



Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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2nd October 2026

Dear Parent

Our Year 6 children have had a great time enjoying their activity week, either at Osmington or in school. It has been wonderful watching the children supporting each other to be 'Brave' and give things a go. From jumping off high ropes courses, to building rafts, from scrabbling through indoor caves to presenting a Dragon's Den invention, the children have always been there for one another so that they feel they can achieve whatever challenge has been set and be 'Aspirational'. They are a truly 'Caring' and "Respectful" group and great role models to the rest of the school.

What's on next week?

Monday	Y4 New Forest Trip
Tuesday	Y3 Marchwood Walk

Parent Questionnaire

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we would like to thank all the parents that completed a parent questionnaire at the recent parents' evening. Your feedback is always gratefully received.

Please find below a breakdown of the responses

My child is well looked after at this school	100% agree
My child is taught well at this school	100% agree
This school is well led and managed	100% agree
My child feels safe at this school	99% agree
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	99% agree
My child makes good progress at this school	99% agree
My child is happy at this school	99% agree
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	98% agree
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	97% agree
My child received a well-structured transition to MJS	97% agree
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	96% agree

In next week's newsletter we will include a sample of the areas of strengths as identified by parents, as well as responses to all the queries and areas for development outlined.



Firework Marshalls

We would love to invite parent volunteers to help marshal our Fireworks Evening on Wednesday 4th November. To help keep everyone safe and ensure the evening runs smoothly, volunteers would need to be on the school site from 4.30pm for a short safety briefing, until approximately 7.30pm. This is always a wonderful evening for our school community, and we really could not make it happen without your support. Food and a drink will be provided for all volunteers. If you may be able to help, we would be so grateful if you could please email.

Saints U21s Fixture

Southampton Football Club have offered some FREE tickets to the following match:

Tuesday 20/10/2026 KO 19.00
 St Marys Stadium
 U21s Saints vs U21s Juventus

If you would like tickets please following the link below.

<https://tickets.southamptonfc.com/selection/event/date?productId=10229444354977&advantageld=10229451994518>

Online Parent Workshops

Our MHST (Mental Health Support Team) have planned in some workshops which can be accessed online by parents/ carers. The first one is on Thursday 8th October 10am - 11.30am. The topic for this session will be supporting your child with anxiety. Worskops will be delivered by experienced Mental Health practitioners. Please find the meeting information and link below:

Topic: Supporting your Child with Anxiety (aimed at both primary and secondary school children)

Date: Oct 8, 2026 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038532980?pwd=6WG3Ma0qalLhP8TCbgXaqvn1PmAggD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 3853 2980

Passcode: 231178

If parents/carers would find it useful, we are more than happy to show the workshop at school (with a cuppa thrown in for good measure). If you would like to attend at school, please could you email tgregory@marchwoodjun.co.uk by 5pm on Tuesday 6th October so that we know if numbers make this viable. We will email back to confirm if this event will be going ahead.

Courtney Leggett visit to Y4

In the afternoon, we had an artist come in to show us her amazing, nature related art. We loved how she used trees and stumps as inspiration for mythical creatures. She also showed us helpful tips. such as painting orange underneath animals' skin to make it look alive. But my favourite part was when we spotted deer in the forest painting. No one thought they'd be made of trees and leaves!

Evie S



Lunchtime Enrichment

Monday 5 th October	Just Dance
Tuesday 6 th October	Colouring/Cartoons
Wednesday 7 th October	Play Doh
Thursday 8 th October	Rainbow Clouds
Friday 9 th October	Board Games

Uniform

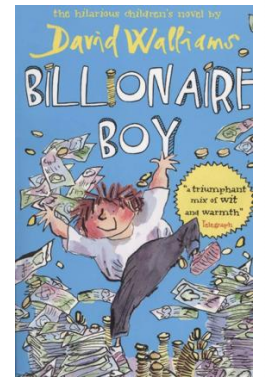
4 weeks into the new school year and the lost property is already overflowing. Please label/name your child's uniform items as returning unnamed items is an impossible task. Please clearly mark them with a laundry marker pen. Biro is ok for a wash or two, but it does fade quickly, and this leaves the item unnamed.

JLT Book Recommendation

Billionaire Boy

David Walliams

Billionaire Boy is a fun and interesting book about a young boy whose very rich dad sends him to a new school. When his dad later loses his money and becomes poor, everything changes, making the story surprising, funny and full of lessons about what really matters.



