Marchwood Junior School
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Dear Parent

Thank you for your attendance at this week's ACE times. It was great to welcome so many of you onto the school site to review the children's learning. Our children have enjoyed sharing their work with you. The pride in their smiles as you came into their classrooms was lovely to see.

What's on next week?	
Tuesday	Y2 Open Morning
Wednesday	PTFA Fireworks Evening

Back to Basics Competition!

This half term the children have been challenged to get creative! We would love it if they could produce a piece of art around the themes of 'Take Notice' or 'Connect'. They have been given a flyer with all the competition details on - it is on our website too.


Back to Basics Autumn I Challenge!
ART COMPETITION!

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Your challenge is to create a piece of work that links to 'Connect' or 'Take Notice'.

You can use pencils, pens, chalk, paint, biro, natural resources – anything goes! It is up to you!!

Some ideas to get you going....

'Connect' – a piece of work to show how you have 'connected' in some way – maybe to nature, maybe to a friend or family member, maybe to a new hobby, maybe with a pet.....

'Take Notice' – a piece of work that shows you have 'taken notice' over half term – perhaps reflecting the season eg changing colours of the leaves, perhaps noticing wildlife that is around, perhaps noticing the nights drawing in, perhaps noticing pumpkins or fireworks.....

The important bits.....

You can use the back of this piece of paper if you wish to – but you don't have to! Work can be bigger/ smaller if you wish.

You must have your first and last name, and your class, on the back of your piece of work.

All artwork must be **handed in by Friday 6th November** – there will be a tray in the triangle to pop it in.

The **VERY** important bits.....

- **If you hand in a piece of art work, you will receive a special Back to Basics WAM voucher AND be put into our Back to Basics end of year prize draw!**
- **We will display some of the entries on our Wellbeing Board!**
- **There will be a prize for the best lower school and upper school entry!**

What are you waiting for? Get creative!

Pieces of art needs to be handed in by Friday 6th November with their name and class on the back. As well as receiving a special Back to Basics WAM voucher, they will also be entered into our B2B end of year prize draw. PLUS we will choose a winning entry from upper and lower school - both of which will receive a prize!

What's not to love? A fun activity for half term with wellbeing benefits - plus the chance to win a prize and have their artwork put on display!

We look forward to some brilliant entries!

MHWB newsletter

Over half term why not take a look at this half term's Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter - it's packed with information, ideas and places to go for support. For information, all our MHWB newsletters are also on our school website.

🎆🎟 BIG NEWS! OUR FIREWORKS RAFFLE HAS GONE DIGITAL! 🎟🎆

This year, we're doing things a little differently at Marchwood Junior School PTFA… Our Fireworks Raffle is going 100% DIGITAL! 💻✨ That means you can buy your raffle tickets online, from the comfort of your sofa, and be in with a chance of winning some AMAZING prizes!

🎁 Thanks to our wonderful local businesses, we've got some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including donations from:

- 🍰 The Montagu Arms
- 🧗 Gecko Climbing
- 🎯 Delta Paintball
- 🏂 Snowtrax
- 🚗 Beaulieu Motor Museum
- 🐰 Rebecca Lines Beauty
- 🏎️ The Race Centre
- 🚲 The Wood Cyclery
- 🌸 Violet Hummingbird Events
- ✨ And lots more!

💝 Every ticket sold helps us raise money towards a brand-new computer suite for our children!

🎟 Tickets: £1 each
📆 Draw: Wednesday 4th November 2026
📱 Tickets available ONLINE ONLY

👉 BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS HERE:

https://app.galabid.com/fireworks-raffle/items/6833e791-5d97-4531-a98c-93da8f768f77 or scan the QR Code below.

There's no need to keep hold of paper tickets — your digital entries are recorded online!

A huge thank you for supporting our school! 💝🎆

Good luck, everyone! 🍀

Firework Marshals

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 dhoskins@marchwoodjun.co.uk



Lunchtime Enrichment

Monday 2nd November	Bonfire Pictures
Tuesday 3rd November	Firework Pictures
Wednesday 4th November	Firework Pictures
Thursday 5th November	Firework Pictures
Friday 6th November	Glitter Pictures

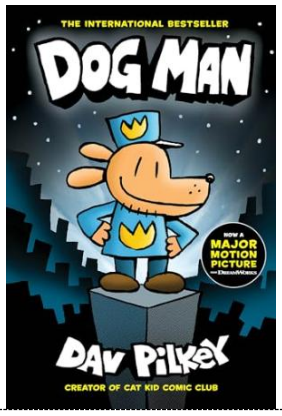
JLT Book Recommendation

Dog Man

Dav Pilkey

Dog Man is a great book for reluctant Year Three readers, from slang words to draw little readers in, to fantastically funny jokes and moments, this book has it all.

Ethan



Best wishes.

