Whiteheath
Infant and Nursery School
Learning, Fun & Friends

Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Families,

This week we have been celebrating **Recycling Week**, and the children have really enjoyed learning how we can all help to look after our planet. Mrs Linscott taught the children a brilliant recycling rap, and we explored the impact of plastic in the ocean and the harm it can cause to sea creatures. The children also learned about how we recycle at school, the different bins we use, and what should go in each one. Many children proudly shared that they will make sure rubbish goes in the correct bins both at home and at school.

The children also took part in a special **in-class assembly on the feeling of happiness**, linked to our Good Morning Club. They reflected on what happiness feels like and the small moments that brighten their day.

We are also delighted to share that **Whiteheath has achieved the TfL STARS Gold Award** for our commitment to active, sustainable travel. This is a whole-school achievement, and we are incredibly proud of the children, families and staff who support our ongoing work in promoting safe and environmentally friendly travel.

Although it is now officially autumn, the children have continued to enjoy the sunshine and warmth during playtimes this week — a lovely way to end September.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Hall

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Key Dates

EVENT	DATE
SEN coffee morning	Monday 28th September 9am
Little Recyclers Collection	Thursday 1st October
Year 2 Harvest assembly	Thursday 8th October 9:10am & 2:30pm
Individual Photo Day	Monday 12th October
Year 1 and Year 2 Mr Frostie Show	Thursday 15th October
Open Morning for New Prospective Families	Saturday 17th October 9:00am-11:00am
Parents Evening	Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October
Reception Trip to the Allotment (Parent Volunteers School DBS required – please contact School Office for information)	Friday 23rd October
October Half-Term	**Monday 26th – Friday 30th October**
Year 1 Local Trip (Parent Volunteers School DBS required – please contact School Office for information)	Thursday 12th November
WISA Quiz Night	Friday 13th November
Children in Need Day	Friday 13th November
SEN coffee morning	Monday 23rd November 9:00am
Christmas Fayre	Friday 4th December
Year 1 Christmas Show (dress rehearsal)	Tuesday 8th December
Year 1 Christmas Show	Thursday 10th December 9:10am & 2:30pm
Rocksteady Concert	Tuesday 15th December 9:30-10:30am & 2-3pm

Updates/Changes in red.

School News, Events & Updates

Weekly Attendance by Class

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	98.9
Wrens	95.6
Swans	92.0
Doves	91.6
Robins	98.4
Owls	99.2
Puffins	97.3
Swallows	98.0

Weekly Attendance Winners: Owls! (99.2%)

Uniform Donations Needed

We are still urgently looking for spare uniform items. If you have any **boys' grey trousers (age 5+)** or **black P.E. shorts (age 5+)** that your child no longer uses, we would be very grateful for your donation. Please bring any items to the school office.

New Ballet Club at Whiteheath Infant School! – Rose Ballet

We are very excited to announce a brand-new club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
Spaces are limited & first come, first served. Book quickly to avoid disappointment!
Please see flyer attached on page 18!

Togetherness – Free Online Learning Platform

Togetherness is a free online learning platform from the Parenting and Home Learning Team that supports emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships, and positive child development. The platform offers evidence-based guidance on topics including child development, SEND, young people's mental health and adult emotional wellbeing. Hillingdon residents can access the platform free of charge at www.togetherness.co.uk using the access code LEARNTOGETHER and their postcode.

Year 2 – Applying for Junior School (September 2027)

Year 2 parents were contacted via email/Class Dojo last week regarding **applying for a Junior School place**.

While Whiteheath Junior School is our feeder school, you **must still submit an application** if you wish for your child to attend there in September 2027. A separate application is required for every child, regardless of siblings already attending.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January 2027**. Applications submitted after this date will be considered **late**, and your child may not be guaranteed a place.

Please note that the Infant School is **unable to submit applications on your behalf**. If you need help with **Junior School admissions**, please get in touch.

School News, Events & Updates

Applying for a School Place – September 2027

Nursery parents will have received information last week about **applying for a primary school place for September 2027**.

If your child was born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, it is now time to submit their application for a full-time school place.

Please refer to the email/Class Dojo post shared earlier this week, which contains all the key details you need. You can also find the full guidance online via the London Borough of Hillingdon website: http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January 2027**.

