



WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2025

WELCOME BACK!

On behalf of the staff and governors of our school, I would like to welcome all our children and families back to the start of a brand new school year!

Reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am (doors open at 8.35am) and finishes at 3.15pm.

The nursery session starts at 8.30am.



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF!

We welcome Miss Thanki (Year 5 Kestrels Teacher), Mrs Jules (Year 3 Polar Bears Job Share Teacher), Miss Shariif (Y2 Starfish Maternity Teacher), Miss Aswat (Y1 Badgers Maternity Teacher), Miss Patel (Reception Butterflies Teacher) & Mrs Ashraf (Nursery Teacher).

Welcome to our school and we are looking forward to working with you!

WEEKLY DASHES

We welcome parents into their classroom on a weekly basis at the start of the day 8.35-8.45am on the following days:

Mondays: Year 3 & Year 6

Tuesdays: Reception & Year 4

Wednesdays: Year 2 & Year 5

Thursdays: Year 1

This is a ten-minute activity and helps to build positive relationships with parents.

The weekly dashes will start w/c **Monday 8th September**. For Reception the weekly dashes will start on **Tuesday 30th September**.

Nursery parents will be invited to the weekly 'Stay and Play sessions' on a Friday morning and more information will follow

SATs RESULTS 2025

We are really proud of our children for the extremely strong Year 6 SATs results for 2025 which we would like to share with you:

Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATs:

	Expected Standard+ School	Expected Standard+ National
Reading	93%	75%
GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling)	92%	73%
Maths	96%	74%
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	71%	72%
Reading + Writing + Maths combined	71%	62%

Also a big well done to the Year 1 Phonic Screening results at **91%** (National 76%), Key Stage 1 Phonics at **94%** and our Reception Good Level of Development at **73%** (National 65%).

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff for all their hard work! We're very proud of your achievements!

NUT ALLERGIES



A big reminder to everyone that we are a **Nut-Free** school due to some children having allergies. Please help us to protect our children.

Do not send food with nuts in as part of children's lunch boxes or to class parties.

Also, if you are sending in birthday treats in the form of, for example cupcakes, the ingredients must be added so we can check for nuts. This needs to be shop bought.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

The Parents' Presentation meeting for **Reception (Dragonflies, Ladybirds & Butterflies)** will take place on **Monday 15th September** at 3.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and hear a presentation about the curriculum for the coming year as well as lots of important information related to the year group.

This year we will be holding two Parents' Evening Meetings instead of the annual one, which is usually held in the spring term. We will be inviting you to a Pastoral Parents' Meeting in the autumn term which will be held on **Tuesday 7th October** and **Thursday 9th October**. It will be an opportunity for you to meet the class teacher and discuss how your child has settled into the new class as well as share any other information. More information will follow shortly regarding this meeting where you will be able to book your individual slot.

The annual Parents' Evening will still take place in the spring term.

In addition, to the above meetings we will also be inviting you to an Open Day. This year we will be extending the year group weekly dash day during w/c **Monday 24th November** where you will get the opportunity to spend longer in your child's classroom and see their work. More information will follow regarding this.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY



On Friday 19th September we will be holding *Jeans for Genes Day* where pupils can attend school wearing jeans.

We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



On Friday 26th September we will be taking part in the Macmillan Cancer Support Day where it will be a non-uniform day. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £1. There will be other activities taking place during this week.

More information will follow regarding the two charity events.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

Our After School Care Club runs every evening in term time after school between 3.15pm and 5.15pm and is open to children of all age groups in Reception, Key Stages 1 and 2.

Please contact **Mrs. Kenyon** for more details.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is open every Monday to Friday from 7.55am until the school starts at 8.35am. It is open to children of all age groups in Reception, Key Stages 1 and 2.



Please contact **Mrs Grewal** for more details.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that children can only be collected from school at the end of the day by a parent or someone that has been agreed with the class teacher in advance. We will **NOT** let children leave school with a stranger or with someone that we do not know or without an advance message from parents.



LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN: If your child has not been collected by 3.30pm at the end of the school day, they will be sent to the After School Care Club, where a charge will be incurred.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your contact details such as mobile phone number over the summer, can you please inform the school office as soon as possible.

It is important we have up to date contact information.

CONSIDERATE & SAFE PARENT PARKING

This is a reminder about considerate parking around the school in the mornings and at the end of the school day.

