

Growing Today, Ready for Tomorrow

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Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Although it has been a short half term, we have still managed to squeeze in lots of exciting opportunities and learning for the children, so please take a moment to read what we have been getting up to!



Whitchurch News

Reception School Places September 2025

We are really pleased to announce that we have **30 children** confirmed for our Reception Class in September 2025, with a number of children still on a waiting list too. Thank you to everyone who has shared or liked a Facebook advert or even just shared by word-of-mouth what we do with your children at our school! Word obviously gets around!

Football Kit

We have finally taken delivery of our new football kit last week. Doesn't it look amazing! A big thank you to **Hannon Builders, Vass Tech** and **John Dennis 4x4** for sponsoring the kits! A huge thanks to Chair of Governors, Jo Dallas, for organising the sponsors and to Mrs Spring for sourcing them and organising delivery! We look forward to wearing them in the Autumn Term, however, there is a sneak preview of some of the Year 3 and 4 girls wearing them at a skills festival last week later in the newsletter!



Reports

This year your child's reports will look slightly different. With the requirement to report on attainment for foundation subjects, we have decided to streamline them so they fit onto one double sided page. The reports will come out in July before we break up for the summer holidays.

VE Day

The school celebrated VE day earlier this term on Thursday 8th May. We held an assembly where we had a two minutes silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives all those years ago so we could enjoy

ours now. Mrs Bareham shared some old bunting that her Grandma had put outside her house to celebrate VE day 80 years ago in Portsmouth. The children also learnt about VE day in class and why we celebrate it today.



Independence and Careers Week

This week in school we have lots of visitors in from the community who have been talking to the children about their Job and Career! The children have had some amazing talks from **Rob and Russ** at **Vass Tech**, **Katie Haylock**, an **audiologist**, who runs **Bucks Ear Wax Removal** on the High Street, **Guy Bond**, who spoke about his **farming business and how he trains Olympic Shooters**, **Becca** from the **White Swan Pub**, **Mr and Mrs Gregory**, who spoke about their **farming business (they even bought in a huge tractor on to the KS2 playground!)** and **Charlotte and Lauren from Hampden Veterinary Hospital**. Thank you to all of these people who have come in and hopefully inspired some of children to aim high and become the next generation of farmers, mechanics, audiologists, hospitality managers or Equine Vets!

We hope you have enjoyed completing the Independence Week challenges with the children during this week! Maybe the children have been making their own packed lunch, helping around the house or just getting up when the alarm goes off! Please send in your child's completed form and pictures after half term for some well-earned dojos! Here are some photos from the assemblies...



Mara's Marathon

Mrs Mobbs wrote to you earlier in the week about 'Mara's Marathon'. As many of you already know, Mara is a younger sibling of both Albie and James who have both been to Whitchurch. Please can you support the children, who over the course of the first week back after half term, are walking a marathon to support her and her treatment.

Reminders

With the warmer and drier weather now firmly with us, can we take this opportunity to remind you to ensure your child is protected against the potentially harmful effects of the sun. Please make sure they have a sun hat, sun cream and a freshly-filled water bottle every day. Also, please make sure that any jumpers/hoodies are all named as the 'Lost Property' box at the back of the hall is full again!

Thank you for ensuring that high standards of uniform are worn at all times. Just a polite reminder that children should not be wearing trainers unless it is their designated PE day or you have been informed otherwise. As always, details about school uniform can be found on the school website using the link: <https://www.whitchurchcombined.co.uk/uniform-information/>

Year 6 SATs

Well done to our Year 6s who took their KS2 Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) between 12th – 15th May. Most children arrived at school early and enjoyed a pre-SATs breakfast of croissants and juice, which meant that they were raring to go for the tests ahead!

The children all worked with a calm resilience and showed off their best selves during the week. Mrs Hutton, Mrs Bareham and all members of staff who have worked with them over the years are extremely proud of their efforts! Well done Year 6! The results will be shared later this term.



Sports

There has been plenty of sporting activity this half term.

KS2 Girls Football Festival at St Michaels, School, Aylesbury

The Year 3 and 4 girls got to show off our new football kit at St Michaels. The girls spent the morning practising and developing their technical skills by completing a circuit of activities. Alice won a special award for her shooting! Well done Alice! Thanks to Mrs Spring and Mrs Heron for taking the girls!



Year 5 and 6 Quad Athletics

A big well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who competed and came 1st out of 6 schools in the Quad kids Athletics at Cottesloe School a couple of weeks ago! The children took part in a sprint, distance throw, vortex throws and standing long jumps. The children all supported each other brilliantly and everyone had a fun morning in the warm sun! Because they came first in the event, the children are now through to the Buckinghamshire finals at Stoke Mandeville on Thursday 3rd July. Well done Team!



