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Friday 17th October 2025

Diary Dates

Parents Evening Nursery/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 21st October
Parents Evening Year 1 Robins Class only	Wednesday 22nd October
Parents Evening Nursery/Reception/Year 1 Doves only and Year 2	Thursday 23rd October
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
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,

This week has been full of excitement, learning, and a touch of magic!

We've been focusing on the NSPCC's Talk PANTS initiative. Every child took part in a lesson designed to help them understand how to stay safe, and children from Reception to Year 2 also attended a special assembly. Please do continue these conversations at home - if you haven't already, the catchy *Pantosaurus* song is a brilliant way to reinforce the message in a fun and memorable way.

Wednesday was a day of wonderful assemblies that truly lit up the school. We began with a high-energy Rocksteady Music Assembly, where children sang, danced, and learned about different instruments. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and inspired. Later in the day, we welcomed Open Book from Ruislip Baptist Church, who brought the story of *Daniel and the Lions* to life with simple actions and storytelling that captivated the children.

Thursday after school, our KS1 children were treated to Frostie's Magic Show, and they were absolutely mesmerised! There was plenty of laughter and amazement as they tried to figure out how the tricks were done. A huge thank you to WISA for organising this event and to our dedicated staff for supporting it.

Looking ahead to next week, we have Parents' Evenings scheduled. Please make sure you know your time slot and arrive promptly. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard preparing for these meetings, and we want to ensure everyone gets the time and attention they deserve.

Wishing a joyful Diwali to all in our school community who are celebrating, may your homes be filled with light, laughter, and togetherness as you mark this special festival of hope and renewal.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Hall
Headteacher

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team

The Eye Nursery & Clubs Limited



We have teamed up with Eye Nursery to offer holiday cover for our nursery children for all school holidays moving forward.

Please contact Eye nursery directly if you would like to book a place.

01895 636765 or info@eyenursery.co.uk

Poppies and Remembrance Memorabilia on Sale Next Week

We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and remembrance-themed items from next week before school. Available items include:

- Paper poppies
- Metal poppies
- Coat pull tags
- Snap bands (also known as snap bracelets)
- Bracelets
- Stickers

Please note: **bracelets and snap bands must not be worn during school hours**. For health and safety reasons, these items should be kept in school bags to prevent children from getting caught on equipment during playtime.

All items are available for a donation—please place your contribution in the designated collection pots.

Thank you for your support in honouring Remembrance.



Autumn Half Term

Please note school will be closed on Friday 24th October for Teacher Training Day

Half-term break will last for one week only, as we are aware that some other schools have a two-week break. (Monday, 27th October to Friday, 31st October 2025)

David Simmonds MP: Christmas Card Competition 2025

Our local MP, David Simmonds, is excited to announce a Christmas card competition for primary school children across the Ruislip, Northwood, and Pinner constituency and he would like to invite all young artists to take part by designing a festive Christmas card. The winning design will be professionally printed and sent to local stakeholders, including schools and healthcare providers.

The theme this year is 'A Flag for Christmas', where children are encouraged to think about and design what they would put on a Christmas-themed flag. All entries should be sent to David Simmonds constituency office at 10 Village Way, Pinner, HA5 5AF with the **child's full name, age and school on the back of the design by Friday 7 November**.

(Please note: do not send the Christmas card to school)

Year 2





We can't quite believe we are nearly at the end of the first half term – it has been a pleasure getting to know your children and seeing the wonderful progress they have made in such a short space of time.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening next week on either Tuesday or Thursday - please arrive a little earlier than your allocated time slot to allow you to take a look at your child's work books before attending your meeting with the teacher.

Next week in Maths, we are continuing with our addition and subtraction topic which will continue after half term. This week the children have found subtraction a little tricky - any additional practice of basic subtraction at home would be helpful to them. Next week we will be focusing on adding to the next ten and adding three 1-digit numbers, for example 6 + 6 + 4 = 16 and 2 + 9 + 8 = 19. In English this week we have started our scheme of work on The Great Fire of London. The children have enjoyed learning lots of interesting facts about the Great Fire and will hopefully be able to share some of their wonderful knowledge with you! Our English continues on this theme next week and we shall be adding some drama into our lessons to gain a sense of what it felt like to be living during that time. We shall also be working on ordering the events of the Great Fire and writing captions to go with pictures.

Next term our Wednesday PE lesson will be replaced with a weekly Forest School session - please send children in with wellies and joggers and a jumper after half term as it will be turning cold.

We are in need of parent helpers to support reading groups in Year 2 on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9.00 and 9.45am. Online training is available and it is a great way to support the class, as well as learning extra skills to support your own child at home. Please do let your class teacher know if this is something you might be interested in doing. Thank you very much.

Weekly Reminders:

- Monday – exchange reading books
- Tuesday - Home Learning due in
- Wednesday – PE
- Friday – return library books, spelling test and PE

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Year 1



Next week in English, we will be finishing our topic on Cinderella. We will be writing questions using question marks and sequencing the story. We will also be playing some spelling games to help us spell our tricky words correctly.
In Phonics, we will be revising the sounds covered so far and learning new GPCs**: ir (bird), ie (pie), ue (blue), u (unicorn).** We will be learning the new tricky words: **here, today, one, their, people, oh, your**

In Maths we will be learning about addition fact families (such as 3+4 = 7 4+3 = 7 7=4=3 7=3+4). We will also be looking at number bonds within 10 (adding pairs of numbers under 10 such as 3+4, 5+6, 7+4) and finding systematic number bonds within 10 . (e.g. 8 = 7+1, 6+2, 5+3, 4+4, 3+5, 2+6, 1+7).

