



WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

CHRISTMAS FAIR



Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair on **Thursday 4th December** at **3.30pm**.

It was truly wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the Christmas stalls, activities and refreshments in the hall, dining hall and Polar Bears classroom.

Thank you once again for supporting us.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



On **Friday 12th December** we're inviting all pupils to take part in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' (same day as our Christmas Parties).

The whole school will be taking part, with everyone getting the chance to show the world their silly side by wearing their favourite festive knits for the day.

We're asking pupils to make a £1 donation, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world.

The money we raise will help 'Save the Children' give the world's forgotten children a brighter future. It could help bring essentials like healthcare, education, protection and food to the millions of children around the world who are missing out on the most basic support.



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

This is to inform you that this year the children will be treated to a live pantomime performance of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have two live performances on **Tuesday 16th December** where all the year groups will have the opportunity to watch – **no** donations required for the Christmas Pantomime.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY



This year our Foundation Stage children are performing our special Christmas Nativity called 'Simply the Nativity' to parents and the school on **Tuesday 9th December** and **Wednesday 10th December** at **9.15am**.

It will be wonderful to see many foundation stage parents come to watch their children's magical performance and see how hard they have worked. We will send the foundation parents the recorded link via Weduc so you can enjoy watching the nativity again.

Please remember that there is **no** personal recording or photos allowed for safeguarding reasons.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our fund-raising for this year's Children in Need appeal. The School Council and Mrs Pankhania did an amazing job with all the activities such as the competitions and biscuit sale. Also thank you for supporting the Challenge 25 fundraiser. Overall we were able to raise a fantastic **£645.00**.



Thank you for your great generosity and support.

LOST PROPERTY



We have continued to accumulate lots of lost property, including coats/jackets.

If your child has lost items of clothing, please do pay a visit to check the lost property trays near the school hall.

Please ensure that you label items which will enable us to return them to their rightful owner.

ECO NEWS

The ECO-Warriors have been learning all about plastic pollution. They have some amazing facts to share with you!

Did you know that every year 8 million tonnes of plastic end up in our beautiful blue oceans? That's a HUGE amount, and it's a big problem for our planet.

Plastic is something humans make, and we use it for lots of things. But many of us use far too much plastic, and a lot of it is single-use plastic. This means it's only used once (like a water bottle) and then thrown away. Plastic takes about 500 years to break down so it stays in nature for a very long time and can harm wildlife.



How does plastic get into the sea?

Some people sadly throw plastic straight into the ocean but most of it travels from the land. Plastic can be blown into rivers and sewers from overflowing bins, landfill sites, streets, and parks. Littering makes things worse too.

Plastic can even get into the water through our drains! Lots of clothes have tiny plastic fibres called microfibres. When we wash these clothes, the microfibres wash away and end up in our rivers and seas. Some toothpaste and face washes also used to have tiny bits of plastic called microbeads. These washed down the drain as well. The UK has banned these products now, but some countries still use them.

Plastic is dangerous!

Animals and birds can get tangled in plastic bags, old fishing nets or the rings from drink cans. They often mistake small pieces of plastic like bottle tops and wrappers for food. When they eat it their tummies fill up with plastic instead of real food which is very harmful.

Even when plastic breaks into tiny pieces in the ocean, it never fully disappears. Fish and other sea creatures can swallow these tiny bits which can contain harmful chemicals. When humans eat these fish the chemicals can end up in our bodies too.



The good news is: We can all help protect our oceans!

You can start by keeping a plastic diary for a week to see how much single-use plastic your family uses. Then talk together about how to use less.

Here are some easy ways to help:

- Use a reusable water bottle
- Take reusable shopping bags when you go to the shops
- Choose loose fruit and vegetables instead of ones wrapped in plastic
- Recycle as much plastic as you can
- For class parties bring in boxed drinks that can be recycled rather than drinks in plastic bottles

STOP SINGLE USE PLASTIC



We would love every child to bring a reusable water bottle to school. With Christmas parties coming up, we also ask that children bring drinks in recyclable cartons only, rather than plastic bottles. This change helps us to protect our planet.

Together, we can make a real difference!

SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 Leicester Riders Development Night

On Friday 21st November, we took 24 children in Year 6 to the Mattoli Arena to take part in a Leicester Riders Development Night. The evening was in partnership with children in Year 6 from Taylor Road Primary School. The evening started with children having a training session with Leicester Riders Coaches.

The children and families thereafter had the opportunity to watch a professional game and then had the opportunity to meet and have a photo taken with the Leicester Riders Players.

Mr Ruparelia would like to say a huge thank you to the following people for all their support and backing this wonderful event: **Mr Hill, Miss Gill, Mr Weston, Mrs Boychuk, Mrs Ruprai, Miss Derry, Mrs Patel and Parents and Carers who supported their children to take part in the experience and those families who were present on the night.**

The children had an unbelievable night that they will never forget!!



Boys and Girls Football Notices

On Wednesday 19th November, the Boys Year 5/6 Football Team played their first round of Division 1 matches. Despite losing their first 2 games, the boys remained resilient and managed to secure a draw and a win in their final 2 games.

A week later on Wednesday 26th November, the Year 5/6 Girls Football Team played their first round of Division 1 matches at Judgemeanow. They performed brilliantly securing 2 wins against strong opposition.

The next round of games for the boys and girls will commence in January 2026.

After School Sports Clubs

The children across all of our after-school sports clubs, continue to enjoy the experiences on offer. We have been delighted with the uptake.

Please note that there will be NO Sports Clubs week commencing **15th December**

All Sports Clubs will resume on week commencing **12th January 2026.**

Please keep an eye out on Weduc for more information.



ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Well done to the following classes for winning the attendance certificates November!

w/c 27 th October:	Class 17 Foxes (98.8%)	Class 10 Polar Bears (98.3%)
w/c 3 rd November:	Class 15 Starfish (97.3%)	Class 7 Toucans (98.3%)
w/c 10 th November:	Class 14 Seahorses (99.1%)	Class 7 Toucans (98.7%)
w/c 17 th November:	Class 18 Badgers (97.3%)	Class 8 Iguanas (98.7%)
		Class 2 Pumas (98.7%)
w/c 24 th November:	Class 14 Seahorses (95.9%)	Class 6 Kestrels (98.3%)

SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 12 th December:	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Parties
Tuesday 16 th December:	Little Red Riding Hood Pantomime
Thursday 18 th December:	School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 6 th January 2026:	School opens

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Our school will be closing on **Thursday 18th December** for the Christmas holiday.

School will re-open on **Tuesday 6th January 2025**.



CHRISTMAS WISHES



On behalf of everyone at our school I would like to wish all the families who will be celebrating a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!



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