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# Friday 6th February 2026

## Diary Dates

| 2026 | |
|---|---|
| Book for life workshops for Reception- Year 2 | Tuesday 10th February |
| Parents Evening for Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 classes | Tuesday 10th February |
| Parents Evening for Year 2 Puffins Class | Wednesday 11th February |
| Parents Evening for Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 Swallows Class | Thursday 12th February |
| Half Term | Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February |
| Year 1 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum | Monday 2nd March |
| WISA Presents 'The Take That Experience' at Ruislip Rugby Club - To buy tickets scroll down to page 8 (Adults only event) | Friday 6th March |
| School Book Fayre | Tuesday 10th March – Tuesday 17th March |
| Year 2 trip to Windsor | Friday 13th March |
| Reception & Year 1 Music Concert | Tuesday 17th March 9:10 & 2:30 |
| Music extravaganza for Reception and Year 1 plus y2 choir | Friday 20th March - 9:10 & 2:30 |
| Reception Trip to Church | Wednesday 25th March - AM |
| WISA Easter Egg Hunt | Thursday 26th March |
| School Term Ends | Friday 27th March at 12.20 |
| School Closed for children – Teacher Training Day | Monday 13th April |
| Summer Term/School Re-opens | Tuesday 14th April |
| On The Right Road-performance and workshop for Year 1 & 2 | Thursday 23rd April |
| Reception Trip to Odds Farm | Friday 24th April |
| Class Group Photos | Monday 27th April |
| Doves Assembly | Wednesday 29th April |
| Robins Assembly | Wednesday 6th May |
| WISA May School Fayre | Saturday 9th May |
| SEN Coffee Morning | Monday 11th May 9.00 to 10.00 |
| Year 1 - Look out Discovery Centre | Tuesday 12th May |
| Ducklings Assembly | Thursday 14th May at 9.10 |
| Swans Assembly | Tuesday 19th May at 9.10 |
| Wrens Assembly | Wednesday 20th May at 9.10 |
| Half Term | Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May |
| Cultural Day | Friday 5th June |
| Nursery - Mobile farm visit | Friday 19th June |
| WISA Reception & Year 1 show (held after school) | Thursday 25th June |
| Year 2 End of Year Show | Friday 10th July – 9:15 & 2:30 |
| SEN Coffee Morning | Monday 13th July 9.00 – 10.00 |
| School Terms Ends | Tuesday 21st July at 12.20 |

Please see our website for term dates/holidays. Updates/changes in red.

Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School

# Head Teacher's Update

This week has been a busy and exciting one across the school.

On Tuesday, Nursery thoroughly enjoyed their Little City workshop. The children were fully engaged and had a fantastic time exploring and learning through play.

On Wednesday, all children across the school enjoyed biscuits at playtime. This was a special treat to celebrate the wonderful letters written by Year 2, who had thoughtfully shared their ideas about having biscuits for snack time. We trialled this for one playtime and the children were delighted.

Also on Wednesday, Ducklings Class delivered a lovely assembly. It was wonderful to hear the children confidently say their lines and sing their songs, all about the seasons. Well, done to everyone involved.

On Thursday, we were pleased to offer free drama workshops for the whole school. The children had a great time taking part and expressing themselves creatively.

Thank you, as always, to our dedicated staff and to parents for your continued support.

***Jackie Hall***
Headteacher

## Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team




**Parents' Evening Parking Reminder**

During Parents' Evening, we kindly ask that parents and carers **do not** park in the school car park.

There will be a high volume of staff and families arriving and leaving between 3.30pm and 6.00pm, and keeping the car park clear will help ensure the safety of everyone.

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**Ofsted Update for Parents and Carers**

Ofsted have created a short YouTube video to help parents and carers understand their new grades and report cards.

You can watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g

It explains what the new grades mean and how Ofsted reports on important areas such as safeguarding.

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**School Money App Reminders**

Year 2 parents/carers: A gentle reminder to please make payment via the School Money app for the Windsor Castle trip on Wednesday 13th March.

