



# Newsletter 16 23-24

2023-2024 Whitchurch Primary School  
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to Whitchurch Primary School as we return to another term of enjoyment, education and excellence! A reminder that from this term onwards the newsletter will only feature recycled articles from Class Dojo. As a result, it will only appear on our website. Thank you.



Our mosaics are up! Thank you to the PTA for organising and funding this fantastic initiative!

This one is positioned at the front of the school. We'll write 'first' and 'last' on the white tile for start and end of year photos!



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This image shows our new friendship stop, where children can go to find others to play with!

### WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Achieving our Best Together*

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## ATTENDANCE IS LOWER THAN EVER.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance for 2023-2024 so far is the lowest it's ever been, at 93%. Furthermore, persistent absence (that is children missing a day a week) is higher than ever, neither of these statistics being good for our school. This needs to improve quickly. To help with this, all you need to do is **bring your child to school on time, every day**. Thank you to those who do and continue to support us in this measure.

Yours sincerely

Carl Hornsby

Headteacher.



Mr. Hornsby  
Whitchurch Primary School

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Happy New Year! Make your 2024 resolution to write even more!

Why not enter this great competition with a short story of your own!

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>

3 likes 116 views

## Supporting Readers at Home



Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



I wonder if...why... what...who...



For more ideas see the OU website: [www.ourfp.org](http://www.ourfp.org)

### Term 3

#### Class

#### PE Days

#### Notes

Robins

Monday & Tuesday

Penguins

Tuesday & Wednesday

Puffins

Tuesday & Wednesday

Swallows

Wednesday (Swimming) & Friday

Swans

Monday & Friday

Kites

Thursday & Friday

From 17/01 – **Wednesday & Thursday**  
Kites will change PE days due to starting gymnastics.

Kestrels

Wednesday & Thursday

From 15/01 – **Thursday & Friday**  
Kestrels will change PE days due to finishing gymnastics.

Kingfishers

Monday & Thursday