things in the present?

Year 2: Ask me about how pattern is used in African art.

+ free kids crafts



Pop-up book sale

Wednesday 27th May

10 - 3 in

The Classroom

Sorry, no dogs allowed

Books to be purchased by a **cash donation** to Friends of Lepe



POP NIGHTS at Hanger Farm



3 Jul The Ed Sheeran Songbook
£20

24 Jul Fearlessly Taylor
Seated: £19 / £16
Dance floor: £18 / £15

31 Jul Steptacular - The UK's Premier Steps Tribute Show
Seated: £19 / £15
Dance floor: £18 / £14

14 Aug Late Night Talking - A Tribute to Harry Styles
Seated: £19 / £15
Dance floor: £18 / £14

29 Oct The Sabrina Carpenter Tribute
Seated: £19 / £15
Dance floor: £18 / £14

HANGER FARM
Charity no. 105339



More shows online
BOOK NOW
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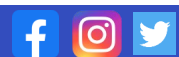
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Hythe & Dibden
PARISH COUNCIL

FAMILY FRIENDLY

LITTER PICK DAY

FOREST FRONT, HYTHE

FREE ACTIVITIES & GOODIE BAGS

Parking The Glenn. Meet at Forest Front Park

Thursday 28th May

10am-12pm

Equipment will be provided however if you have your own please feel free to bring it along.

Please wear sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing and bring any food and water you may require for the morning.

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

 **PLANET KIDS**

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



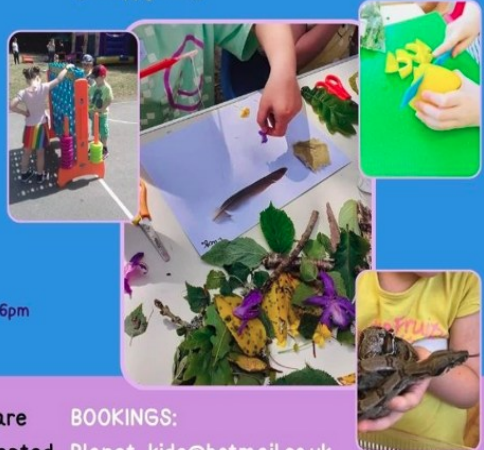
"A great wraparound provision, with an amazing range of activities and visitors, giving the children a broad range of experiences. I highly recommend them"
(A Happy Mum)

WHO?
Children aged 4 - 11 years old

WHERE?
Marchwood CofE Infant School

WHEN?
Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

TIMES:
Full Day - 7:45am - 6pm
Half Days - 7:45am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm
School Days - 8:30am - 3:30pm



OFSTED Registered Childcare All Childcare Vouchers Accepted

BOOKINGS:
Planet_kids@hotmail.co.uk

 **BIG MOUTH THEATRE**

Big Mouth Theatre
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The children of Marchwood Infant School will have lots to get their teeth into if they join us at **Big Mouth Theatre After School Drama Club**, as we prepare to go...

Camping

IN THE WILDERNESS



Come and join in with our awesome outdoor-themed activities! We'll be telling tall tales as we keep warm by the campfire, exploring rough terrain as we battle the elements, keeping those wild animals away from our picnics, and using our map-reading skills to complete the final quest!

Our session plans are produced in-house, which allows for fun, yet structured and inclusive sessions and they are guaranteed to have a great time building their **confidence** and **self-esteem** at our after school drama club.

Big Mouth Theatre is a high-quality drama activity provider offering a range of non-competitive, structured sessions designed to enhance, support, and nurture your child's wellbeing. Dynamic age-appropriate games and fundamental acting activities are led by our trained and DBS-certified drama coaches to help enable your child to feel a sense of achievement and inclusion, resulting in a more confident, well-balanced, happy individual... **because who doesn't want to see a smile on their child's face?**

Big Mouth Theatre drama clubs will take place every **Monday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm** at Marchwood Infant School commencing 20th April. Subscriptions are payable half termly, in advance - that's just £26 for the 4 sessions, taking us up to the half term holidays.

If, after the 1st session, your child does not choose to join us on a weekly basis, simply let us know and we'll refund your payment!

It could not be easier to book a place on our clubs.
Simply head to www.bigmouththeatre.com and click 'Join us Today!'
Alternatively, just scan the QR Code...

Numbers are limited, so stay a happy camper and book your place today!

See you soon...
From the Big Mouth Camp Leaders!



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