**All parents/carers:** We would also appreciate payments being made on the School Money app for the **Bringing Books to Life workshop on Monday 10th February**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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**Parents Evening and After-School Club Reminders**

**Creation Station will not** be running on Tuesday 10th February due to Parents' Evening.

**Tennis** on Thursday 12th February will still go ahead as normal.

**Kingfish Afterschool Club** - If your child is attending Kingfisher Afterschool Club on Tuesday 10th February or Thursday 12th February, please collect them from the green nursery gate. This is the same gate used for breakfast club drop-off in the mornings. Please do not come to the main school reception, as this area will be used exclusively for parents' evening.

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## Weekly Attendance Update

Each week in the newsletter, we will be sharing a table showing attendance for each class. Thank you for supporting strong attendance, every day in school makes a difference.

### Weekly Attendance by Class

| Class | Attendance % |
|---|---|
| **Nursery** | **91.8** |
| **Swans** | **87.3** |
| **Wrens** | **91.9** |
| **Ducklings** | **91.1** |
| **Doves** | **89.6** |
| **Robins** | **96.6** |
| **Swallows** | **95.5** |
| **Puffins** | **88.4** |

### ★ Class of the Week: Robins ★

Children should attend school every day, on time unless there is an unavoidable cause like illness.

All school staff work with pupils and their families to ensure each pupil attends school regularly and on time. We expect all children to attend school every day as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so.

**Our whole-school aim is for every pupil, in every class, to achieve 96% or higher attendance.**

# Year 2





This week in phonics we have focused on the graphemes 'kn' and 'gn' making the sound 'n' and also 'wr' making the sound 'r'. We have also taught the homophones 'night' and 'knight'. The spelling words set this week reflect the learning we have covered in our phonics sessions this week.

The children have enjoyed the introduction to our new focus book in English 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch - on Wednesday we tasted different foods and filled in a food tasting chart using super adjectives and adventurous vocabulary. Next week as part of our Lighthouse keeper's Lunch scheme of work, we will be using ambitious adjectives to write instructions for making our own 'disgusting sandwich'!

We have started our new maths topic on multiplication and division and have looked at recognising and making equal and unequal groups - for example making 3 groups of 2 using cubes. Please look over the knowledge organiser for this topic which was sent home in bookbags yesterday - this covers all of the key material in this topic.

In our Dimensions topic this week, we have made a start on a sustainability project looking at ways in which we can look after our environment, specifically looking at sustainable travel. This will continue next week and we have some science lessons looking at speed and distance as well as making our boats out of suitable materials with a working propeller mechanism. If you have not yet sent in a plastic bottle with a lid, please send this in on Monday as we will be making the boats next week.

We look forward to another fun filled week next week as we approach the end of term.

Reminders:
Monday: Send Reading books back to school
Tuesday: Homework due in
Wednesday: PE (Please send children in full PE kit)
Friday: PE, Library and spelling test (Please send children to school in full PE kit)

Have a lovely weekend,
The Year 2 Team

# Year 1



We will be coming to the end of our topic 'Unity in the Community' next week. We will finish by learning about the history of our school and write some facts about it. We will also be exploring food chains in Science. In Art we will be making wind spinners.

In Phonics we will be reviewing sounds from Spring 1 in preparation for Spring 2.

In English we will be doing further research about bears and writing our own fact file about them.

In Maths we are developing our subtraction skills, using strategies such as counting back, finding the difference and using related facts. eg. if we know that 14+3=17 we know that 17-14=3

Notices:

We look forward to seeing you on parents evening on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February. Your children's books will be available for you to look at before your appointment. Please be aware that we have consecutive 10 min slots for meetings so we would be grateful if you could do your best to be on time. Thank you.

Please ensure home learning books are handed in on Monday so that we can prepare them for next half term.

A heads up for next half term: we will be needing shoeboxes for a DT activity, so if you have any of these at home, please keep them safe. Please don't bring them into school yet.

Thank you for all your support.

Wishing you all a great weekend, the Year 1 Team.

