



WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026



RED NOSE DAY

On **Tuesday 24th March** our school took part in the National Comic Relief Red Nose Day, a fund-raising day that works for a wide range of charities across the UK and Africa.

We held a number of fun activities throughout that week such as the biscuit sale, discos and design a funny face competition. This was completed with a non-uniform day 'Dress Up Funny for Money' on Tuesday 24th March where children and adults could come to school wearing bright clothes or anything that made them feel happy!

Thank you to the School Council Miss Aswat and Mrs Pankhania who were busy organising the various activities.

In total, we raised **£351.65!**

Thank you for supporting this event.

SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 13th April: RSHE Parents' Meetings

Friday 17th April: Vaisakhi Parties (children can wear smart party clothes)

Friday 24th April: Hedgehogs Class Assembly (9.05am)

Friday 1st May: Foxes Class Assembly (9.05am)

Friday 8th May: Badgers Class Assembly (9.05am)

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

School will be closed on **Monday 4th May** as it is a May Bank Holiday

ECO NEWS

Spring has finally arrived and now is the time to start gardening! The ECO – Warriors are preparing to start growing some vegetables at school and I would like to give you some tips to growing your own at home too!

Growing vegetables can be a fun and exciting adventure—especially for children! Whether you have a big garden or just a few pots, this will help you grow healthy, happy plants.

🔧 1. Start Small



If you're new to gardening, don't try to grow everything at once. Start with easy vegetables like carrots, lettuce, or tomatoes. These grow quickly and are fun to watch!

☀️ 2. Find a Sunny Spot



Vegetables love sunshine! Make sure your plants get at least 6–8 hours of sunlight each day. A windowsill, balcony, or garden patch can work great.

💧 3. Water Wisely



Plants get thirsty, just like you! Water them regularly, but don't drown them. The soil should be damp, not soaking wet. A good tip: if the soil feels dry when you touch it, it's time to water.

🌱 4. Use Good Soil



Healthy soil helps plants grow strong. Use garden soil or compost that has lots of nutrients. Think of soil as plant food!

🌿 5. Give Them Space



Each plant needs room to grow. Don't plant seeds too close together, or they'll compete for sunlight, water, and nutrients.

🐞 6. Watch for Bugs



Some bugs are helpful, but others can harm your plants. Check your leaves often. If you see holes or strange spots, ask an adult for help to fix the problem safely.

7. Be Patient

Plants don't grow overnight. Keep taking care of them, and soon you'll see sprouts, flowers, and vegetables. Gardening teaches patience!



☐ 8. Harvest the Fun

When your vegetables are ready, pick them and enjoy! You can eat them fresh, share with family, or even cook a simple meal.



Bonus Tip: Have Fun!

Gardening isn't just about growing food—it's about exploring nature, getting your hands dirty, and having fun. You can even decorate your pots or name your plants!

With a little care and curiosity, you'll be growing your own vegetables in no time. Happy gardening! 🌻



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find an outline of some of the extra-curricular activities we have available within the school for our children during the Summer Term One:

Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader
Performing Arts Club	Monday 3.15 – 4.15pm	KS2	Mrs Stevens & Mrs Norris
Athletics	Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm	4,5 & 6	Mr Ruparelia
Hockey	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	5	Leicester Hockey Club
Dodgeball	Tuesday 12.00-12.30pm	1 & 2	Active Sports
Cheerleading	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	1 & 2	Active Sports
Magical Maths	Wednesday 3.14 – 4.15pm	KS1 & KS2	Ms Adam
American Football	Thursday 12.00-12.30pm	5 & 6	Active Sports
Gym Club	Thursday 12.00-12.25pm	4	Mr Ruparelia
Glow in the Dark Dodgeball	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	5 & 6	Active Sports
Girls Cricket	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	4	Leicestershire County Cricket Club
Boys & Girls Cricket	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	5 & 6	Mr Ruparelia
Tag Rugby	Friday 12.00-12.30pm	3 & 4	Active Sports
Team Building	Friday 12.30-12.50pm	5	Mr Ruparelia
Rounders	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	6	Mr Ruparelia & Mr Hill
Axe Throwing	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	3 & 4	Active Sports



ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Congratulations to the following classes who have won attendance award certificates during February and March 2026:

w/c 23 rd February: Starfish Year 2 (98.1%)	Leopards Year 6 (99.7%)
w/c 2 nd March: Starfish Year 2 (99.5%)	Leopards Year 6 (99.7%)
w/c 9 th March: Seahorses Year 2 (98.6%)	Leopards Year 6 (99.7%)

SPRING TERM ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following classes for winning the attendance award for the spring term:

Infants
Class 17 Foxes
(93.2%)

Juniors
Class Leopards
(96.1%)



100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to our 73 pupils who have maintained 100% attendance at the school since September 2025. They all received the Silver Attendance medals.

Also, congratulations to our 191 pupils who have maintained 100% attendance at school throughout the spring term. They all received a special attendance certificate.



HOUSE CUP WINNERS

Congratulations to **Birch** for winning the House Cup for the spring term with **1238** House Points.

Well done to all the other Houses. Below are their results:
Chestnut (1132), Oak (1068) and Sycamore (1117).

Let's see what the summer term brings—keep earning those points!

VAISAKHI GREETINGS



On behalf of the staff and governors of our school, I would like to wish all the families who have celebrated a happy Vaisakhi.