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Friday 16th January 2026

Diary Dates

2026	
HCL Hungry caterpillar workshop for all children	Tuesday 20th January
Reception Wrens Assembly	Wednesday 21st January – 9.10
Year 1 Local trip to Manor Farm	Monday 26th January
Reception Swans Assembly	Friday 30th January – 9.10
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 2nd February 9.00 to 10.00
Little City Workshop for Nursery	Tuesday 3rd February
Reception Ducklings Assembly	Wednesday 4th February – 9.10
Free Drama workshop for Reception to Y2 pupils	Thursday 5th February
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 9 (Adults only)	Friday 6th March
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 9th March 9.00 to 10.00
Year 2 trip to Windsor	Friday 13th March
Reception & Year 1 Music Concert	Tuesday 17th March 9:10 & 2:30
Nursery & Y2 Music Concert	Friday 20th March - 9:10 & 2:30
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
Y1 Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 29th April
Y1 Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 6th May
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 11th May 9.00 to 10.00
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Thursday 14th May
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Tuesday 19th May
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 20th May
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Cultural Day	Friday 5th 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.

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderfully productive week at Whiteheath, filled with professional learning, external validation, and exciting developments across the school.

On Tuesday, our staff took part in Real PE training, delivered by our PE provider. The trainers brought the lessons to life and modelled high-quality practice, supporting our team in their continued development of teaching PE. Staff left feeling inspired, confident, and ready to embed new ideas into their sessions.

We also welcomed two colleagues from the Local Authority who carried out a **Reading Review**. Their visit was an opportunity to reflect on our progress and celebrate the strengths they observed across classrooms. They highlighted:

- **Effective and consistent teaching**
- **Strong behaviour and positive learning environments**
- **Clear routines and structures that enable learning**
- **Strong vocabulary teaching**, including the use of "my turn, your turn"
- **Accurate use of key terminology** such as *phoneme* and *grapheme*

We are incredibly proud of this feedback, which reflects the hard work and commitment of our whole staff team.

As with any review, there were also some 'even better if' areas. These aligned closely with our existing School Improvement Plan, particularly our focus on writing and ensuring correct letter formation across the school. It is reassuring to know that our priorities are the right ones, and we will continue to work on these with determination.

A particularly exciting development this week has been the start of installation for our new trim trail. The children have been watching the progress with great enthusiasm, and we hope the work will be completed next week. This will be a fantastic addition to our outdoor provision and a wonderful resource for active play.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another positive week ahead.

Jackie Hall
Headteacher

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team

Reminder

We've teamed up with The Little Recyclers again to turn your unwanted items into funds for Whiteheath Infant School.

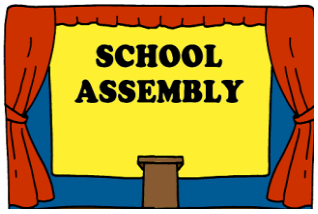
📦 **Drop-off details**

Please bring your donation bags to school by **9am on Wednesday 21st January 2026** and leave them on the green at the front of the school. Do **not** drop bags off before this date, and do not take them to the main school reception unfortunately we do not have the room to store bags.

https://thelittlerecyclers.co.uk/items-we-accept/

Bringing Books to Life Reminder

We would like to remind parents who have not yet made payment for the *Bringing Books to Life* workshop that the original deadline was Friday 9th January; however, this deadline has been extended until Monday 19th January.



Reception Wrens Assembly
Wednesday 21st January – 9:10

We're excited to welcome Wrens Parents/Carers! Please gather outside the main school reception, and the doors will open at 9:10 for you to come in and enjoy the assembly.



Reminder: Lateness to School

We would like to remind families of the importance of arriving on time in the mornings. Over the past few days, we have had a number of children arriving late, which can be disruptive to the start of the day for children. Please ensure that your child arrives on time so they can settle in and take part fully in the morning routine.

Thank you to all parents and carers who ensure their children arrive promptly.

Year 2





This week in Phonics, we have focused on the spelling rule for adding the grapheme 'ck' to the end of words - understanding that we add 'ck' after a short vowel sound - for example in the words 'check' and 'brick'. We also focused on using the grapheme 'tch' to make the sound 'ch' at the end of words - we use 'tch' after a short vowel sound - for example in 'snatch' and 'catch'.

In English this week, the children have enjoyed working on their letters to persuade the felt tip pens to come back to us and they have produced some wonderful writing. Next week in English, our focus is on using ambitious vocabulary to describe objects and using the conjunction 'but' in our sentence writing. We have 'Pink Day' on Tuesday to celebrate all things pink. This is an exciting book for the children and links with the story we are studying in English - 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Please see the dojo message sent this week for more information on this.