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Best wishes.

Mr Hoskins
Headteacher

Year/Whole School	Date	Event
Year 4	Mon 5 th Oct	Y4 New Forest Trip
Year 3	Tues 6 th Oct	Y3 Marchwood Walk
Whole School	Fri 16 th Oct	PTFA Film Club
Year 3	Tues 20 th Oct	Y3 ACE time (2.15pm)
Year 5	Wed 21 st Oct	Y5 ACE time (2.15pm)
Whole School	Wed 21 st Oct	PTFA AGM
Year 6	Thurs 22 nd Oct	Y6 ACE time (2.15pm)
Whole School	Tues 3 rd Nov	Y2 Open Morning
Whole School	Wed 4 th Nov	PTFA Fireworks Evening
Whole School	Fri 13 th Nov	Children in Need
Whole School	Mon 16 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Whole School	Thurs 26 th Nov	PTFA Disco
Whole School	Fri 4 th Dec	Donation Day (non school uniform)
Year 3 & 4	Tues 8 th & Wed 9 th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Year 5 & 6	Thurs 10 th & Fri 11 th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Year 4	Mon 14 th Dec	Y4 ACE Time (2.15pm)
Whole School	Tues 15 th Dec	Love of Christmas Day
Year 3 & 4	Wed 16 th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Dinner
Year 5 & 6	Thurs 17 th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Dinner
Whole School	Fri 18 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop

INSET Days 2026-2027

- Friday 27th November
- Thursday 25th March
- Friday 25th June

Hythe Library's BOOKED & BUSY

Community Fridge | Toy Exchange | Free WiFi & PC Access | Home Library Service

Children's Activities

Rhymetime *under 5s*
Mondays, from 11am,
& Thursdays from 2pm

Stay & Play
Tuesdays, 2-3pm

Share a Story
Tuesdays, 3-4.30pm

Storytime *3 - 7s*
Wednesdays, from 11am

New Parent Meet & Connect
0 - 12 months
Wednesdays, 10-11am

Baby Play *1 - 3s*
Thursdays, 11am-12pm

Saturday Family Fun
Saturdays, 10am-1pm

Adult Activities

Games Afternoon
Mondays, 2-4pm

Silent Book Club
First Monday of the month,
7-8.30pm

IT Support
Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

Knit & Knatter
Every other Tuesday, 2-4pm

'Chat About' Social Club
Wednesdays, 10am-12pm

Bridge Club
Wednesdays, 2-4pm

Memories, Tea, & Me
First Thursday of the month,
2.30-3.45pm

'Book About' Reading Group
Second Thursday of the month,
11am-12pm

Talk Club (men's mental fitness group)
Saturdays, 10am-12pm



News

Summer Reading Challenge

Across Hampshire Libraries, there were over **63,000 books** read for the Summer Reading Challenge! And we had **9,415 children** earn their medals! A huge well done to everyone who took part.

Coat Exchange & Costume Exchange

Our popular Coat and Costume Exchange are now open! You don't have to donate to take, and you don't have to take to donate. Whilst our Costume Exchange is up until Halloween, our Coat Exchange will be running until the end of March.

Convos about Living & Dying

We have a new free group starting **Thursday 29 October (10-11am)**! Join us for our safe, supportive space to talk about death, dying, and **living**- all that comes with being human.

Learning in Libraries has changed!



Learning in Libraries is now Hampshire Achieves, but it will continue to offer adult learning throughout the year! Watch our posters in branch or social media posts to see what's announced next.



Collection Spotlight

New in:

- *Murder on the Move*: Crime and thrillers set on moving vehicles.
- *Short Stories*: Collections orientated around a theme.
- *Death Positive*: Explores mortality and grief with compassion.

Coming in January:

- Diverse Voices
- Warm & Welcome



Mark Your Calendar

December
Mistletoe Fayre

Christmas hours
24/12 9.30am-1.30pm
25/12-28/12 Closed
31-12 9.30am-1.30pm
01/01 Closed



Extra Activities

Extra Special

The Tailor of Gloucester

Family theater show,
Saturday 24 October,
3-4.15pm, £5pp**

The Nightjar Journey

Saturday 24 October,
10.30-11am, all ages,
free

Free Play Days

Family Board Games

Monday 26 October,
10am-4pm

Stay & Play

Tuesday 27 October,
10am-4pm

Watch out for extra activities over Christmas!