Please remember that it is each parent's responsibility to apply for a full-time school place. Even if you already have an older child at a school, a **separate application** must be completed for younger siblings. If you need help with **school admissions**, please get in touch.

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October

This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Please note that each appointment will last **10 minutes** to ensure all parents have the chance to meet with the teacher. We kindly ask that you are punctual, as we may not be able to accommodate late arrivals.

During the meeting, your child's teacher will share their targets so that we can work together to support their progress. For parents of children in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2**, your child's work will also be available for you to look through, please allow a little extra time to do this. To ensure a focused discussion, we ask that children are not brought along where possible, as we do not have childcare facilities and their presence can be disruptive.

You will receive an email from **notifications@primarysite.net** on **Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 6pm**, inviting you to book your appointment. If you have more than one child at the school, you will receive a separate email for each and should book a slot for each child.

Please use the *Book Your Time Slot* button in the email to select your preferred time by **Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 9am**. Once booked, you will receive a confirmation email with your appointment details. This email will also allow you to amend your booking if required. Appointments will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



Exciting Change to School Lunch Menu!

Please note all existing bookings will need to be rebooked for Burger Day on 1st October.

Please see information on next page regarding menu availability!

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BURGER DAY OCT 1ST

MAIN MENU

Breaded Chicken Burger

or

Beef Burger

or

Breaded Bean & Vegetable Burger (Ve)

(Free From)

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

Coleslaw





DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge
with Chocolate Custard

(Jacket Potato & Cold Options
available where applicable)

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www.hcl.co.uk

Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan

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Parent Copy

Key Allergens and Carbohydrate Count

GOURMET BURGER DAY	Key Allergens	Infant Fat Content (in g per portion)	Infant CHO Count (in g per portion)	Junior Fat Content (in g per portion)	Junior CHO Count (in g per portion)
Breaded Chicken Burger	Gluten (wheat), MC Sesame	7.4	31	7.4	31
Halal Chicken Burger	Gluten (wheat), Celery, MC Sesame	5	31	5	31
Beef Burger	Gluten (wheat), MC Sesame	6.1	28	6.1	28
Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill	-	6.5	16	6.5	16
Baked Potato Wedges	-	0.5	15	0.6	18
Sweetcorn	-	0.9	8 (per 50g ptn)	0.9	8 (per 50g ptn)
Coleslaw (with Light Mayonnaise)	Egg	2.9	3	3.6	3
Desserts:					
Chocolate Sponge	Gluten (wheat), Egg, Milk, Soya	2.7	17	2.9	18
Chocolate Custard	Milk	0.4	11	0.4	11

*'May contain (MC)' on the 'Key Allergen' indicates that 'may contain' has been voluntary provided by the food manufacture on ingredients. This has now been included for reference purposes. However, we still do not manage 'may contain' due to there being no specific legal requirement for food manufacturers to label food with 'may contain', therefore this data could be inaccurate. Manufacturers are only required to provide the 'contain' information on the 14 EU key allergens used as ingredients in the food and drink they provid*e.



🐓 **Kingfishers Wrap Around Club – More Spaces Available!**

We're pleased to let families know that we have **expanded the number of places available in our Kingfishers Wrap Around Club**. 🎉

Our club provides **safe, friendly and convenient before- and after-school care** in a familiar school environment. 🏫💚

💷 **Need help with childcare costs?**
Families may be eligible for financial support with childcare. Visit the Government's **Best Start in Life** website to find out what help may be available:

🔗 **www.beststartinlife.gov.uk**

🌿 **Find out more about Kingfishers Wrap Around Club,** including our provision and how to book:

🔗 **https://whiteheathinfant.secure-primarysite.net/wrap-around-school-clubs/**

🍎 **FREE SCHOOL MEALS – PLEASE COMPLETE AN ELIGIBILITY CHECK**

Did you know that even though **all Whiteheath children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive free school meals,** it is still important to check whether your child qualifies for **benefits-related Free School Meals**?

💷 An eligible child may bring **up to £1,550 in additional Pupil Premium funding** into our school to support learning, wellbeing and opportunities.

🌻 Eligibility may also give families access to additional support such as the **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme**.

📢 **Free School Meals eligibility has expanded from September 2026,** including children from households receiving Universal Credit, so please check even if you have applied before or think you may not qualify.

☑ Checking does not mean your child has to eat a school meal every day.