In maths we have started our new topic on Money - this week we have ordered coins and worked on adding different coins in pence. Next week we will be working on making different amounts using coins and notes. Please do have a go at playing any shopping or money games to support this or adding different combinations of coins at home, finding a suitable strategy for adding the coins together i.e., x3 10p coins = 30p and x2 5p coins = 10p, so 30p + 10p = 40p.

In RE we are continuing to develop our knowledge of rites of passage - our lesson will be about Christian weddings. Our Dimensions topic has an Art and Science focus next week - we will be learning about mixing primary colours and how we can create a colour fade using paint. Our science learning will be based on micro habitats. We sent home the Knowledge Organiser sheet for our new Dimensions topic last week called 'Beachcombers' - the sheet includes all of the key vocabulary taught during the topic as well as the main learning points. We will also send this on Dojo.

This week's homework is an Oracy task and we have given two weeks to make sure the children feel confident to read their poem in front of the class.

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

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
The Year 2 Team

Year 1





Next week in English we will be continuing to use 'The Queens Hat' story to write our own sentences. We will be collecting lots of new words to expand the children's vocabulary, especially focussing on verbs (-ing and -ed endings) and adverbs (-ly endings).

In Maths we will be exploring number lines, using them to estimate and compare numbers.

In Phonics we will be learning the sounds o-e (some), o (mother), ou (young), se (cheese), ce (fence), se, (mouse), ey (donkey). We will be learning the tricky words: thought, though, friend and work.

In our topic *Unity in the Community*, the children will be using Google Earth to explore houses in our local area. This will then lead into our DT project, where they will investigate and experiment with different materials to design and make their own houses. In PSHE, we will be learning about what it means to belong to a club. **Children may bring a uniform top in their bags from a club they attend to show that they are part of that club community i.e. Ruislip rangers top or beavers top on Wednesday 21st of January (Normal school uniform should be worn)**. They will have the opportunity to share ideas and create their own clubs. In Science, we will continue learning about plants and trees, with a focus this week on the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. In Geography, we will be preparing the children for their fieldwork, which will take place on **26th January**.

Regarding the trip, we will be leaving school at 9:30am. During the walk to Manor Farm, the children will complete a booklet focusing on the human and physical features they observe along the way. We expect to arrive at Manor Farm at approximately 10:30am. While there, the children will take part in scheduled tours of the house and surrounding area, where they will learn about the history of Manor Farm and how it has changed over time. They will also have the opportunity to visit the library and enjoy a story-time session.

The workshops will finish at 12:15pm, after which the children will have lunch at Manor Farm. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch from home or has ordered one through HCL. We will be leaving Manor Farm at 1:00pm.

In RE, the children will be learning about the Hindu creation story. In RE, we will be looking at what the Bible says about creation and the Christian story of how the world was made in seven days.

Notices:

- Please can you send in cereal boxes or other boxes of a similar size by the 23rd of January for the upcoming DT project. Thank you.
- Year 1 have a fieldtrip coming up on the 26th of January to Manor farm. This is a Geography/ History based trip. If you are available and can volunteer, please do let the class teacher know.
- Spelling tests will continue every Friday.
- PE will only be on Mondays (Robins) and Tuesdays for Doves.
- Please continue to help your child practice their letter and number formation at home. This includes capital letters.
- A heads up that the parent/teacher meetings are scheduled for the end of this half term. They will be held on Tues 10th Feb and Thurs 12th Feb. More details of how to book will be given nearer the time. Thank you for all your support. Wishing you all a great weekend, the Year 1 Team

Reception





We're looking forward to another exciting week of learning in Reception. The children continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm, independence, and growing confidence.

🔢 Maths – Exploring Capacity

Next week in maths, we will be exploring **capacity**. Children will be investigating:

- How much different containers can hold
- Comparing which holds *more* or *less*
- Using language such as *full*, *empty*, *nearly full*, *half full*
- Making predictions and testing them through hands-on play

How you can practise at home:

- Use cups, bowls, or jugs in the bath or sink
- Ask your child to find which container holds more
- Let them fill and pour using safe kitchen items
- Talk together using the new vocabulary

This is always a fun, practical topic that children love.

🖍️ Drawing Club

We are continuing to explore our stories on rotation in Drawing Club. This week we have been learning some brilliant new vocabulary, including: **sturdy, scrumptious, compassion, victorious**
Please ask your child to share these words at home — they love showing off their new language.

🚓 Launchpad for Learning – Police, Fire & Ambulance

Our new Launchpad topic is **Police, Fire and Ambulance**. We will be exploring:

- How these emergency services help us
- The equipment they use
- What to do in an emergency
- Role-play opportunities in our classroom stations

We also have some exciting visitors planned to bring this learning to life.

📌 Key Messages

- **Reading books:** Please read with your child regularly and **sign the reading record** each time.
- **Phonics practice:** Sounds to practise are written in reading records — a few minutes each day makes a big difference.
- **Independence:** Please encourage children to practise **doing up their own zips** at home.
- **PE:** PE is now **every Tuesday**. Children should come to school **wearing their PE kit**.