In Computing, the children will be learning about *algorithms*. Working in pairs, they will practise giving each other clear, step-by-step instructions to complete a range of simple tasks, helping them understand how computers follow commands.

In Dance, the children will explore the story of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. They will create their own movements for each character and find imaginative ways to express different emotions through dance and play.

We will conclude this topic with a Speech and Language lesson focused on *oracy*. Children will practise taking turns in conversation, listening carefully to others, and expressing their own opinions with confidence.

In Forest School, children will take part in magical step-up stations where they will create their own *wands* and craft a *wolf* inspired by *Little Red Riding Hood*.

<u>Notices:</u>

- Please do your best to ensure that reading books are returned on MONDAYS as we need them for other groups
- Next week we will be collecting in homework folders in order to add the next set of sheets for after half term. Please make sure all home learning folders are returned, regardless of whether or not the tasks have been completed
- Please continue to help your child practice their letter and number formation at home. This includes capital letters
- Don't forget your parents evening appointments next week! Your children's books/folders will be available to you to view so you might prefer to arrive early to allow time to see these beforehand.

Thank you for all your support.
We hope you have a lovely weekend. The Year 1 team.

Reception





We've had a fantastic half term and are so proud of how well the children have settled into Reception life. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and growing independence have made for a joyful start to the year!

🔢 Maths

Next week, we'll be wrapping up our learning on numbers 1, 2, and 3, and beginning to explore circles and triangles. We'll be using hands-on activities and games to help children spot these shapes in the world around them.

🖍️ Literacy – Drawing Club

We'll continue with Drawing Club, using imaginative storytelling and illustration to build vocabulary and comprehension. To spark creativity, we'll be watching a clip from the Road Runner classic cartoon and using it as inspiration for our drawings and role play.

🗣️ Phonics

We'll be consolidating our phonics learning from this half term and revisiting some of the trickier sounds we've been practising. This will help strengthen confidence and fluency before we move on to new sounds.

🕰️ Dimensions Topic – History of Bikes

We're excited to launch our new topic: Way back when…. Bicycles! We'll explore how bicycles have changed over time, comparing early inventions to the bikes we use today. Children will learn the parts of a bike and even get hands-on with some real ones!

📌 Requests for Next Week

- Junk Modelling Materials: We'll be making bikes and vehicles, so if you have any recycled cardboard or clean containers, please send them in.
- Diwali Celebrations: If your child celebrated Diwali, we'd love to share their experience. Please send in photos or stories for our class display.
- Bike Labelling: If your child has a bike, you're happy to send in for the week, we'll label its parts and return it safely.
- Reading Volunteers: We're looking for parent volunteers to support reading after half term. Please check ClassDojo for more details.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another exciting week of learning and discovery! We hope you have a lovely half term when it arrives.

Warm wishes, The Reception Team

Nursery



Next week in nursery, we will be learning all about Diwali and discovering what makes this festival so special. The children will have the chance to create their own beautiful *mendi* designs and use playdough to make *diya* lamps, helping them explore colour, pattern and texture while learning about this wonderful celebration of light.

In literacy, we will continue our journey with We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children will be encouraged to stand up and join in with the memorable refrains and actions as we retell the story together. We'll also be talking about the bear at the end of the story, thinking about how he might feel and what we could do to make him feel better. This will give us a lovely opportunity to keep discussing feelings, how to recognise them and how to express them in kind and caring ways.

In maths, we'll be playing Sorting – Guess My Rule. The children will look closely at groups of objects, spotting similarities and differences to work out how they've been sorted, before having a go at creating their own sorting rules.

During phonics, we'll be finishing our work on environmental sounds with some of the children's favourite Guess the Sound games.

Have a lovely weekend!
The Nursery Team

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**, 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



Design Your Dream Bike — Art Competition!

This October, pupils across Hillingdon are invited to take part in a fun and imaginative art competition: **Design Your Dream Bike**!
Whether it's wings, rocket boosters, fairy dust, hover wheels or magical frames — there's no limit to creativity.

With an extended deadline, this could be a great activity for children to do over the half term break.

How to Enter:

- Pupils draw their dream bike using any traditional art materials (no digital art or models).
- The more creative the designs the better.
- Scan or photograph your child's drawing.
- Email it to stars@hillingdon.gov.uk with subject **"Dream Bike Comp"**
- Include the pupil's **name, age, and school**
- EXTENDED Deadline: **Friday 7th November**

Prizes to be won!

Winners from KS1, KS2 and KS3 will have their dream bike designs professionally recreated, printed in A3, and beautifully framed for them to keep — plus, they'll receive a fitness tracker watch to keep them moving long after the competition ends! Every entrant will also receive a STaRS Certificate to celebrate their efforts.

This competition is part of **Walk to School Month** and **Cycle to School Week (13–17 Oct)** — encouraging our children to travel actively, stay healthy, reduce congestion, and think creatively about how they move.

Let's get our children/students dreaming big — and moving happily! 🚲

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)