👉 **Complete the quick eligibility check here:** https://fsm.lgfl.net/

Little recyclers - help us raise funds for our school!

Doing a clear out? We've teamed up with 'The Little Recyclers' to turn your unwanted items into money for Whiteheath Infant & Nursery School. Simply leave your bags of donations outside school on the morning of Thursday 1st October (not before please!). More information about what they can and can't accept on the website.

https://thelittlerecyclers.co.uk/items-we-accept/





Click here to buy tickets – Jack and the Beanstalk - Beck Theatre – Beck Theatre, Hayes

buytickets.at

Christmas Panto @ The Beck Theatre, Hayes!

Saturday 19th December @ 11am !!
£17.50 pp

We are very pleased to confirm that we have managed to secure tickets for our school families again this year at this discounted price you save over £10pp.

Book now as ticket numbers are limited.

Thank you
WISA



Swallows



Year 2

Puffins



The children have had a wonderful week, and we have been incredibly impressed with the enthusiasm and effort they have shown during their learning. It has been lovely to see them applying themselves so positively and taking pride in their work.

English -We had a particularly exciting day on Wednesday, and the children were delighted to talk about their creative hats and write about them. **Thank you for the time, effort and creativity that went into making the wonderful hats sent in on Wednesday.** The children were so proud to share their creations with us, and it was lovely to see such a fantastic variety of imaginative designs! In English the children also enjoyed designing their own hats, allowing their individual personalities and creativity to shine through.
They wrote confidently about their designs and reflected on what they could improve. We have been very proud of the thoughtful ideas and imaginative writing they have produced. Next week is **National Poetry Day**, and with autumn and harvest upon us, we thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to create some poetry inspired by fresh vegetables. We will continue to develop the children's use of ambitious adjectives to make their writing more descriptive and exciting.

Maths -In Maths, we are continuing our work on **Place Value**. The children are working regularly with practical resources to build two-digit numbers, helping them to develop a secure understanding of the number of tens and ones in different numbers. We will also continue to practise comparing numbers using the greater than and less than mathematical symbols.

Dimensions – *Mobile Mystery* - In our *Mobile Mystery* topic, our History learning continues as we explore how the telephone has changed over time. The children will be learning to place different telephones in chronological order, from the oldest to the newest, and will revisit their learning about who invented the first telephone. We will also explore different types of telephones and consider how they have developed over time.

PSHE- In PSHE, we will be learning about how to stay safe online. The children will be encouraged to understand the importance of being aware that people online may not always be who they say they are.

RE and Harvest - In RE, we will be learning about how we can be thankful for the natural world. We will also continue creating some beautiful artwork in preparation for our **Harvest Assembly on Thursday 8th October**.

Harvest Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would be very grateful for donations to support the **Hillingdon Food Bank**. During the week beginning **5th October**, we will be creating a Harvest display in school and would warmly welcome any **Harvest baskets or displays** that families would like to contribute. Individual items would also be very gratefully received. Suggested donations include:

- Baked beans and tinned vegetables
- Dried pasta
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned potatoes
- Pasta sauces
- Tea and coffee
- Toiletries
- Household products, such as toilet roll and washing-up liquid

Every donation, however large or small, will be greatly appreciated and will help support local families in our community.
Please ensure that all donated items are in date and unopened.
Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

Important Reminders

Please remember that **reading books must be returned every Monday**.
Spellings are tested on a **Friday**, and your child's result will be sent home on a piece of paper in their school bag.

- **Monday:** Return reading books.
- **Tuesday:** Return home learning folders.
- **Friday:** Spelling test and return library books.

Notices

Year 2 Harvest Assembly – Thursday 8th October
Please continue to practise the line your child has been given for the Harvest Assembly. We would be grateful if children could practise saying their line **slowly, clearly and in a loud, confident voice**.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team



Year 1



Next week in **English,** we will be moving away from Drawing Club. Our book focus will be the Egg Box Dragon. This book leads to lots of exciting activities including designing and making our own eggbox dragons (thank you so much to those of you who brought in egg boxes). We will be labelling our designs and writing a list of the resources using our phonics knowledge to spell. We will also be unscrambling sentences and writing these in the correct order using our full stops, capital letters and word spaces.