💬 Spark the Conversation – Oracy Focus

This week's question to enjoy together at home is: ✨ *If you could make a new rule for our school, what would it be and why?*
Model your answer first so children hear how ideas can be explained. For example: *"My new rule would be that everyone gets extra story time because reading helps us learn and relax."*

Wishing you all a great weekend, the Reception Team

Nursery





We have had a fantastic week in Nursery! We were very excited to welcome special visitors from around the school who came to talk to us about their important jobs. Mr Taylor, our Site Manager, Mrs Harris, our Pastoral Lead, and Mrs Hall, our Head Teacher, explained how they help everyone in school and why their roles are so important.

Next week, we will be focusing on **Police Officers, Ambulance Workers, and Firefighters**. We will begin the week by learning what to do in an emergency, discussing different types of emergencies and the important roles these helpers play in our community.

In Maths, we will be exploring **shapes**, with a focus on recognising triangles. We will count the sides and corners to help us check that a shape is a triangle.

We will also continue talking about friendship in Nursery and how to use kind hands, kind feet, and kind voices at all times.

In Literacy, we will be reading *Tanka Tanka Skunk* and creating our own name syllable beats.

Just a couple of important reminders:

- If your child brings a packed lunch, please ensure it is **nut-free and seed-free** (this includes products that may contain nuts or seeds, such as certain spreads, snack bars, or breads).
- Please also provide a **healthy lunch**, including items such as sandwiches, wraps, fruit, vegetables, yogurt, or cheese.
- Kindly avoid sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks, and sugary snacks.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all our children safe and healthy.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

This event will take place on 21st January 2026.



Please ensure recycle bags are placed outside the school gate before 9:00 AM on 21st January

Please do not leave them out earlier, as the school cannot accommodate them in advance and they may risk of being damaged

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Flu community catch up clinics

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for their vaccine at one of our local community clinics.

Winter season is upon us, and with colder weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread.

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today. The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

Stay Well: Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

Protect Others: Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread: Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please scan the QR code or follow the links below:

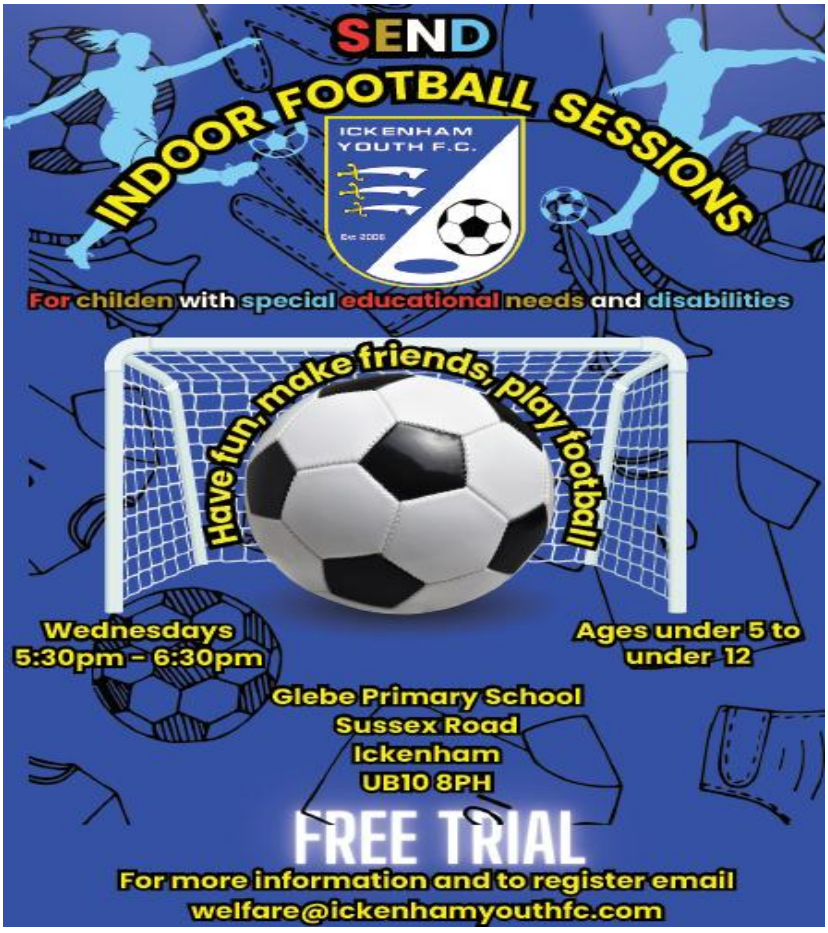
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2026

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.

🧘 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

🎸 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

⚽ Wednesday

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

🎾 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

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

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

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

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)