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Friday 21st November 2025

Diary Dates

SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 24th November 9.00 – 10.00
Pantomime for Reception to Year 2	Thursday 27th November 1.30 – 3pm
Nursery Christmas Songs family performance siblings welcome	Tuesday 2nd December- 2pm
Nursery Christmas Songs	Wednesday 3rd December 9:15
Christmas themed non uniform day - WISA Christmas Fayre	Friday 5th December
Year 2 songs and Year 2 Choir performance (Outside classroom)	Friday 5th December 2:45pm
Year 2 Choir performance only (Outside classroom)	Friday 5th December 3:30pm
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 Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 21st January
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 28th January
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 2nd February 9.00 to 10.00
Little City Workshop for Nursery	Tuesday 3rd February
Reception Assemblies (Class group tbc)	Wednesday 4th February
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.

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Head Teacher's Update

Dear Families,

We've had a busy and joyful week at school, full of learning, laughter, and community spirit.

Year 2 Paddington Bakery Walk

On Monday, Year 2 enjoyed a special walk to **Garlands Bakery** as part of their Paddington topic. Each child bought themselves a delicious iced bun for just 30p, and they returned to the playground licking their lips and telling me how scrumptious they were. It was a simple but memorable treat that tied beautifully into their learning.

Year 2 Maths Challenge

On Thursday, we proudly hosted the **Year 2 Maths Challenge**. Six children from seven infant schools joined us to take part in a range of exciting maths activities, all competing for the coveted Maths Trophy. A huge well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to the winners Coteford Infant School. Special thanks go to **Mrs Hopkins, our Maths Lead**, for organising such a successful and inspiring event.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

We have lots to look forward to:

- **SEN Coffee Morning** – Monday
- **Parenting Course** – Tuesday afternoon, in the school hall
- **Assembly with Father Robert** – Tuesday
- **Christmas Panto** – Thursday, bringing festive fun to the whole school (oh yes it will!)

We are so proud of the way our pupils embrace new experiences and the way our community comes together to celebrate learning.

Jackie Hall
Headteacher

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team



Christmas Fayre from WISA

To help us craft a variety of sweet surprises for the children, we'd love each year group to donate just *one* item if possible. With everyone's support, we can create a magical mix of goodies the children will absolutely love.

Here's what we're asking for:
Nursery – Smarties
Reception – Chocolate coins *or* mini white marshmallows
Year 1 – Maltesers
Year 2 – Sweet cone fillings / lollies / individually wrapped sweets

If each family donates just one item, we'll have everything we need to make amazing treats for the kids!

For more information, please scroll down to page 9

Thank you so much for your support, **Team WISA**



School Vacancy - Finance and Admin Officer

We currently have a vacancy for a Finance and Admin Officer. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please follow the link below to apply or for further information.

https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/Finance-and-Admin-Officer-6470



Important Lunch Information – December Dates 🍴

Friday 5th December – School Fayre Day Please note there will be **no hot meal options** available. Families can either book a **packed lunch option through HCL** or provide a **packed lunch from home**.

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**.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everything running smoothly during these busy December dates!



SEN Coffee Morning – Monday 24th November

Join us for a warm cup of coffee at our **SEN Coffee Morning** — a relaxed and friendly space for parents/carers to connect, share, and support one another.

🗓️ **Date:** Monday, 24th November 🕘 **Time:** 9:00 AM



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

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Reminder Nut Free School

Reminder we are a Nut-Free school. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

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Tickets for Nursery Christmas Songs

To book tickets for the Nursery 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.

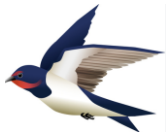
2nd & 3rd December Tickets: **https://forms.gle/EKag7B5EZrYCag9E8**

Unfortunately, siblings, children, and babies will not be permitted at the main performances on 3rd December. For families with little ones who may find it difficult to arrange childcare, we are pleased to offer access to the practice performances on 2nd December. In this case, please select practice tickets (maximum of 2 seats per family). Kindly be aware that practice tickets are provided instead of main performance tickets, not in addition to them.

