Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School
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Friday 5th December 2025

Diary Dates

Year 1 Nativity dress rehearsal	Tuesday 9th December- 9:10
Year 1 Nativity	Wednesday 10th December – 9.10 &2.35
Christmas Carol Concert at the local Church	Monday 15th December 1.45 to 3.00
Rocksteady Concert	Tuesday 16th December 9.30 & 2.15
Autumn Term Ends (school finishes at 12.20)	Friday 19th December at 12.20
2026	
School Closed for children – Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January
Spring Term Start/School Re-Opens	Tuesday 6th January
Reception Wrens Assembly	Wednesday 21st January – 9.10
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
Parents Evening for Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 10th February 2026
Parents Evening for Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2	Thursday 12th February 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
Reception & Year 1 Music Concert	Tuesday 17th March 9:10 & 2:30
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 9th March 9.00 to 10.00
Year 2 trip to Windsor	Friday 13th March
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
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,

This week it has been wonderful to see our Nursery children singing their Christmas songs. This is such a big ask at such a young age, some of our performers are only three years old! A huge well done to Nursery and to the staff team for supporting them so beautifully.

On Wednesday, Ruislip Baptist church came in with all their props and with some help from Y2 children they acted out the Nativity story. We always look forward to the assemblies they deliver.

Today we enjoyed our fantastic Christmas Fair, hosted by our dedicated WISA team and parent volunteers. Children loved shopping through the festive market, meeting Santa and his elf, and soaking up the joyful atmosphere. It has been a huge success, and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make it possible.

This afternoon we look forward to hearing our Year 2 choir and seeing Year 2 perform at 2:45, followed by another choir performance at 3:30. Thank you to Mrs Linscott for preparing the choir so thoroughly, and to all the teachers and WISA team for their hard work in bringing this event together.

Next week, our Year 1 children will take to the stage for their Christmas performances. We look forward to welcoming you then and sharing in more festive celebrations.

Best wishes

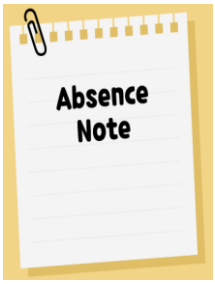
Jackie Hall
Headteacher

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team

Spaces Available in Nursery, Reception and Year 1

We are delighted to let families know that we currently have a small number of places available in our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes.

If you know of any families who may be looking for a school place, we would be very happy to welcome them to our thriving, inclusive community. Please encourage them to contact the school office for further information or to arrange a visit.



Reminder - Notification of Absence or Lateness

We kindly remind all families to inform the school if your child will be absent or arriving late. This helps us ensure accurate attendance records and safeguard the wellbeing of all pupils.

Please notify the school before 8.40am by either:

- Email: office@whiteheath-infant.hillingdon.sch.uk or Telephone: 01895 630262 and leave a message

When contacting us, please clearly state your child's full name, year group, and class.

Thank you to all parents and carers who already notify us of any absences.



SANTA'S POST BOX

Santa's post box will be outside the main school reception from Monday 1st December until Wednesday 17th December. This is for your child to send festive cards to one another within our school only.

All cards MUST be clearly addressed with the child's full name and class written clearly on the envelope and where possible, keep cards for each class bundled together with an elastic band.

Any cards without this information or received after 9.30am on Wednesday 17th will not be delivered.



Important Lunch Information – December Dates

Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch Our festive Christmas lunch will be served on this day. Orders should be placed **directly with HCL**.

Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term There will be **no hot meals**. Children will need a **packed lunch from home or booked with HCL**.



Nursery Children - Little City Role Play Workshop – Payment Now Available

Nursery children will enjoy a visit from *Little City* on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026**, taking part in an exciting interactive role-play workshop.

The cost of the session is **£7.14 per child**, and payment is now available on **SchoolMoney**. Please log in to your account to make the payment by **Friday 19th December. If** you have not received log-in details for your child's SchoolMoney account, please email Miss Lowman at finance@whiteheath-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk.

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Reminder - Year 1 CHRISTMAS TICKETS TO THE PERFORMANCES

To book tickets for the Christmas performances, please click on the link below.

Each family may request up to a maximum of two tickets for one main performance of their choice, due to health and safety regulations.

Year 1 Tickets: 9th & 10th December Tickets: https://forms.gle/YAzxTtaNbmZtm39e8

Please note that **siblings, children, or babies will *not be admitted* to the main performance on 10th December**.