In **Phonics,** we will be starting our phase 5 sounds. The new GPCs the children will be learning are: ay (ai), oy (oi), ou (ow), ea (ee). The new tricky words will be: said, says, little, do, you, and like.

In **Maths,** we will be going into full class inputs. The children will be learning 1 more and 1 less to 10. We are going to practice counting backwards from 10 and comparing groups by matching them.

In our **topic** lessons, we will be learning about the life cycle of a human and frog. During the first lesson we will be looking at our baby photos and talking about how we have grown. We will also be starting to learn about different habitats and comparing the habitats of a bird and a frog.

In **RE** we will be learning about what is important to Hindus.

Notices:

-Please continue to send in a baby photo of your child if you haven't done so already and anymore egg boxes you may have as we will be using both on Monday.

Thank you for all your support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, **the Year One Team.**

Wrens



Reception

Swans



What a Wonderful Week!

This week has been another exciting week in Reception! The children have continued to settle beautifully into school life and are becoming increasingly confident in their routines, friendships and learning.

We were also very excited to start Drawing Club, and the children have done incredibly well! They have shown such wonderful creativity and imagination, using our magical codes to bring their drawings and ideas to life. We have had exploding aliens, shrinking giants, giants turning into teachers and aliens multiplying — and so much more! It has been wonderful to see the children embrace the magic of Drawing Club and use their imaginations to create their own amazing stories and ideas. We are already looking forward to seeing where their imaginations take us next!

The children have also been busy exploring our different areas of provision, investigating, creating, talking and trying new things. It has been lovely to see their confidence and independence continuing to grow.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Phonics – ck, e, u, r

Next week we will be learning the sounds **ck, e, u and r**. We will continue to practise recognising these sounds and hearing them in words, as well as developing the children's confidence with blending and segmenting.

Please keep looking for sounds and graphemes in the world around you — in books, signs, labels, packaging and even on the school run! These little moments make a big difference to children's phonics learning.

As always, our new sounds will be shared on **Dojo**, along with a printed handout in book bags.

Maths – Measurement

Our maths learning will continue to focus on **measurement**. We will be learning and using vocabulary such as **longer, shorter, taller and shorter**, making comparisons between objects and explaining what we notice.

The children will have lots of opportunities to explore measurement through practical activities and our continuous provision, comparing objects, ordering them and using mathematical language to describe what they see.

Dimensions Theme – All About Me: Our Bodies

Our **All About Me** theme continues next week, but we will be focusing more closely on **our amazing bodies**!

We will be finding out what is inside our bodies, including learning about our **bones and skeletons**, and thinking about how our bodies work. We will also explore how we can **keep our bodies healthy**, including the importance of washing our hands and looking after ourselves.

We will begin learning about the **human life cycle**, thinking about how people grow and change from babies through to adulthood.

There will be lots of exciting **science-based, hands-on activities** for the children to investigate, explore and discover!

Forest School – Signs of Autumn

At Forest School, we will continue to explore the changing season and look for **signs of autumn**.

The children will investigate changing leaves, conkers, acorns and other natural treasures, noticing the colours, textures and changes happening around us. We will also bring our autumn discoveries into the classroom through some **creative autumn artwork**.

The Reception Team



Nursery



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! The children have had a fantastic time exploring their new surroundings, getting to know their teachers and making new friends. It has been lovely to see so many happy faces throughout the week as the children become more familiar with their new routines and daily activities.

The children are settling really well into their new school and are beginning to feel comfortable and confident in their surroundings. They have enjoyed taking part in a variety of fun and engaging activities, both indoors and outdoors, and have shown such enthusiasm and curiosity as they explore everything their new environment has to offer.

This week, we have been enjoying the traditional tale *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children have loved joining in with the story and exploring the different characters. In our construction area, the children have been busy building bridges to help the goats cross the river safely, using their creativity and problem-solving skills to make strong and sturdy bridges.

In our reading corner, the children have enjoyed using puppets to retell the story, developing their communication and language skills as they recalled key parts of the story and acted out their favourite characters. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life as they brought the story to life through play!

Alongside our story of the week, we will be spending time developing our cutting skills. The children will take part in a guided lesson where they will learn how to use scissors safely and correctly. They will then have lots of opportunities to practise their snipping skills through fun, hands-on activities, with plenty of encouragement and support from the adults.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted to this new and exciting chapter. We know that starting a new school is a big step, and it has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence each day. We look forward to another exciting week of learning, playing and making lots of happy memories together!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team

Please share details of our upcoming Open Morning Stay and Play with families and friends looking for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2027!