Introduction to Nature Writing for adults

Tuesday 27 October,
10am-12pm, £0-15**

Words+Pictures=Ideas

Tuesday 27 October,
2-4pm, 8-12s, £0-12**

**Please book.

Construction Club (Lego)

Thursday 29 October,
10am-4pm

Suitable for all ages,
carers to supervise.



Managing Your Household Budget

Hythe & Dibden Community Centre,
Brinton Lane, Hythe

Wednesday 7 October 10am to 12pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-achieves-adult-learning-skills> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



Course Title: Managing Your Household Budget		Tutor: Lorraine Hardy
Cost: Free	Length of Course: 2 Hours	Group size: 6 - 12
Aims of the Course: This FREE Managing your Household Budget Workshop is perfect for adults who would like to find out about cost-saving ways to manage your money and reduce your household bills. You will: - Discover how to create a useful budget plan to calculate your income and outgoings - Explore the various benefits or incentives available that may help you to reduce your household bills - Find out where you can get support and help both locally and nationally to help you to make your money go further. A £20 food voucher will be given to those who complete this workshop.		
Learning Goals: (By the end of the course you will be able to...)		
- Identify 2 or more areas where you can improve your financial health. - Create and utilise a budget plan.		
About the course: Who is this course for: This course, funded by UK government, is for Hampshire residents aged 19+ who want to learn how to better manage their household budget. This session is brought to you in partnership with Waterside Community Fund who are donating a £20 food voucher to those who attend and complete this workshop. Please note: Eligibility criteria applies and will be checked upon enrolment. Course purpose: Improving essential skills Previous knowledge or experience: No experience or prior knowledge needed How will I learn: Tutor led discussion How will I be assessed: N/A What shall I bring: Pen and paper Next steps: Further Hampshire Achieves workshops such as Cooking on a Budget. This course, funded by Hampshire Achieves, is aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have. If you have limited mobility which could affect your ability to safely self-evacuate, please let us know when booking.		





A Handy update!



**October
Newsletter**

outline

Welcome to our October newsletter! Please share with as many people as you can. For those who don't know who we are – we are THE HANDY TRUST. A full youth support service running in the New Forest area offering youth clubs, holiday clubs, detached work, individual support and much more! We hope you enjoy getting more updates on what we're up to!



The Handy Trust Team
Harvey, Sofia (Manager), Crystle, Lucy & Shelane

Announcements

Details of our October half-term plans are included in this newsletter – with lots of fun planned! All other clubs and provisions are now running as normal – get in touch or check our social media for more information.



Summer Holidays

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a FANTASTIC summer. We had lots of fun across all of our clubs and sessions, our trip to Chessington, as well as seeing an incredible attendance at both THT Youthfest and Netley View skate park competition! Between these two events, there were 250 unique participants – we hope you all had a great time!

Included in this update are some photos of our summer programme.



OCTOBER HALF-TERM DETAILS!

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OCT 26	MON	Detached youth club
OCT 27	TUES	HYTHE HUB 11:30 - 1:30
OCT 28	WED	Thorpe Park Fright Night See separate poster
OCT 29	THURS	HYTHE HUB 11:30 - 1:30
OCT 30	FRI	HALLOWEEN PARTY See separate poster

COME AND JOIN US FOR HALLOWEEN & FIREWORKS FUN!

Thorpe Park FRIGHT NIGHTS
THE HOME OF FEAR

Wednesday 28th October 2026

Get in touch asap to book the last remaining spaces if you dare...

Recommended for 13 and over unless accompanied by an adult
This is a paid for trip, if needed payment plans can be arranged

THE HANDY TRUST PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

HYTHE HUB - JONES LANE

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Join us for lots of spooky fun including a scare maze!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE MESSAGE US, £2 PER ENTRY
BOOKING TIMES TO FOLLOW



Partners and funders

A massive thank you to all of our supporters and partners involved in our projects. Thank you to Hythe and Dibden parish council, NFDC, SNG, OPCC, Garfield Weston, Charles Burnett and Waterside Community fund.



MUSIC PRODUCTION HALLOWEEN ENRICHMENT DAY



For children in Years 5 - 8

- Create spooky tracks and Halloween soundscapes!
- Use iPads and GarageBand
- Make monster beats and haunted remixes
- Explore sampling and sound effects
- No experience needed – just bring your creativity!