# Reception





We can't believe it's the end of half term already. Spring 1 is always such a special one, where we see so much progress in the children's confidence, independence and learning. They have worked incredibly hard, and we're excited for a wonderful final week together.

🐲 **New Topic: Chinese New Year**
Next week we begin our new topic all about Chinese New Year. The children will explore how this celebration is marked around the world through fun classroom activities, crafts, stories and role play.
We'll be using the text *The Great Race* to learn about the Chinese zodiac, retell the story, and talk about the different animals and their characteristics.

🔤 **Phonics**
We will be carrying out a phonics assessment on all the sounds taught in Spring 1, as well as reviewing some of the sounds introduced this week. This helps us identify any gaps and plan the right support for each child.

➗ **Maths**
In maths, we will be exploring:

- Combining two groups
- Conceptual subitising
- Beginning our new topic on length, height and time, starting with practical activities to explore length

The children will be comparing, ordering and using mathematical language in meaningful contexts.

✍️ **Handwriting & Drawing Club**
Our handwriting sessions and Drawing Club will continue. The children are really enjoying sitting at their tables as a class, taking pride in their letter formation and creative work.

📢 **Messages for Families**
🔬 **Science Workshop – Thursday**
We are excited to have a science workshop on Thursday. These sessions are always hands-on and engaging, giving the children a chance to explore, investigate and ask questions like real scientists.

🎭 **Drama Workshop – Tuesday**
Alongside our science workshop, we also have a drama workshop. It's going to be a wonderfully creative day full of imagination and expressive language.

👥 **Parents' Evening Reminder**
A reminder that Parents' Evening meetings are coming up. We are really looking forward to meeting with you and sharing the wonderful progress your children have made this half term. If for any reason you cannot attend your appointment, please let your child's class teacher know.

🗣️ **This Week's Oracy Question:**
**If you could make a new rule for a day, what would it be and why?**

Thank you for all your support. Wishing you all a great weekend, the Reception Team

# Nursery





We have had many visitors this week. On Tuesday, we took part in a Little City workshop in the hall, where we had lots of fun. On Thursday, we met a real dentist who taught us all about her job and how to keep our teeth healthy. We also enjoyed a drama-for-all workshop.

Next week, we will be focusing on learning about Chinese New Year. We will take part in a Books to Life workshop and learn the story of The Great Race, which explains the Chinese New Year animals. We will also explore how people celebrate Chinese New Year.

In Maths, we will be focusing on recognising squares and rectangles. We will learn that 2D shapes are flat and that squares and rectangles have four sides and four corners.

In Literacy, we will continue reading our new book, Poo in the Zoo, and talk about which animal we would like as a pet.

In Phonics, we will focus on our new sounds ‘k’ and ‘ck’.

*A gentle reminder to please ensure all of your child’s belongings are clearly labelled, as this really helps us return items to the correct child.

Thank you.
We hope you have a lovely weekend.

# SPRING HOLIDAY FUN

WE ACCEPT TAX-FREE CHILDCARE AND PAYPAL PAY IN 3

**Three days of drama, dance and singing for 4–10s**

February Half-Term

Hansel AND Gretel

Easter Holidays

The Jungle Book




"Elsie came home buzzing about all 3 days. She loved the show, but also the games and making new friends."
- Helen Cooke

PERFORM

perform.org.uk/holidays

# Ignite Imaginations THIS SPRING

"Wonderful to see my child literally leap in the air with happiness and take a bow as the applause for each child rang out."
- Deirdre Goss

**We've got the school holidays covered with two fabulous drama, dance and singing holiday courses for 4-10s, bringing two classics to life and ending with an enchanting final performance.**

## Hansel & Gretel



**16th - 18th Feb**

**Join Hansel & Gretel for a delicious adventure as they discover the Gingerbread House. But, will they manage to escape the clutches of the Witch?**

**Courses in:** Cambridge, Clapham South, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Hackney, Highgate, Kensington, Richmond, St John's Wood and Wanstead.