If you are unable to arrange childcare and need to bring a little one, we do have availability during **practice performance on 9th December**. In this case, please select **practice tickets** (maximum of **2 seats per family**).

👉 *Practice tickets are offered instead of main performance tickets, not in addition to them.*

We politely remind families that **prams and buggies are not permitted in school**, and anyone arriving with siblings, children, or babies for the main performance **will not be allowed entry**. Our pupils and staff dedicate a great deal of effort to deliver an outstanding performance and deserve the chance to perform without interruptions.

📸 **No photography or video recording is allowed during performances.**

To ensure everyone enjoys an uninterrupted view, we plan to **record the Dress Rehearsals**, provided we receive consent from all families. The video will be shared digitally via **Google Classroom or Class Dojo**.

If you do **not** wish your child to be included in the recording, please ensure you **opt out.**



Volunteers for the Christmas Carol Concert at St Martins Church, Ruislip

Monday 15th December 2025

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children

- Depart school: 1pm
- Concert: 1.45pm
- Return to school: 3pm

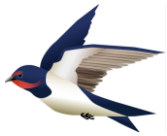
We are looking for volunteers to accompany the children on a walk to St. Martin's Church and join them for the carol concert.

If you are interested in volunteering and have **a valid enhanced DBS with the school**, please click on the link below. (Please note that we are no longer able to accept DBS certificates from other organisations)

https://forms.gle/uLXYdLzCK95xijNNA

- If you do not have an Enhanced DBS and would like to join us for the church service you can meet us at the church for 1.45pm

Year 2





It has been a wonderful week, beginning with the arrival of our Year 2 Elf, *Bookie Brightspark*. The children have loved searching for him each day and discovering his cheeky antics! They also had a fantastic time at the Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto today - seeing their excitement and joy was truly special. We are sure they enjoyed showing you their christmassy purchases tonight! Thank you for joining us to watch the children perform their Christmas songs - we hope you enjoyed it and that it brought plenty of smiles.

In English this week, we have enjoyed learning facts about Bluebirds. The children have really impressed us with their writing of a non-chronological report about bluebirds. The progress in their sentence structure, handwriting and use of vocabulary is amazing to see.

We have been working hard in Maths too, working out tricky 2-digit number sentences - we will continue to reinforce the concepts we have been learning with short bursts of practice daily. We enjoyed our Forest School session outside on Wednesday and the children made their own bird nests out of natural items.

Next week in Maths, we will be starting our new topic on shape. Children will recap their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and explore their properties, such as the number of sides and vertices. Please can we ask that you explore everyday objects at home with the children and ask them to identify the 3D shapes.

In English, lessons will be based around instruction writing and we will be following a set of instructions to make a bird feeder. The children will then write their own set of instructions with a focus on the use of imperative verbs (bossy verbs).

Our History topic on the life and achievements of Elizabeth Blackwell continues next week and we will be looking at conditions on board the ship when her and her family were forced to leave England and travel to America. We will also be looking at original copies of her application to Medical School and her subsequent rejection letter.

As always, thank you for your support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Year 1



In English next week we will be thinking about what might happen after the end of the story of Beegu. We will be enjoying and performing some poems on the theme of space, building our vocabulary and focussing on visualising the images portrayed. We will also be concluding our unit on Beegu by writing a blurb and designing a new imaginative book cover.

In Phonics, we will be learning the sounds: y (e.g., funny), ea (e.g. head), wh (e.g. wheel), and ou (e.g. Shoulder).

The new tricky words will be: any, many, again

In Maths we will be learning to recognise and name a range of 2D shapes, sorting them according to different criteria, and exploring repeated shape patterns.

For our topic this week, we will be making our own fossils using art straws and salt dough. We will be learning about what it means to be a fossil hunter and the skills needed to be one.

Notices:

- We are looking forward to performing our nativity for you on Wednesday 10th December next week (and for those of you coming to the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 9th December). Thank you for all your help in providing costumes and helping the children to remember their words/dances/ stage movements. We couldn't do it without you!
- Homework folders will be collected in next week, in order to prepare the sheets for next half term. Please make sure you return the folders to school, even if work is not completed. Thank you.
- This is the last week that reading books will go home until after the holidays. Please ensure these are returned to school on Monday as usual.
- Library books will continue to be sent home

Thank you for all your support

We hope you have a lovely weekend

The Year 1 team

Reception





We are enjoying a busy and festive time in Reception, with lots of exciting learning and celebrations to look forward to.