You will have noticed the wooden rails outside the school that were installed during the school holidays. These are to deter parents from parking on the grass verges and to ensure safer parking around the school. **Please do not park on the pavement near the main car park gates!**



Also, please ensure that you do not park across any driveways as we do not want to cause any unnecessary distress to the school neighbours or to any parents walking children to school, especially if they have pushchairs and are therefore forced onto the road.

Please ensure that your children are safe at all times! Thank you for your support with this.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance at school is vital if your child is to learn and make progress. Time off school can mean that they fall behind and will not be able to reach their potential.

Please help us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives for the 8.45am start.

Attendance during one school year	Equal days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	270 Lessons

Please support us with your child's education!



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Here are the dates set for the Class Assemblies over the coming year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	Seahorses – Ms Adam	Friday 7 th November
2	Dolphins – Mrs Choudhury	Friday 14 th November
2	Starfish – Miss Shariif	Friday 21 st November
6	Jaguars Pumas Leopards	Friday 28 th November
Nursery & Reception	FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS Production	Tuesday 9th December & Wednesday 10th December (TBC)
5	Ospreys – Miss Mahomed	Friday 16 th January
5	Eagles – Ms Ai Adam/Miss Begum	Friday 23 rd January
5	Kestrels – Miss Thanki	Friday 30 th January
4	Chameleons – Mrs Berraoui	Friday 6 th February
4	Iguanas – Miss Derry	Friday 13 th February
4	Toucans – Miss Keshwala	Friday 27 th February
3	Penguins – Miss Takey	Friday 6 th March
3	Seals – Miss Nadire	Friday 13 th March
1	Hedgehogs – Miss Dulay	Friday 24 th April
1	Foxes – Miss Pandor	Friday 1 st May
1	Badgers – Miss Aswat	Friday 8 th May
3	Polar Bears – Mrs Basra/Mrs Jules	Friday 22 nd May
Reception	Dragonflies – Mrs Sharma	Friday 5 th June
Reception	Ladybirds – Miss Bahadur	Friday 12 th June
Reception	Butterflies – Miss Patel	Friday 19 th June

All class assemblies begin at **9.05am**.

Please note these dates are subject to change and individual classes will inform parents about their assemblies nearer the time and this will also appear in the monthly newsletter. We will also provide a recorded version of the assembly where we will send a link to the class parents.

TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2024

SCHOOL OPENS: Tuesday 26th August 2025

SCHOOL CLOSES: Thursday 16th October 2025

HALF TERM: Friday 17th October to Friday 24th October 2025

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 27th October 2025

SCHOOL CLOSES: Thursday 18th December 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

SCHOOL OPENS: Tuesday 6th January 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 13th February 2026

HALF TERM: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 23rd February 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 27th March 2026

SUMMER TERM 2025

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 13th April 2026

MAY BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 4th May 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 22nd May 2026

HALF TERM: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 1st June 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 10th July 2026

Bank Holidays: 25th August 2025

25th & 26th December 2025

1st January 2026

3rd April & 6th April 2026

4th May 2026

25th May 2026

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find an outline of some of the extra-curricular activities we have during the autumn term:

Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader
Boys Football	Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm	5/6	Mr Ruparelia
Girls Football	Monday 3.15 – 4.15pm	5/6	Mr Weston
Bench Ball	Tuesday 12.00–12.30pm	3	Miss Derry
Badminton	Wednesday 12.30-12.55pm	4	Mrs Trivedi
Team Building Club	Thursday 12.00-12.30pm	3/4	Mr Ruparelia
Girls Netball	Thursday 3.15 - 4.15pm	5/6	Mr Ruparelia
Girls Cricket	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm	6	Leicestershire County Cricket Club
Gym Club	Friday 12.00-12.30pm	3/4	Mr Ruparelia
Basketball	Friday 3.15 – 4.15pm	6	Mr Ruparelia

Please note that the clubs start week commencing **Monday 15th September.**

Please note more exciting clubs will follow such as Key Stage 1 Dance and Nerf Wars, Year 3 & 4 Fencing and Ultimate Frisbee and Year 5 & 6 Zorbing! Information will come out soon regarding these clubs

Any additional clubs will be added to the next newsletter.

Thank you for all your support and I very much look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs A Boychuk (Headteacher)

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