We politely advise you that no prams/buggies are allowed into school and those who bring siblings to main performances, children or babies will not gain admittance. The children and staff work really hard to put on a fantastic performance and deserve the opportunity to perform to their best without interruptions.

Photography and Video Policy: Photography and video recording during performances are **strictly prohibited**. To ensure everyone can enjoy a clear and uninterrupted view, we will 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 appear in the video, please opt out.

Year 2





We had a wonderful start to the week and enjoyed our sunny walk to Ruislip high street and buying our iced buns at Garlands Bakery. The children enjoyed walking together and paying for their buns with their coins. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and talking with each other about all the things they were seeing during the walk. Thank you again to our parent volunteers – you were such a great help.

Next week in English, the children will continue to write their diary entry about the Great Fire of London - we have worked on using ambitious adjectives and onomatopoeia in our writing this week to describe what it would have been like living during the Great Fire.

In Maths, we will focus on adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. It would be helpful if you could continue adding and subtracting numbers at home with the children.

Our topic Paddington's Passport comes to an end next week - we will finish the topic by comparing Lima and London. Our new History based topic 'Medicine Woman' begins next week and we will talk about the story of Elizabeth Blackwell and how she changed the course of history. Our PSHE lesson is an important lesson on internet safety and how the children can keep themselves safe online.

Please see weekly reminders below:

- Monday - Return Reading Books (it is important that books are returned every Monday please)
- Tuesday - Home Learning due in
- Wednesday - Forest School - please send extra layers, hats and gloves.
- Friday - Spelling Test, exchange library books and Spelling Test

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 2 Team

Year 1



In English we will be continuing with the story of Beegu. We will be designing a home planet for Beegu using our senses to describe it, then using collage techniques to make it. We will be learning about question words and using these to think of questions they might ask Beegu, remembering to use a question mark at the end of their question. We will be hot seating Beegu to ask these questions when completed! We will also write a postcard as if we were Beegu in order to say goodbye to our friends on Earth.

In Phonics, we will be reviewing the new phase 5 graphemes and tricky words that we have learnt over the last few weeks.

In Maths we will be revising our topic about addition and subtraction. We will also then be assessing the children's understand g the topic.

In Topic, the children will begin an exciting new topic called Jurassic Hunter. This is a history focused topic. The children will be introduced to the life and discoveries of Mary Anning, exploring her fascinating story, the challenges she faced, and how she became one of the most important fossil hunters in history. Year 1 will learn about the early dinosaur skeleton**s** and other prehistoric creatures she uncovered along England's Jurassic Coast. To finish the week, the children will create their own skeleton artwork, using drawing straws on black paper to mimic the look of real fossilised bones.

In PSHE, we will be learning how to recognise, name and deal with their feelings in a positive way.

Notices:

- If your child is a narrator in our school performance, please make sure they have learnt their lines as soon as possible.
- All costumes need to be brought into school, in a named plastic bag, as soon as they are ready; at the latest please by Mon 1st Dec. Please let us know sooner rather than later if there any problems organising a costume.

Thank you for all your support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 team.

Reception





The children are continuing to learn with enthusiasm and curiosity, and we're excited to share what's coming up next week.

🔢 **Maths – White Rose Focus**

This week we'll be exploring **shapes with 4 sides**. Children will learn to recognise squares and rectangles, talk about their properties, and spot them in the environment.

👉 At home, you can support by:

- Going on a **shape hunt** around the house or outdoors
- Collecting everyday items with 4 sides (books, doors, boxes)
- Talking about how these shapes are similar or different

🔤 **Phonics - New Sounds and Tricky Words**

We'll be learning the sounds: **sh, th, ng, nk** Our new Tricky Words are: *she, push*, he, of*

Please continue to practise these at home. The Tricky Words highlighted in **green** in your children's reading records are the ones we have assessed the children on, and we'd especially like them to practise these further.

📖 **Reading at Home**

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey. Little and often makes a big difference! Please keep using the reading record to share short comments after each read—it helps us celebrate progress and spot areas for support. Books must come back to school each Monday so we can give your child a new book.

