



WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

ASSESSMENT TIME

Just a reminder that the next few weeks are extremely important for your child because this is the time we assess the children's progress over the year.

As well as Year 6 completing their end of Key Stage assessments (SATs), each year group will also be completing structured tests to judge their progress.



During the next few weeks it is very important that your child comes to school every day and is on time. You should ensure that they have had a good night's sleep and eaten breakfast.

If you have any questions about assessment, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We also have the Year 1 Phonics Check and the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

YEAR 6 SATs

The Year 6 SATs have been taking place this week **Monday 11th May** until **Thursday 14th May**. The children have been working extremely hard in preparation for the SATs. Our very best wishes go out to them.

PUPIL REPORTS

Teachers will soon be working on the children's reports for parents which give an overview of your child's progress in each of the National Curriculum subjects over the past year. The reports will give you vital information about how your child is doing at school.



We hope to send the reports home to parents on **Monday 22nd June**.

ECO News

It was David Attenborough's 100th birthday on 8th May 2026 and to celebrate his birthday the ECO – Warriors planted 100 seeds. One seed for every year of his life. We would love to take this opportunity to share some information about David Attenborough with you:

David Attenborough is one of the most famous nature presenters in the world. He was born on May 8, 1926, in England. That means he has lived for a whole century and has seen huge changes in the world, especially in nature and science!

As a child, David loved collecting fossils, stones, and other natural treasures. He was very curious about animals and the environment, which helped shape his future career. He went on to study natural sciences at university, where he learned even more about how the natural world works.

David Attenborough is best known for making amazing wildlife documentaries. These are television programs that show real animals in their natural habitats. Some of his most famous series include "Planet Earth," "Blue Planet," and "Life on Earth." In these shows, he travels to jungles, oceans, deserts, and icy lands to film animals up close. He has shown viewers everything from tiny insects to giant whales!

One of the things that makes David Attenborough special is his calm and gentle voice. Many people recognize it instantly. He explains complicated ideas in a simple way, so children and adults can both understand and enjoy learning about nature.

David has spent many years helping people understand why it is important to protect the environment. He talks about problems like climate change, pollution, and endangered animals. He hopes that by teaching people about nature, they will want to take care of it.

Over his lifetime, David Attenborough has received many awards for his work. He has also been knighted, which means he is officially called "Sir David Attenborough." Even in his later years, he continues to make documentaries and speak about protecting the planet. His passion for nature has inspired millions of people around the world.

Fun fact: David Attenborough has had several animals named after him, including insects and even a dinosaur!

David Attenborough's life shows us how important it is to stay curious, explore the world, and care for the amazing planet we all share.

David Attenborough has been a huge inspiration to us, encouraging us to plant our own vegetables and flowers this year. We will keep you updated with how we get on!

Miss Bahadur and the ECO Warriors

Here are some other activities we would like to share with you that took place at the school to mark Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday:

- The Hedgehogs discussed ideas as a class, and the idea to use things we find on the field and make a picture.
- Year 1 also collected 100 leaves to make the 100 on the field and we took a photo as a year group
- Foxes and Badgers made a picture together as a class.
- Dolphins used sticks and twigs to make a collage of Sir David Attenborough himself.
- Starfish made a documentary of their classroom in the style of David Attenborough.
- Seahorses made posters about sustainability using water colours.



NATIONAL WALKING MONTH

May is National Walking Month and every class will be walking round our school field and collecting natural objects.

Being active and getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school will help set children up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing.

There are many health benefits to walking:

- Exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. It also tones the whole body.
- Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day.
- Walking helps to improve mood. Getting outdoors and making the most of natural daylight makes for a positive start to the day.



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.

Please ensure that you do not park on the pavement or 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.

Also, a special reminder about ensuring that children are travelling in appropriate car seats and that seat belts are worn at all times.

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



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find an outline of some of the extra-curricular activities we have available within the school for our children for the rest of 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	4 & 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



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.

ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Well done to the following classes for winning the attendance certificates during March / April:

w/c 2 nd March: Class 15 Starfish (99.5%)	Class 3 Leopards (99.7%)
w/c 9 th March: Class 14 Seahorses (98.6%)	Class 3 Leopards (99.7%)
w/c 23 rd March: Class 14 Seahorses (97.1%)	Class 10 Polar Bears (100%)
w/c 13 th April: Class 17 Foxes (99.5%)	Class 11 Seals (98.9%)
w/c 20 th April: Class 16 Hedgehogs (99.1%)	Class 5 Eagles (100%)
w/c 27 th April: Class 14 Seahorses (100%)	Class 10 Polar Bears (99.3%) Class 3 Leopards (99.3%)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd May: Year 6 Residential to Norfolk

Thursday 21st May: Happy Shoesday

Friday 22nd May: Polar Bears Class Assembly (9.05am)

Friday 22nd May: Finish for half term break

Monday 1st June: School re-opens from half term break

Friday 5th June: Ladybirds Class Assembly (9.05am)

Friday 12th June: Dragonflies Class Assembly (9.05am)

Friday 19th June: Butterflies Class Assembly (9.05am)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Our school will be closing on **Friday 22nd May** for the one-week half term holiday. School will re-open at 8.35am on **Monday 1st June.**

On behalf of everyone in school, I would like to wish you an enjoyable holiday.

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