## The Jungle Book

**30th Mar - 1st Apr & 8th - 10th Apr**



**Your young cub will join Mowgli, Baloo the bear and black panther Bagheera as they hunt down ferocious Shere Khan in Rudyard Kipling's classic, The Jungle Book.**

**Courses in:** Blackheath, Buckhurst Hill, Cambridge, Chelsea, Clapham South, Dulwich, Exmouth Market, Guildford, Hackney, Highgate, Islington, Kensington, Muswell Hill, Notting Hill, Pinner, Primrose Hill, Richmond, Sevenoaks, St John's Wood, Twickenham, Wanstead, Wimbledon, Winchester and Wokingham.



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**To find your nearest venue and to book call 020 7255 9120 or visit perform.org.uk/holidays**

PERFORM

Course T-shirts are required at a cost of £8.50. We offer a 25% discount for siblings attending the same holiday course at the same venue. Payment can be made by credit/debit card, childcare vouchers or PayPal Pay in 3 (subject to status). See our website for Terms & Conditions and refund policy. Your child should bring a water bottle and a nut-free packed lunch.

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## WHITEHEATH INFANT SCHOOL 🎵

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2026

External clubs will be available from **week commencing Monday 12th January** to **week commencing Monday 16th March 2026**.

Please note, there will be **no clubs during half-term week (Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February)** 🤸

To book your child's place, please **contact the clubs directly** using the details below.

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### 🧘 Monday

**GYMNASTICS** (8:00–8:45am) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
**The PSD Group**
🌐 thepsdgroup.org.uk/psd-clubs 📞 0203 397 7409 | ✉️ info@thepsdgroup.org.uk

**STREET DANCE** (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
**Soul Performing Arts**
🌐 www.igotsoulofficial.com 📞 07791 466 859 | ✉️ info@igotsoulofficial.com

**MAGICAL MATHS CLUB** (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
**Professor Poopenshtinken's Magical Maths**
🌐 magicalmathsclub.com 📞 07734 733240

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### 🎸 Tuesday

**ROCKSTEADY MUSIC SCHOOL** (during school hours) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
🌐 rocksteadymusicschool.com 📞 0330 113 0330 | ✉️ info@rocksteadymusicschool.com

**THE CREATION STATION** (3:20–4:20pm) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
✉️ lisaandrews@thecreationstation.co.uk | 📞 07885 492952

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### ⚽ Wednesday

**FOOTBALL** (3:20–4:20pm) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
**The Elms**
🌐 www.theelms.co.uk 📞 020 8954 8787 | ✉️ info@theelms.co.uk

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### 🏓 Thursday

**TENNIS** (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
**Let's Go Tennis** 📞 020 3291 2984 | ✉️ lisa@letsgotennis@gmail.com

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### 🎭 Friday

**YOGA** (3:20–4:15pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
🌐 yogicminds.co.uk 📞 07720 249925 | ✉️ inquiry@yogicminds.co.uk

**DRAMA** (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
**Little Voices** https://tinyurl.com/hety29r2 📞 07787 535506 | ✉️ coleen@littlevoices.org.uk

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# WHITEHEATH INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS FOR 2025-2026

## Public Holidays 2026

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|---|---|
| Good Friday | Friday 3rd April 2026 |
| Easter Monday | Monday 6th April 2026 |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Monday 4th May 2026 |
| Spring Bank Holiday | Monday 25th May 2026 |

## Autumn Term 2025

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| Closure | Tuesday 2nd September (Training Day) |
| Term Starts | Wednesday 3rd September |
| Closure | Friday 24th October (Training Day) |
| Half Term | Monday 27th October – 31st October |
| Term Ends | Friday 19th December @ 12.20pm |

## Spring Term 2026

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|---|---|
| Closure | Monday 5th January (Training Day) |
| Term Starts | Tuesday 6th January |
| Half Term | Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February |
| Term Ends | Friday 27th March @ 12.20pm |

## Summer Term 2026

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|---|---|
| Closure | Monday 13th April (Training Day) |
| Term Starts | Tuesday 14th April |
| Half Term | Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May |
| Term Ends | Tuesday 21st July @ 12.20pm |
| Closure | Wednesday 22nd July (Training Day) |