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Thursday 23rd October 2025

Diary Dates

School Closed for children – Teacher Training Day	Friday 24th October
Half Term	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October
Reception Allotment Trip	Friday 7th November (Morning)
WISA Adults Quiz night	Friday 14th November 7.30pm -10.30pm
Children In Need	Friday 14th November
Nursery Christmas Songs family performance siblings welcome	Tuesday 2nd December- 2pm
Year 2 walk to Garlands, Ruislip High Street	Monday 17th November 9.30
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
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,

A huge thank you to all our teachers for hosting parent evenings this week, and to all of you who attended, your partnership and support make such a difference.

We've had a wonderfully busy final week of the half term:

- On Monday, Ms Isaac shared a story linked to Design Technology, all about building a boat, sparking lots of curiosity and creative thinking.
- Tuesday brought joyful singing across the school, with children lifting spirits through music.
- On Wednesday, we gathered for a special Diwali assembly, celebrating light, community, and tradition.
- Today I led an assembly on communication, exploring how both humans and animals express themselves, verbally and non-verbally through actions, body language, and behaviour. We reflected on what it means to communicate effectively and how we can build understanding through more than just words. A lovely way to round off our week together.

We're also delighted to welcome Mrs Austen**,** who will be joining our team after half term. She will be supporting the team and children in Nursery, and we know she'll be a fantastic addition to our school community.

Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**.

Warm regards,

Mrs Hall

Head Teacher

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team

Consultation on lowering the age range

We are currently holding a consultation on a proposed change to our school's age range. From **Monday 27th October until 5pm on Monday 11th November**, we are inviting feedback on lowering our age range to include **two-year-olds**, alongside our existing provision for children aged three- seven.

Last year, we carried out an expression of interest survey and received a very positive response from families. We hope this development will further support our community by offering high-quality early years places for two-year-olds within our inclusive and nurturing environment.

This proposal aligns with a national initiative to expand access to funded childcare hours for two-year-olds. To meet this growing demand, it is vital that additional places are created—particularly to ensure that disadvantaged children can access the support they are entitled to.

We welcome your views and encourage you to take part in the consultation by completing the form here: https://forms.office.com/e/tNYUnjryCT



BBC Children in Need – Friday 14th November 2025

Each year, we proudly support BBC Children in Need, raising money to help children and young people across the UK. The charity funds over 3,000 projects that support those facing poverty, disabilities, abuse, and mental health challenges.

This year marks the 44th Children in Need TV appeal since it began in 1980. In 2024, the campaign raised an incredible £39.2 million!

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

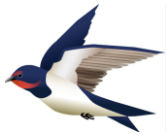
If you'd like to donate, please use our JustGiving page. Every contribution goes directly to BBC Children in Need and helps make a real difference. https://www.justgiving.com/page/whiteheath-infant-11

☎️ **Contacting the School**

When contacting the school, by either telephone or email, please state clearly:

- **Your child's full name**
- **Your child's class name**
- **The date and who the message is for**

Year 2




It was a pleasure meeting many of you this week at the Parent Consultation meetings to discuss your child's progress. Well, done to all of the children on completing their first half term in year 2! They have settled incredibly well into Year 2 and completed an amazing amount of work - we hope you enjoyed seeing some of this during your parent meeting.

After the half term break, we will be starting a new Geography based topic called 'Paddington's Passport' which is based around the worldwide travels of Paddington Bear, with a geography focus. We will look first at Peru, including the Amazonian rainforest (of which Peru has the second-largest portion after the Brazilian Amazon). Then, the focus is on London, reinforcing previous learning about the UK within the global context of continents and oceans. The topic is always greatly enjoyed by the children! As part of our learning about maps and our local area, we have arranged a visit to Garlands Bakery on Ruislip high street on the morning of Monday 17th November. We will require parent volunteers in order for the trip to go ahead - please email the school office on office@whiteheath-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk if you are able to help in the morning and have a valid DBS certificate. If you are looking for something nice to do next week, there are a number of Paddington related activities you could do in London including a Paddington bus tour! You could even make a marmalade sandwich together, Paddington's favourite food - please send any photographs on dojo. You may also want to read a Paddington book with your child and ask them to share any facts they know about Paddington Bear. Please note that reading books, spellings and homework will not be sent home over the half term break. We do however encourage you to read to your child and listen to them read as often as possible and also practise the tricky words we handed out at parents evening.

Next term in maths, we will continue our unit on addition and subtraction. Please encourage your child to work on simple sums at home over the holiday such as 14 -3 = 19 - 6 =. Our English lessons after half term will focus on writing about the Great Fire of London - the children will imagine they were living during the time of the fire and write their own diary entries.

We have Forest School next term which will replace our Wednesday PE session. Please send the children to school on Wednesdays wearing their full school uniform but send in wellies and an extra jumper (any colour) and pair of socks. We will be going out to Forest School whatever the weather so the children need to be warm enough.

Thank you for your support this team - we wish the children a very enjoyable half term break and look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Best Wishes,

The Year 2 Team

Year 1




After half term in English, we will be looking at poetry, listening to a range of firework poems and learning some short poems ourselves. We will be looking at how certain words are used to special effect, such as the use of alliteration and onomatopoeia. We will end by having a go at writing our own firework poem and making firework pictures with chalk.

In Phonics, we will be learning some of the long vowel sounds (e.g., o – most, a - paper, e – fever, I - kind). The new tricky words will be: Mr, Mrs, Ms, ask.