Year 5 Handball

Some Year pupils took part in a Handball festival on Monday 12th May at Kingsbrook Secondary School. They all played brilliantly and put into practice all the handball skills they learnt in Friday's Afterschool Club with Andre. Here they are with their certificates and medals!



KS2 House Games

On Wednesday this week KS2 enjoyed an Athletics House Games hosted by S4A. The children all took part in sprints, javelin and shot throwing, Football dribble, long jump and Slalom. Well done to Mentmore who won the competition!



Year 5 PGL

Once again this year, our Year 5 children travelled to PGL Windmill Hill in East Sussex earlier this term. Mr Soar, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Carson enjoyed a warm, sun-kissed week on the south coast and had a fantastic time with the children! Giant Swing, Abseiling, Zipwire, Trapeze, All Aboard, Buggy Building, Aeroball and Orienteering were just some of the activities enjoyed by the children. One of Benny's best parts was the Giant Swing, he said, "When I was at the top, I was pretty scared but once I got down and I wanted to do it again!" Bella said that her most memorable experience was the climbing wall because we had to use team work and self-belief to get to the top!

Mr Soar will organise a PGL Assembly later in the Summer Term for Year 5 Parents with a short film showing all the photos and memories of the trip. The Year 5 trip is booked already for PGL 2026. Thank you to those Year 4 parents for paying a prompt deposit. Mr Soar will hold an information meeting for the trip in the Autumn Term.



PTA Events

PTA Disco

The children loved having DJ Phil Gomm in school to do the PTA discos for Reception & KS1 and KS2. All the children had a great time dancing and playing games. I even noticed some of the Governors joining in too before one of their termly meetings! A big thank you to the PTA volunteers and teaching staff for helping the children have an amazing time.

PTA Mufti Day

In exchange for wearing a colour to school, the children all bought in a coloured raffle prize for the Summer Fayre yesterday. There was a wide range of colours and clothing and the children all looked fabulous in their different colours!



PTA Summer Fayre

A really important date to save is the **PTA Summer Fayre** from **3:30pm-4:45pm on Friday 4th July**. Please come and support the PTA and school by raising money for your children.

Thank you for all of your help and support this half term. We hope you have a lovely half term and we will see the children back at school on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

PTA and Rotary Club

Another big thank you to the PTA and Rotary club in Winslow who have funded another new Smart board in Year 4.



Have a lovely half term and we will see on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Mrs R Mobbs & Mr M Soar

Here is a reminder of the dates for when we come back. Please note that this half term is really busy; events may be subject to change due to the weather and some dates still need to be confirmed!



DATE	EVENT
23 rd May	Break up for half term
2nd June	INSET DAY
3rd June	Children back to school
3 rd June	Reception Class Scooter Day
3 rd -6 th June	Mara's Marathon
4 th June	New Parents Reception Meeting (6pm-7pm)
6 th June	Year 5 Maypole Performance
6 th June	Year 6 at Ninja Warrior, MK
6 th June	Reception Trip to the Natural History Museum, Oxford.
9 th June	KS2 Sports Morning
10 th June	KS2 Sports Morning - Reserve
10 th June	KS2 PTA Movie Night
11 th June	KS1 PTA Movie Night
12 th June	KS1 Sports Morning – Round Robin
13 th June	Fabulous Friday – open afternoon
16 th June	KS1 Sports Morning – Round Robin (Reserve Day)
16 th June	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
17 th June	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
18 th June	Year 3 & 4 Bikeability
20 th June	Reading Picnic
23 rd June	Year 1 – Whipsnade Zoo
25 th - 27 th June	Hudnall Park – Year 3
27 th June	Year 6 - West Wittering Beach Trip
1 st July	Transition Day – ALL Children
	Meet the Teacher – Year 2, 4 & 6
3 rd July	Meet the Teacher – Year 1, 3 & 5
4 th July	Mufti-Day – PTA Fayre – Bottle/Sweets & chocolate
	Year 2 trip to Rectory Farm
	Year 6 Transition Games – Royal Latin
4th July	Summer Fayre (after school)
7 th July	KS2 District Sports at Stoke Mandeville Stadium (Evening)
9 th July	Year 5 PGL Assembly
10 th July	Year 6 Transition Sports at St Michaels
11 th July	Sports, Games and Mingle – for new Reception Parents
14 ^h July	Year 3 Hudnall Park Assembly
	Year 3 & 4 PTA Cake Sale
	Y4, 5, & 6 Speech Competition
15 th July	'Thankyou' afternoon tea for school volunteers
16 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Play to Parents (Evening)
17 th July	Year 3 Ancient Maya Day
17 th July	Year 6 trip to Gravity, MK
18 th July	Year 6 lunch at the White Swan
	LEGO workshops in school
21 st July	Whitchurch's Got Talent!
22 nd July	Reading Olympic reward activities
23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 9am
23rd July	End of Term