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Autumn Term 2026

The following clubs are currently available at Whiteheath Infant School. The clubs are provided by external providers who communicate directly with parents.

For more information, please use the contact details below.

STREET DANCE **(Monday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Year 1 and Year 2- Open to Reception from January 2026 Soul Performing Arts **www.igotsoulofficial.com** Contact: 07791 466859 Email: **info@igotsoulofficial.com**	**GYMNASTICS CLUB** **(Monday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 The PSD Group **www.thepsdgroup.org.uk/psd-clubs** Contac: 0203 397 7409 Email: **info@psdgroup.org.uk**
ROCKSTEADY **(Tuesday- during school hours)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Rocksteady Music School Book online: **www.rocksteadymuscischool.com** Tel: 0330 113 0330 Email: **info@rocksteadymusicschool.com**	**THE CREATION STATION** **(Tuesday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 The Creation Station Email: **lisaandrews@thecreationstation.co.uk** Tel: 07885 492952
FOOTBALL **(Wednesday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 The Elms Book online: **www.theelms.co.uk**	**BALLET (NEW)** **(Wednesday 8:00am – 8:40am)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Rose Ballet Book online: https://app.classmanager.com/portal/rose-ballet/login Contact: Admin@roseballet.co.uk
TENNIS **(Thursday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Lets Go Tennis Contact: 020 3291 2984 **Email: lisa@letsgotennis@gmail.com**	**DRAMA** **(FRIDAY 3.20-4.20PM)** Year 1 and Year 2 Little Voices Contact: 07787 535506 Email: **coleen@littlevoices.org.uk** (bookings now closed – waiting list in place)



Rose Ballet



IDTA
INTERNATIONAL DANCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Fun and structured Ballet classes in a caring and inspiring environment.
IDTA Ballet examination grades available



Ballet at Whiteheath Infant & Nursery School

Wednesday 11th November - Wednesday 16th December

8am - 8:40am

Year's Rec - Yr2

Rose Ballet provides nurturing ballet classes that build confidence, technique, discipline but are also fun!
Dancing & growing among friends within the school environment.
Spaces are limited & first come first serve, please reserve
by holding link or use Qr code:

https://app.classmanager.com/portal/rose-ballet/login

Contact - Admin@roseballet.co.uk







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TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR 2026-2027

Public Holidays 2027

Good Friday	Friday 26th March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29th March 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31st May 2027

Autumn Term 2026

Closure	Wednesday 2nd September (Training Day)
Term Starts	Thursday 3rd September
Half Term	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Closure	Monday 2nd November (Training Day)
Term Ends	Friday 18th December @ 12.20pm

Spring Term 2027

Closure	Monday 4th January (Training Day)
Term Starts	Tuesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Term Ends	Thursday 25th March @ 12.20pm

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts	Monday 12th April
Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Term Ends	Tuesday 20th July @ 12.20pm
Closure	Wednesday 21st July (Training Day)
Closure	Thursday 22nd July (Training Day)

Community Events and News

Please note: Information shared on these pages is provided for the interest and convenience of our school community. The events, activities and services advertised are not organised, endorsed or affiliated with Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School, unless expressly stated otherwise.

Some organisations featured may also provide clubs or services that Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School works with separately; however, any events or information advertised here is independent of the school and should not be taken as school-organised activities.



LOOKING FOR OUTSTANDING CHILDCARE

THIS HOLIDAY?



Themed around a popular musical or play, a Little Voices Theatre Week/Camp is packed from start to finish with a mix of creative activities that will help your child:

- burn off **energy**
- release **tension**
- build **confidence**
- learn new **skills**
- make new **friends**

and, most importantly, have loads of **fun!**

FIND OUT **MORE!**

Don't miss out! Limited spaces available. Book now to secure your child's spot.

Dates: Monday 26th to Thursday 29th October 2026

Venue: Pinner Wood School, Latimer Gardens, HA5 3RA

Times: 9am - 3pm

For more information and to book:

07787 535506

coleen@littlevoices.org.uk

littlevoices.org.uk/harrow-hillingdon

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(NOT JUST LITTLE VOICES PUPILS!)

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