In Maths we will revising the part-whole model and learning by heart the pairs of numbers (number bonds) which total 10 (e.g., 9+1, 2+8, 3+7). Some children will be extending this to number bonds which total 20. We will also be adding single digit numbers together by counting on using a number line or a ten frame to help, then writing them in different ways as an addition sum.

We will be starting our new topic after half term: "Never Eat Shredded Wheat". The focus will be on developing the children's understanding of compass directions and using locational language to describe the position of different features.
Pupils will be learning to identify the four main compass points: North, East, South, and West, use these directions to describe where things are located in relation to one another and apply directional and locational language in simple map-reading activities. This engaging topic will help build essential geography skills in a fun and memorable way!

The children will have two PE lessons each week, focusing on developing a range of physical skills. Lesson 1: Fundamental Movement Skills, in this session, children will work on improving their jumping and landing techniques, as well as seated balance. These core skills will be developed through targeted activities designed to build strength, coordination, and control.
Lesson 2: Gymnastics, our second session will focus on gymnastics, beginning with creating a variety of floor shapes and learning how to hold them with control. As the term progresses, children will gradually move on to working with apparatus, applying their shapes and movements in new ways. These lessons aim to build confidence, body awareness, and coordination in a supportive and engaging environment.

<u>Notices:</u>

- No reading books or homework folders are being sent home this half term.
- Library books have been sent home. Please encourage your child to continue to read this with you. We also encourage you, if you have not already done so, to join the local library for wider access to books to enjoy together
- 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
- After the holiday, we will no longer be having forest school until later in the year. Instead, we shall be having 2 PE sessions a week. Robins will be on Mon / Wed. Doves will be 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 half term break.

The Year 1 team.

Reception





Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up our first half term, we're so proud of how well the children have settled into Reception life. Their confidence is growing, and it was lovely to celebrate their progress with you at Parents' Evening this week.

The children have been practising writing their names and exploring mark making through Drawing Club. Their creativity and storytelling skills are really starting to shine! We are looking forward to seeing them continue to make progress in this area next half term.

After the break, we'll begin our formal reading lessons. Your child will bring home a reading book to share with you. In phonics, we'll be learning the sounds **ff, ll, ss, j** and exploring tricky words like **put, pull, full, as**.

We'll continue learning about shapes- spotting them in the environment, sorting by properties, and using positional language like *next to*, *under*, and *between*. You can support this at home by going on shape hunts or talking about where things are.

Next half term, our theme will be *Jurassic Park*- a thrilling journey into the world of dinosaurs, fossils, and prehistoric landscapes. We'll be exploring how creatures communicated, moved, and survived in their ancient habitats.

A reminder that our Allotment trip will be on Friday 7th November so please make sure children have wellies and coats in school on that day.

We hope you have a restful and joyful half term break.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Reception Team

Nursery



It's already half term, and we couldn't be prouder of our nursery children! They have settled in beautifully, are following our daily routines, and are now confidently exploring their environment with growing independence and curiosity.

After the break, we will begin our exciting new topic, *Jurassic Park*, where we'll be learning all about dinosaurs. The children will have the chance to explore fossils, dinosaur habitats, and even create their own prehistoric art. We will also be introducing our new reading book, *Happy Birthday Maisy*. During our first week back, the children will receive a party invitation, and we'll talk about different celebrations, why we have them, and the special occasions we share with our loved ones.

In Maths, we will focus on the number 1. The children will practise counting one object at a time, touching and saying "one" as they count. They will also be introduced to the numeral 1 and will match it to sets showing a single object. In Phonics, we will begin learning the *s* sound, exploring objects and words that start with *s*.

As part of our Understanding the World curriculum, we'll be talking about Bonfire Night, discussing what we might see, hear, and experience during this exciting celebration.

We would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term, and thank you for your continued support.

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



Information Sent from London Borough of Hillingdon



Parent Conference Feedback Form

Hillingdon Council are planning a SEND and Education parent event in early 2026 and want to make sure it meets your needs.

The event will include short, themed sessions on topics such as SEND support, EHCPs, social care, and preparing for adulthood, plus opportunities to ask questions and connect with services. Please complete this short survey within the poster to tell us what would work best for you.

Information Sent from London Borough of Hillingdon **- Raising the Issue of Weight - Free online Workshop**

Are you a parent who wants to feel more confident talking to your child about health, food, and weight in a kind and supportive way? Join us for a free online workshop especially for parents and carers in Hillingdon. This session will help you explore how to have compassionate, practical conversations about health and weight with your child without shame, pressure, or confusion.

On: Wednesday 19 November 2025/ Time: Either 10 - 11 am OR 7 - 8 pm

Reserve your spot now:

10am Free Healthy Weight Masterclass - Hillingdon - Beezee by Maximus

7pm Free Healthy Weight Masterclass - Hillingdon - Beezee by Maximus

What you'll gain:

- Tools to talk about health and weight with kindness and confidence
- Strategies to support your child's wellbeing without focusing on appearance
- Tips for using positive language and role modelling healthy habits
- Guidance on how to respond when your child brings up weight or body image
- Ideas for making small, sustainable changes as a family

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2025

We still have some availability for the **Autumn Term**, and we're excited to announce our **NEW Gymnastics Club** starting on **Monday 3rd November!** 🤸

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)