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Friday 7th November 2025

Diary Dates

Friendship Week – Odd Socks Day	Tuesday 11th November
WISA Adults Quiz night	Friday 14th November 7.30pm -10.30pm
Children In Need - wearing something spotty or favourite pyjamas	Friday 14th November
Year 2 walk to Garland, Ruislip High Street	Monday 17th November 9.30
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
WISA Christmas Fayre including Santas Grotto	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
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 hope you all had a restful half-term holiday last week. The children have settled back in beautifully, it's been lovely to see how much some of them have grown in such a short space of time!

This week, Mrs. Ekizou began our assemblies with a wonderful session about Bonfire Night, reminding the children about the importance of staying safe while enjoying the celebrations. On Thursday, I led an assembly on Remembrance Day, where we reflected on the significance of remembering those who have served.

A special thank you to the Year 2 Breakfast Club children who have been so helpful selling poppies with me each morning, they have shown great responsibility and kindness.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Mayor Philip Corthorne to our school. The children really enjoyed hearing about the Mayor's role and seeing his ceremonial outfit. We were especially proud to have him officially open our Reading Shed!

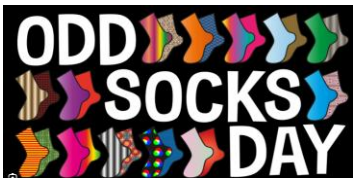
Following this, Miss Stroud spoke to the children in her Wednesday assembly about how we can keep the Reading Shed tidy and take care of the books. It's been wonderful to see the children enjoying sharing and reading books together during playtimes.

Today, our Reception children went on a trip to the allotment, where they explored what is growing at this time of year and noticed the changes that come with autumn. They will return later in the year to observe further seasonal changes and see how things grow over time. A big thank you to Ms. Isaac for organising the trip, the allotment members for sharing their produce and to all our parent helpers for their support!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Hall

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team



🌟 Friendship Week at Whiteheath 🌟

Next week is **Friendship Week**, and we'll be exploring what it means to be a kind and thoughtful friend. Through class discussions, stories, and activities, children will learn how to support one another, how to recognise and respond to worries, and who they can talk to if they ever feel upset at school.

On **Tuesday 11th November**, Mrs Marks will lead a special assembly to celebrate our unique qualities and the power of friendship. To mark the occasion, we invite all children to wear **odd socks**, a fun way to show that we're all different, and that's something to be proud of!

Let's celebrate kindness, inclusion, and the joy of being a good friend 💛

Please note: The cut-off time for ordering school lunches with HCL is **8:30am**.

If an order hasn't been placed by then, we kindly ask that you provide a packed lunch for your child.



Reminder for Nursery & Year 2 Parents

Parents who have not yet applied for a junior or primary school place must submit their application by **15th January 2026** to receive an outcome on **National Offer Day – 16th April 2026**.

🔗 Apply online at: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Year 2 Pupils - If your child is currently in **Year 2**, please be aware that although **Whiteheath Junior School** is our feeder school, you **must still apply** through the Hillingdon Admissions Team if you would like your child to attend in **September 2026**.

Nursery to Reception - For children born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**, an application must be submitted via the Hillingdon Admissions Team if you wish for your child to start **Reception in September 2026**.

⚠️ Please note: As a school, we are **unable to submit applications on your behalf**.



BBC Children in Need – Friday 14th November 2025

To celebrate Children in Need on Friday 14th November, we invite children to come to school wearing something spotty or their favourite pyjamas.

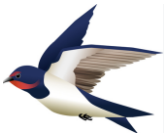
If you'd like to donate, please use our JustGiving page. Every contribution goes directly to BBC Children in Need and helps make a real difference.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/whiteheath-infant-11

Consultation Reminder: Expanding Our School's Age Range

Reminder we are currently holding a consultation on a proposed change to our school's age range. From **Monday 27th October until 5pm on Monday 1 December**, we are inviting feedback on lowering our age range to include **two-year-olds**, alongside our existing provision for children aged three- seven. This change supports a national initiative to increase access to funded childcare for two-year-olds, especially for disadvantaged families. Last year's survey showed strong interest from parents, and we're excited to offer high-quality early years places in our nurturing environment.

💬 **Share your views:** Please complete the consultation form here: https://forms.office.com/e/tNYUnjryCT

Year 2




Welcome back - we hope you had a lovely half term break and the children enjoyed some fun and rest.

This week the children have enjoyed listening to a variety of poems and enjoyed reciting a poem in front of the class. They then write their own firework poem using onomatopoeic language using words like booming, crashing, twinkling, sparkling etc. Next week in English we will be focusing on learning more facts about the Great Fire of London - we will be ordering the events of the fire and writing about the lead up to the Great Fire. This week the children have imagined what it would have been like living in 1666 and have enjoyed acting out some scenes and using freeze frames to capture details about the Great Fire. We will be planning and making tutor houses next week and have something very exciting planned for Wednesday as part of our English learning. In Maths we will be continuing our topic on addition and subtraction, with a focus mainly on subtraction. For topic we will be continuing Paddington's Passport and he will be packing his suitcase to leave for Peru - we will show the children a passport and think about the things that would be suitable for Paddington to take on a trip to Peru, taking into consideration the climate. This week the children have enjoyed using atlases to locate South America and understanding that Peru is in South America. Please ask the children what the capital of Peru is! We will be recapping the world continents and oceans next week and using positional language and compass directions to describe where they are in relation to each other in the world.