Mr Hoskins
Headteacher

Year/Whole School	Date	Event
Whole School	Tues 3rd Nov	Y2 Open Morning
Whole School	Wed 4th Nov	PTFA Fireworks Evening
Whole School	Fri 13th Nov	Children in Need
Whole School	Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Whole School	Thurs 26th Nov	PTFA Disco
Whole School	Fri 4th Dec	Donation Day (non-school uniform)
Year 3 & 4	Tues 8th & Wed 9th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Year 5 & 6	Thurs 10th & Fri 11th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Year 4	Mon 14th Dec	Y4 ACE Time (2.15pm)
Whole School	Tues 15th Dec	Love of Christmas Day
Year 3 & 4	Wed 16th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Dinner
Year 5 & 6	Thurs 17th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Dinner
Whole School	Fri 18th Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop

INSET Days 2026-2027
○ Friday 27th November ○ Thursday 25th March ○ Friday 25th June



LITTLE MONSTERS BIG SPLASHES

NEW MILTON| LYMINGTON|APPLEMORE|RINGWOOD|TOTTON

Are your little monsters ready to make a splash? Our Swim Academy is offering no tricks, just plenty of treats this Halloween.

With our fang-tastic teachers by their side, they will build bat-loads of confidence, develop their spook-tacular swimming skills and have a frightfully good time in the water.

From perfecting their strokes and learning new skills to conquering exciting milestones, every lesson gives your little swimmer something new to sink their fangs into. With plenty of encouragement, fun and splashes along the way, they'll be making monstrously good progress before you know it!

Whether they're taking their first steps into the pool or already working towards their next Swim Academy stage, our teachers are there to help them make waves and grow their confidence every step of the way.

Ready to take the plunge? Sink your fangs into Swim Academy and sign up today online or creep on over to reception!

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

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SIGN UP TODAY



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The Live Nativity

Marchwood and Eling Parish

The Gospel Church Marchwood



THE LIVE NATIVITY

13th December

4pm - 7pm

All Welcome!

Come join us to share the story of Christmas! 4pm Bethlehem opens with animals, market place and food stalls and Animals! Enjoy the 1st Century Atmosphere! Then the angels will beckon you inside for our Nativity Show! Featuring BUD'S CLUB!

more Christmas fun at www.marchwoodandelingparish.org/Christmas

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH ELING 2026

Tots' Cafe Christmas Party

Do you have pre school aged children? Come along to our Tots' Cafe Christmas Party! Let's have some Christmas Fun! Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am - 11.30am

St Mary's Church

Beers and Carols

This Advent join us as we visit our Parish pubs and sing some carols! This is a chance for us to share the good news of Jesus in our community! Time and Date TBC

The Anchor Pub

Follow the Star Display

We have the privilege as the local Churches to serve in schools and this year we have asked our school children in the parish to create stars. These will be displayed in St Mary's and St John's Churches during the Christmas period. Come take a look! St John's and St Mary's Churches.

St Mary's Church and St John's Church

Parish Carols & Lessons with Military Wives Chior

Jesus Emmanuel - the reason for the Christmas season. Come join us to worship with lessons and carols in the stunning setting of St Mary's Church, Eling. 20th December at 10am - NB no service at St John's Church this week.

St Mary's Church

Christingle Service

Come a long to this traditional and symbolic Christmas Service where we tell the good news of Jesus with the help of an orange! This service gives nostalgic vibes that will last you until Christmas and beyond! 24th December at 4pm

St Mary's Church

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

www.marchwoodandelingparish.org/ christmas

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH MARCHWOOD 2026

Christmas Movie Quiz

Come join us for a fun Christmas Movie Quiz. Refreshments and lots of quiz fun. Contact The Gospel Church to book in your tedm. 28th Nov 7pm in Marchwood Village Hall.

Gospel Church

Marchwood Christmas Fayre

Christmas has arrived in Marchwood! At the Christmas Fayre there will be stalls run by our volunteers to raise money for St John's Church roof. Plus much more! 12th December, 2pm-6pm

Marchwood Village Centre and Hall

THE LIVE NATIVITY

We are giddy with excitement to bring you the LIVE NATIVITY with a 1st Century Bethlehem Market Place, real farm animals, Bella Gelato serving Hot Chocolate and Mulled Wine and the Nativity Show faturing the amazing Bud's Club! This is set to be a special Christmas event! 13th December at 4pm-7pm. Bethlehem will be open on the 13th December at St John's from 4pm - 7pm with the NATIVITY at 5.30pm

St John's

Beers and Carols

This Advent join us as we visit our Parish pubs and sing some carols! Dates and Pubs:
Pilgrim Inn: 17th December 6-7pm
The White Horse: TBC
The Bold Forester: TBC
The Roebuck: TBC

Candle Lit Service

Come along to this reflective, space as we remember the reason for the season together, singing carols and hearing the story of God coming into the world. 20th December

The Gospel Church

Messy Christingle

We know we have some crafty kids in the Parish! Come join the Messy Church Team for a crafty Christingle! Aimed at kids but fun for the whole family! 22nd December 3pm at St John's Church.

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Mid Night Mass

Come join us as we worship Jesus with this holy moment of Communion as we see in the day the Son came as a baby to save the world. 11pm

St John's

It's Christmas! Jesus' Birthday Party!

We love Christmas because it's Jesus' Birthday and He likes to share the gifts all around! Find out about the BIGGEST GIFT Jesus shares with us at Jesus' Birthday Party! 25th December at 10.30am - this is a Joint Parish Service

St John's

www.marchwoodandelingparish.org/ christmas
www.gospelchurchmarchwood.org.uk
Should St John's Church be closed, we will communicate back up venues.