🔢 Maths – Understanding Zero

This week we are focusing on the concept of **zero**—what it means and how we use it in everyday life. Children will also take part in some **maths assessments** to show what they have learned so far this term.

👉 At home, you can support by:

- Talking about times when there are "none left" (e.g., no toys in the box).
- Playing simple counting games that include zero.

🔤 Phonics – Review Week

We will be revisiting all the sounds taught this term in a **review week**. Children will practice blending and segmenting and take part in phonics assessments to celebrate their progress.

🌍 Dimensions Topic – Gifts & Christmas Around the World

Our new topic is **"Gifts"**, where we'll be talking about **Santa** and exploring how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. This is a lovely way to help children understand traditions and cultures beyond their own.

🎤 Reception Assemblies – Spring Term

We are excited to announce the dates for our Reception class assemblies in the Spring term:

- **Wrens** – Wednesday 21st January
- **Swans** – Friday 30th January
- **Ducklings** – Wednesday 4th February

We look forward to welcoming families to share in the children's learning and achievements.

💬 Spark the Conversation – Developing Oracy Skills

As part of our school focus on **oracy**, each week we will share a simple question for families to enjoy together. Oracy is the ability to express ideas clearly, listen carefully, and build confidence in spoken language. By encouraging children to talk, reason, and share their thoughts at home, we strengthen the skills they use in class.

You might explore the question at the dinner table, on the school run, or during playtime.

This week's question: ✨ *If you could fly anywhere, where would you fly to?*

Encourage your child to explain their choice and listen to others' ideas — this helps them practise speaking, listening, and reasoning in a fun, family-friendly way.

Thank you for your support
The Reception team

Nursery



Nursery children had a very busy week! They performed beautifully on our Christmas Concert, Well done Nursery!

The children enjoyed the Christmas Fayre and meeting Santa – it was a magical day! The children had so much fun exploring the different stalls, enjoying the festive atmosphere and of course meeting Santa Claus! A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations, which made the event extra special. Next week in Maths, we'll be exploring repeating patterns using colours, shapes, and movements.

Encourage your child to practice at home by creating patterns with objects like toys or by clapping and stomping in sequences.

In phonics, we will introduce the 'i' sound. We'll practice recognising this sound, thinking of words that begin with it and working on letter formation. You can support this at home by pointing out this letter in books!

As part of our topic, we will take some time to look at pictures from various cultural events and discuss how people celebrate special occasions around the world.

To celebrate the season the children will engage in creative Christmas-themed activities. They will design and decorate their own Christmas cards, they'll use playdough to make their own Christmas trees, and they'll be decorating their own snowmen.

Looking forward to an exciting week ahead!
Best wishes
The Nursery team

HILLINGDON 🎄 Join the JOY SPORTS ACADEMY LTD WINTER CAMP – Festive Fun This December! ❄

Bourne Primary School - Cedar Avenue, South Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 6UJ
Dates: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th December 2025
Times & Costs:

- FSM children – 9:00am to 1:00pm (FREE) | Extend to 9:00am – 5:00pm = £12
- Paid places – 9:00am to 1:00pm = £25 | 9:00am to 5:00pm = £35
  ➡ Click here to sign up for Bourne Primary School

Minet Infant and Nursery School - Avondale Drive, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 3NR
Dates: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th December 2025
Times & Costs:

- FSM children – 9:00am to 1:00pm (FREE) | Extend to 9:00am – 5:00pm = £12
- Paid places – 9:00am to 1:00pm = £25 | 9:00am to 5:00pm = £35
  ➡ Click here to sign up for Minet Infant and Nursery School

What's on offer:

- Football, dodgeball, gymnastics, archery, dance battles
- Arts & crafts, treasure hunts, Christmas challenges
- **FREE hot vegetarian meals** each day
- Inclusive and supportive environment for all children, including tailored support for SEND pupils
- **Special note:** Children who are non-FSM but cannot afford to pay may still be referred by a professional

Spaces are limited, so please register early to secure your child's place.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact **Harish Patel** at enquiry.jsacamps@gmail.com.



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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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SAVE THE DATE!

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Education & SEND

Parent Event 26th January 2026

10.00am - 2.00pm Civic Centre Uxbridge

Don't miss out on this exciting event! Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your place today by completing the form below.

Come hear from:

- SEND Advisory Team
- Children's Integrated Therapies
- SENDIASS
- Parent Carer Forum
- Local Offer
- Family Hubs

And much more...

Register Now:

Click Here

Registration for the SEND & Education Parent Event

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)