🎩 **Dimensions Curriculum – History Topic**

Our new theme is **"Way Back When Hats Had Brims"**. Children will:

- Look at different hats from the past
- Go on a **hat hunt** around school and at home
- Design and create their own hats in class

This topic will help children explore history in a fun, hands-on way, sparking curiosity about how people lived and dressed in the past.

🎭 **Special Event – Pantomime on Thursday**

We're looking forward to a visit to the **pantomime on Thursday**. It's always a highlight of the term, giving children the chance to enjoy live performance, join in with the fun, and experience theatre in an exciting way.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like ideas for home learning, please speak to a member of the Early Years team.

Warm wishes, **The Reception Team**

Nursery



Next week in Nursery we are excited to begin our new topic, “The Spirit of Christmas.” As part of Understanding the World, we will be talking with the children about how we celebrate Christmas and other special occasions. We will encourage them to share their own experiences and traditions, helping them to develop confidence in speaking about familiar events.

In Literacy, we will be introducing our new book, Aaaarrgghh, Spider! by Lydia Monks. The children will talk about pets—whether they have one, would like one, or what kind of pet they might choose. We will also discuss whether they think a spider would make a good pet and why!

In Maths, we will be exploring AB colour patterns, using two different colours to help children recognise and predict what comes next. We will then move on to movement patterns, encouraging the children to continue an AB pattern using actions with their bodies.

During Phonics, we will introduce the p sound. The children will practise identifying words that begin with this sound, blending simple CVC words, and forming the letter correctly.

The Nursery children are also very busy practising for their Christmas concert, and their enthusiasm is wonderful to see!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
The Nursery Team

WISA Christmas Fayre

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS / CLOTHES IN EXCHANGE FOR A JOLLY JAR OR BOTTLE OF ALCOHOL .

ALL CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO VISIT THE ELFRIDGES SHOP TO BUY GIFTS FOR THEIR FRIENDS & FAMILIES. WE SUGGEST EACH CHILD BRINGS £5-10 MAX IN SMALL CHANGE, IN A SMALL NAMED PURSE OR MONEY BAG. ALSO PLEASE BRING A NAMED CARRIER BAG FOR THEIR SHOPPING TO COME HOME IN.

THE CHILDREN WILL ALSO VISIT SANTA'S GROTTO AND RECIEVE A GIFT FROM SANTA AND HIS ELF. CLASS PICTURES WILL BE SENT TO PARENTS ON DOJO BY YOUR TEACHERS.

AFTER SCHOOL 2.45PM - 4.30PM

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

YEAR 2 SINGING @ 2.45PM
YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS CHOIR @ 3.30PM
ELFRIDGES CHRISTMAS SHOP
TOMBOLA , SPIN THE BOTTLE & FESTIVE GAMES
MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE
HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

WHITEHEATH INFANT & NURSERY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

It's coming .... Friday 5th Dec

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PLEASE -

SOFT TOYS - WASHED IN GOOD CONDITION
TOYS & GAMES - ALL PIECES INCLUDED

WRAPPED SWEETS - LIKE STARBURST, LOLLIES, SMALL HARIBO PACKETS, SWEET CONE SWEETS & CANDY CANES
OTHER SWEET TREATS - SMALL WHITE MARSHMALLOWS, MALTESERS & SMARTIES

TOMBOLA PRIZES - NEW GIFTS BOTH CHILDREN & ADULTS LIKE TOILETRIES, CHOCOLATES & BOTTLES OF ALCOHOL

PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION OR IN THE LABELED BOXES IN THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
THANK YOU

WHITEHEATH INFANT SCHOOL

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

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) - *Year 1 & Year 2 – open to Reception from Jan 2026*
Soul Performing Arts
🌐 soulperformingarts.co.uk 📞 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
🌐 elmssportinschools.co.uk 📞 020 8954 8787 | ✉️ info@elmssportinschools.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 📞 07787 535506 | ✉️ coleen@littlevoices.org.uk

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)