

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 15 November 2024



Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for the support shown at this year's Remembrance Service that was held in school last Sunday. The children enjoyed all the poppy activities and it was wonderful to see so many of them here. It was also lovely to see a sea of spots and stripes this morning in support of Children In Need. We raised a grand total of **£386.32** which will be sent on to the charity.

Dig Day – This **Sunday, 17 November** we are holding a 'Dig Day' at school from **10am until 1pm** and would like to ask for volunteers to help to clear up and tidy areas around the environmental area and the school grounds. If you are green fingered or just fancy helping out for an hour or two in the school grounds then please come along. If you can offer your support, please complete the following on-line form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Oijnif6VtL>

SEND - Mrs Hine, our SENDCo, has undergone an operation this week and will be absent from school for the foreseeable future. During her period of absence members of the senior leadership team will be responding to any correspondence regarding SEND. If you need to send an email during this time period please use the following email address: sendco@warsash.hants.sch.uk

Reception September 2025 Tours - We are conducting individual tours of the school for any parents whose children are due to start in September 2025. If you know anyone with a child due to start next September please ask them to contact the school office for further details.

Christmas Services - Christmas Services will take place later this term in St Marys Church. As usual we would like to invite you to join us at these special events. The dates and times are:

Infants Tuesday 17 December	9.30am – P, 1H, 2D	10.45am - T, 1J, 2H
Juniors Wednesday 18 December	9.30am – 3B, 5G, Y4, Y6	10.45am 3H, 5H, Y4, Y6

Y6 will be leading the 9:30am service and Y4 will be lead the 10:45am service.

Shoebox Appeal – We currently have **48** completed shoe boxes in school which is a great start to the Operation Christmas Child appeal. We have until next Wednesday, **20 November**, to keep putting these together. Last year we managed to donate 144 Boxes. Are you able to support us this year in trying to match or exceed this total? Leaflets are still available from the school office. If you are making a shoebox please also remember to include your donation of £5, payable online or via the envelope attached to the leaflet. Any support with this initiative is gratefully received.

Aspens Theme Day – The caterers will be providing a special menu on **Thursday 21 November** entitled **Sparkle Spectacular**. On this day your child will be able to choose from the options below. Please order your child's meal via the online Aspens Select website.

- Blazing Bonfire Bangers, Sweet potato wedges & rainbow slaw
- Quorn Blazing Bonfire Bangers, Sweet potato wedges & rainbow slaw
- Jacket Potato, Cheese &/or Beans or Tuna
- Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato sauce & Cheese

Time To Shine – We are holding a “Be Bright, Be Seen” **non-school uniform day on Monday 2nd December**. This will highlight to everyone, both adults and children, the importance of using reflective and fluorescent clothing and gadgets in a fun and innovative way to make themselves much more visible to drivers and therefore much safer on the road.

School Christmas lunch is being held on **Wednesday 18 December** this year. The menu choices on the day are:

- **Christmas Roast**, Stuffing, Roasties, Vegetable Medley, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding
 - **Cheesy Cauliflower & Leek Puff Pastry Wreath** with Roasties, Vegetable Medley, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding.
- Followed by Snowy White Chocolate Blondie or Mince Pie Crumble Bar

So that the kitchen can prepare for the increased number of meals that are usually taken on this day they have requested that Christmas meals are pre-ordered via the Aspens Select website by **Friday 06 December**.

Wellbeing - Please could you take a few moments to complete this wellbeing questionnaire. The closing date is 29 November. Questionnaire link : <https://forms.office.com/e/w6VWyumrgX?origin=IprLink>

Tesco Blue tokens – Don't forget to vote now in **Tesco Express Warsash Road and Fareham Whiteley Superstore for Hook with Warsash C of E Academy PTFA** by picking up a blue token at the till and dropping it into the Tesco Stronger Starts voting box as you leave.

Lost Property - Lost property will be on display on the KS2 playground on **Tuesday 19 November** at the end of the day, weather permitting. Anything remaining at the end of the day will be recycled.

Christmas Jumper & Uniform Sale – The PTFA are holding a Christmas jumper and uniform sale on **22nd November at 3.20pm** onwards. Jumpers from £1!! Can you please bring any Christmas jumpers which you wish to donate into school from Monday - Friday next week. Children's and adult's jumpers welcome!

SCOPAY Email - Please be aware that the email hookwarsash@scopay.com is **NOT** received by the school unless you are replying to an email sent to you from that address. If you initiate an email to this address it will just disappear into the ether! Please use admin@warsash.hants.sch.uk for all emails to ensure they are received and quote your child's name and class in the subject field.

Nativity Workshop - St Mary's Church invites you to join in with their Nativity workshop and service on the **14th and 15th December**. The Saturday workshop runs from 10am till 3pm, where children will learn their parts in the Nativity, talk through the meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate Jesus' birth, and get involved with crafting to make props and decorations for the church. This year we are putting a fairly novel twist on the traditional story. We'd love to have as many children as possible involved but we need sign up by 30th November so that we can organise the weekend properly. Please see the attached poster for more details. If you can't make the workshop please come and support the Nativity Service on the 15th. It is always brilliant! And keep your eye out for the list of Christmas services on at the church.

Yours sincerely

Sara Willoughby

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Attachments: St Mary's Nativity Workshop

Next Week

Sun	17 Nov	Dig Day 10am – 1pm	
Mon	18 Nov	Fareham Schools Football (Y4) A v Portchester Christmas Jumper donations wanted	KS1 Art Club 3:05/4:30pm
Tue	19 Nov	HMS Music – Guitar Henry Cort Y5/6 Football Tournament Hampshire Cup 2nd Round H v Castle Jnr Lost Property Display 3:20pm	Spanish Lunchtime Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30/4:30pm
Wed	20 Nov	HMS Music – Brass/Woodwind/Keyboard Shoebox Appeal Deadline	Y3 Football Lunchtime KS2 Art Club 3:15/5:00pm Judo 3:15pm & 4:30pm
Thurs	21 Nov	Rock 2 the Beat Theme Menu – Sparkle Spectacular	French Lunchtime Y5/6 Football (Girls) Lunchtime Y1/2 Art Club 3:30/4:30pm Y2 Science Club 3:20/4:00pm Y5/6 Football (Boys) 3:30/4:30pm
Fri	22 Nov	HMS Music Lessons – Drums Y5 Swimming Christmas Jumper & Uniform Sale 3:20pm PTFA Wreath Making	Y5/6 Netball 8:15am Y3/6 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30/4:30pm

Diary Dates

Fri	29 Nov	PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening
Sun	01 Dec	Choir with Salvation Army @ St Mary's Church 4pm
Mon	02 Dec	Be Bright, Be Seen Non-Uniform Day
Fri	06 Dec	Non-Uniform Day for Fair donation
Sat	07 Dec	Christmas Fair
Sat	14 Dec	Nativity Workshop at St Mary's 10am-3pm
Sun	15 Dec	Nativity at St Mary's 10am-3pm
Tue	17 Dec	Infant Christmas Service 9.30am – P, 1H, 2D 10.45am - T, 1J, 2H Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Parties
Wed	18 Dec	Junior Christmas Service 9.30am – 3B, 5G, Y4, Y6 10.45am 3H, 5H, Y4, Y6 School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs	19 Dec	Rock2theBeat Concert
Fri	20 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
21/12 – 05/01		Christmas Holiday

Mon	06 Jan	First day of Spring Term
Wed	15 Jan	Deadline for New Year R 09/2025 Applications
Fri	17 Jan	Music Instalment due