Sign Up Here

October Half Term Music Enrichment

Monday 26 October 2026 9:30am – 3:30pm

Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, SO50 5ZA

£42.50 (lunch included)



CHOIR FOR A DAY

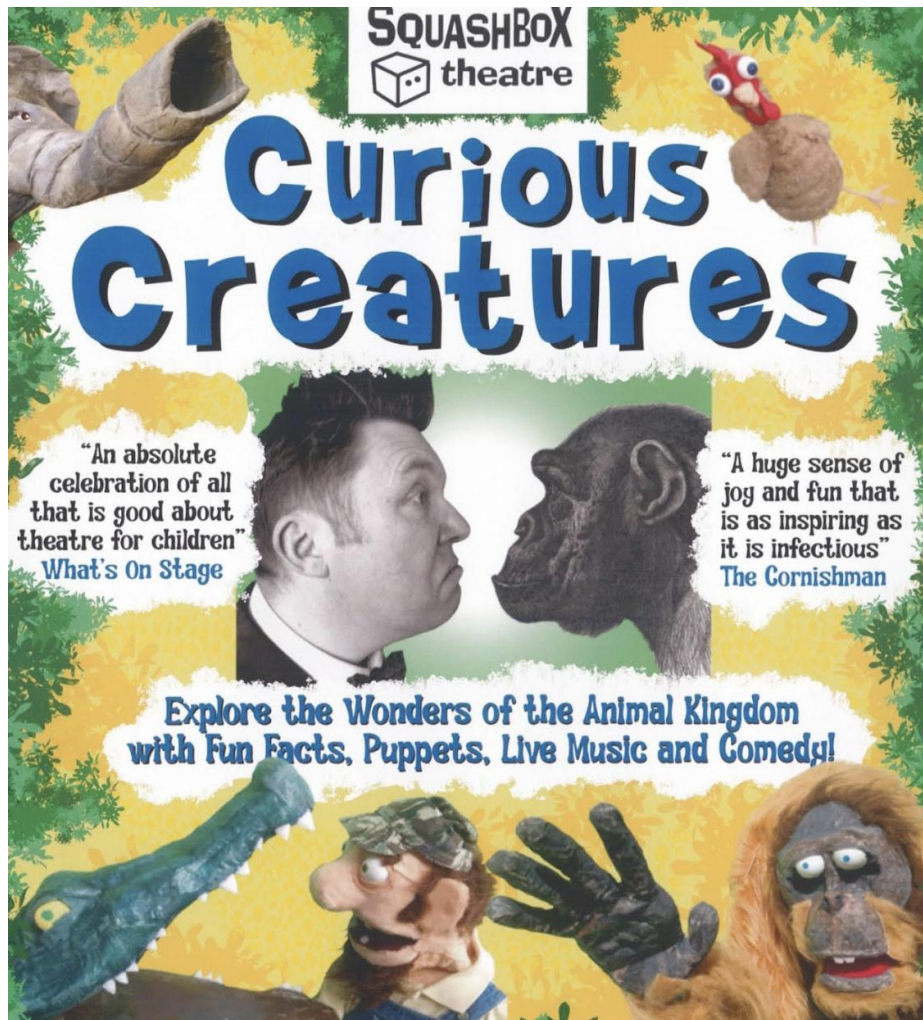


For children in Years 4 - 9

- Spend the day singing with other young people from across Hampshire!
- Perform songs from musical theatre and pop
- Build confidence and vocal skills
- Learn harmonies and performance techniques
- No auditions or experience needed – everyone welcome!

Sign Up Here





HYTHE PARISH HALL

Monday 26 October, 10:30am

£8, £6 (u18s), £24 (family) from cultureincommon.co.uk/whats-on
in person from Meeple Play Café, Hythe or Tel: 02380 841411

Refreshments & Snacks + Raffle available (cash only) | Suitable ages 5+

*Post-show Puppet Making workshop! £4 per child – places limited.



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Pair this with the wide range of enrichment clubs, activities and trips together with our beautiful 23-acre campus, and you have the ideal environment for children to learn and play.

We know the difference it makes to every one of our pupils.

We invite you to come and see for yourself.



Open Evening

Thursday 8th October
4.30pm-7pm

Open Morning

Tuesday 24th November
9.30am-11.30am



Book now!
thegreggschool.org