Reminders:
Monday - Return Reading Books
Tuesday - Return Home Learning
Wednesday - Forest School
Friday - PE (send children to school in full PE kit, spelling test and exchange library books.

PLEASE SEND IN A CARDBOARD BOX ON MONDAY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY (SEE PREVIOUS DOJO MESSAGE)

We have our trip to Garlands Bakery on Ruislip High Street on Monday 17th November - please let the school office know if you are able to help for the morning. We will be leaving school around 9.15am.

Thank you for your support.
Have a lovely weekend.
The Year 2 Team

Year 1




In English next week we will be introducing our exciting new book; the title to be a surprise revealed in the lesson after we have made some predictions. We will also be looking at direct speech and identifying what we think a character might be saying, writing this as a sentence in a speech bubble.

In Phonics, we will be learning about split digraphs: a-e (cake), i-e (time), o-e (home), u-e (cube). The new tricky words will be: could, would, should, our

In Maths we will be learning to solve simple word- based addition problems (reading a sort number story then writing the correct addition sum), for example: Sam has 3 cats and Tom has 2 cats. How many do they have altogether? 3+2=5. We will be using part whole models again to find the missing part of a number sentence, linking this to both addition and subtraction. We will also be learning about the 8 facts in a fact family, for example:

5+2 = 7 7+5+2 2+5 = 7 7= 2+5 7-5 = 2 2 = 5-2 7-2 = 5 5 = 7-2

In our Geography, the children will learn how to use an Atlas to locate different oceans, continents and countries around the world. They will be introduced to the concept of a key on a map and how to use it. The children will also be learning about human and physical features and give examples of these. On **Thursday 13th of November** children will be bringing home a net of a house or a building for them to make over the weekend. Please help your child make this, they can colour it and make it their own. They must bring their building back to school on **Monday 17th of November** for the class to make a model village.

In PSHE, we will be learning about self-regulation and self-image and identity.

In PE, the children will continue to focus on Fundamental Movement Skills for the first session and gymnastics for the second session.

<u>Notices:</u>

- Please continue to help your child practice their letter and number formation at home. This includes capital letters.
- RM Easimaths also continues to be available for extra practice if desired
- Robins PE lessons will be on Mon / Wed. Doves will be on Tues / Wed. As before, please send your child into school in their PE kits on those days.

Thank you for all your support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 team.

Reception





We've had a fantastic start to the half term and the children are settling back into routines with enthusiasm and curiosity. Here's a look at what we'll be learning next week.

🔢 Maths

We'll be focusing on the numbers **4 and 5** - learning to **find**, **subitise** (see the number without counting), and **represent** them in different ways. You can support this at home by spotting groups of 4 or 5 objects in everyday life buttons, apples, socks, or stairs!

🔤 Phonics

Next week we'll be learning: **v, w, x, y**

Our new **Tricky Words** are: **and, has, his, her**.

These words can't be sounded out, so regular practice really helps. You'll find guides on **Class Dojo** to help with pronunciation and letter formation. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home - it makes a big difference!

📖 Reading and Phonics at Home

Your child now has a **reading book** and a **reading record**. Please enjoy reading the book together at home - little and often makes a big difference!

After each read, we'd love you to write a **short comment** in the reading record. This could be something simple like:

- "Enjoyed the story"
- "Recognised some sounds"
- "Needed help with blending"

We've also shared the sounds your child is working on in their reading record. You can use the Little Wandle videos to practise these at home — they show how to say and write each sound clearly.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey. Your encouragement builds confidence and helps them grow as happy, successful readers!

🦕 Small Dinosaurs

Our new theme explores dinosaurs and animals that hatch from eggs. Children will learn to label dinosaur body parts, talk about how animals grow, and use their imagination in role play and creative activities.

We'll also be marking **Remembrance Day** with age-appropriate activities to help children understand why this date is important and how we remember people in our community.

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



It's been a lovely first week back after the half term! The children have settled in beautifully and it's been wonderful to see their happy faces.

Next week in Nursery, we'll be continuing with our reading book *"Happy Birthday Maisie"*. We'll be talking about celebrations – when we give gifts, when we use decorations, and what kinds of decorations we might see, such as balloons and banners. We'll also encourage the children to share their own experiences of special occasions.

In Maths, we'll be focusing on the number 2. Through *subitising* activities, the children will learn to recognise two dots, like those found on a dice, without needing to count them. We'll also explore how two objects can look different in size or pattern but still represent the same quantity.

In Phonics, we'll be introducing a sound. The children will practise identifying words that start with a sound, as well as working on letter formation and early blending skills.

For *Understanding the World*, we'll be watching a short clip from *David Attenborough – Walking with the Dinosaurs*. We'll talk about what it might have been like to live when dinosaurs roamed the Earth and encourage the children to share their thoughts and imaginations.

Have a nice weekend!

The Nursery Team

Messages from WISA



Quiz Night at Whiteheath Infant & Nursery School

Put your thinking caps on and join us for a **fun-filled Quiz Night**!

Friday 14th November at 7:30 PM Whiteheath Infant & Nursery School

There are prizes to be won, so gather your team, brush up on your trivia, and get ready for some laughs!
Bring your own refreshments and make it an evening to remember.

https://buytickets.at/whiteheathinfantschoolassociation/1890116





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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2025

We still have some availability for the **Autumn Term**
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)