# Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School

*Learning, Fun & Friends*

## Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Families,

We have had a lovely and very productive week in school as the children have now begun their **formal learning** in phonics, maths, English and the wider curriculum. It has been wonderful to see them so engaged, busy and enthusiastic as they settle into their routines and enjoy their learning.

Our **assemblies** have also begun for the term.

- On Monday, **Mrs Sokhi** delivered an assembly on Communication, one of the four C's of the Dimensions curriculum.
- On Tuesday, **Mrs Linscott** led our first singing assembly of the year.
- On Wednesday, I spoke to the children about the value of **choices** and how we can make good ones.
- On Thursday, **Miss Stroud** shared an assembly all about **happiness**.
- And today, we held our first **Achievement Assembly**, celebrating the children's efforts and successes this week.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our **Year 1 and Year 2 parents** into school for the *Meet the Teacher* meetings. These sessions will explain the timetable, how the day runs, and the learning that will be taking place this year in your child's class. It is a great opportunity to hear directly from your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have.

All staff have completed their annual **asthma and allergy training**, including the use of an EpiPen. This year, in line with **Benedict's Law**, we now have **emergency EpiPens** in school to ensure we can respond swiftly in any emergency situation.

We have also begun using our **Good Morning Club backpacks** to support children with regulation during transitional times. These are already proving helpful in giving children the tools they need to settle calmly and confidently.

I hope you have enjoyed logging in at home to The Good Morning club. If you haven't seen the email that went out earlier in the week, please do check your junk folder.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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# Key Dates

| EVENT | DATE |
|---|---|
| Year 1 Meet the Teacher | Tuesday 15th September 9am |
| Year 2 Meet the Teacher | Friday 18th September 9am |
| Recycling Week | Monday 21st - Friday 25th September |
| 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 Day for New Prospective Families | Saturday 17th October |
| Parents Evening | Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October |
| October Half-Term | Monday 26th - Friday 30th October |
| Reception Trip to the Allotment (Parent Volunteers School DBS required - please contact School Office for information) | Friday 6th November |
| Year 1 Local Trip (Parent Volunteers School DBS required - please contact School Office for information) | Thursday 12th November |
| Christmas Fayre | Friday 4th December |
| WISA Quiz Night | Friday 13th November |
| Children in Need Day | Friday 13th November |
| SEN coffee morning | Monday 23rd November 9am |
| 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 | 96.4 |
| Wrens | 100.00 |
| Swans | 89.1 |
| Doves | 88.0 |
| Robins | 100.00 |
| Owls | 91.0 |
| Puffins | 91.1 |
| Swallows | 100.0 |

### Uniform Donations Needed

We are 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.

### Parent Volunteers – DBS Applications

If you would like to volunteer at Whiteheath — whether for school trips, events or helping in class — please make sure you have a **school-specific DBS check**. Even if you already hold a DBS from another organisation, we are required to have one issued **specifically for our school** before you can volunteer.

You can contact the school office to request an application form, or collect a paper copy in person.

### Ongoing Email Delivery Issues

We want to make parents aware that our school email provider is continuing to experience technical problems, which are also affecting many other schools. As a result, some emails sent from the school may not arrive in your main inbox or may be delivered straight into your junk or spam folder.

If you have emailed us and are expecting a reply, please check your junk/spam folder before calling the office. We always respond when a message requires an answer, but due to the current issue, our reply may not appear where you expect it.

Thank you for your patience while the provider works to resolve this. If you need help with **email communication**, please let us know.

### Updated Permissions Letter – Please Return by Monday 21st September

All parents and carers will receive an **updated permissions letter**. Please complete the form and return it to the school office **by Monday 21st September**, either by email or by handing in a paper copy.

It is very important that we have your most up-to-date permissions, especially regarding **photography and images**. These permissions allow us to safely and appropriately include children in school photos, class activities, displays, newsletters and our secure communication platforms. Keeping permissions current ensures we follow all safeguarding guidelines and respect each family's wishes.

# School News, Events & Updates

**Important Reminder**

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of following the school's arrangements for drop-off and collection.

**The school car park is for staff use only.** Parents and carers must **not** use the car park or the car park gate when entering or leaving the school at drop off or collection time.

At collection, **parents and children MUST leave the school via the pedestrian gate onto Ladygate Lane.** The car park gate **must not** be used as an alternative exit.

This is a **health and safety requirement,** not simply a preference. Vehicles regularly leave the school car park during and around collection time, and anyone using the car park gate may be required to walk alongside or cross the path of moving vehicles. This creates an unnecessary risk to children, parents, carers and staff.

We also ask all parents and carers to remain **sensible, patient and vigilant when driving and parking around the school,** particularly during the busy drop-off and collection periods.

Please do not:

- Park or stop on the pavement/footpath.
- Drive or park on grassed areas.
- Block or obstruct residents' driveways.
- Stop in the road in a way that causes an obstruction or creates a hazard.
- Carry out manoeuvres that put pedestrians or other road users at risk.
- Use areas around the school simply for convenience if doing so creates a safety issue.

We appreciate that drop-off and collection times can be busy, but **the safety of our children, families, staff and local residents must come first**.

Please ensure that you follow the designated routes and parking arrangements and show consideration for our neighbours and the wider community.

**Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep the school and surrounding area safe, accessible and respectful for everyone.**




🐦 **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/



Swallows

# Year 2

Puffins



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful first full week in Year 2! The children have settled in brilliantly and are already becoming familiar with the Year 2 routines. It has been lovely to see how much they are enjoying their new year group and the learning we have started together.

## English

Next week, we will begin our English text for this half term, *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen. This exciting mystery story will allow us to explore the main character's thoughts and feelings, make predictions and develop our comprehension skills.

We will also be discussing the importance of reading and how books can inspire and support us throughout our lives.

## Maths

We have started our first topic, **Place Value**, learning how numbers are made up of tens and ones. For example, 36 is made up of 3 tens and 6 ones.

Next week, we will use place value charts and practical resources to make and represent numbers up to 100.

## Dimensions – Mobile Mystery

Our topic, **Mobile Mystery**, explores the history of communication, from early methods through to the invention of the telephone and mobile phone.

This week, the children enjoyed learning about **fact and opinion**. Next week, our Music lessons will link to our topic as we explore ringtones and create our own using different **tempo** and **timbre**. Please encourage your child to explain these musical terms to you at home!

It would also be helpful to discuss the **news and different sources of news**, such as newspapers, television and the internet.

## RE

We have started learning about **Harvest** and what it means. Next week, we will explore how Christians celebrate Harvest Festival.

(Year 2 continued)

### 🕮 Reading

Please note that reading books will not be sent home until we have assessed each child and are confident they are working at the appropriate level. This will ensure that each child receives a book that is well matched to their reading ability. Thank you for your patience and understanding. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to enjoy reading at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via ClassDojo.

### 🏠 Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent out every **Thursday** and should be returned by the following **Tuesday** (or earlier if completed).

This week's activity is to **decorate the Home Learning folder,** helping the children to take pride in and ownership of their work.

### 🗓 Dates for Your Diary

**Meet the Teacher Talk – Friday 18th September, 9.00am** - This will take place in the **school hall,** and we look forward to seeing you there.

### 🏃 Weekly Reminders

- **Monday:** Reading books exchanged.
- **Tuesday:** Home Learning due back.
- **Wednesday:** PE – children should come to school wearing their full PE kit.
- **Friday:** Spellings, library books collected and PE.

**PE Kit:** White short-sleeved T-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, black hoodie or school jumper and trainers. Please remember:

- Long hair must be tied back.
- Only stud earrings may be worn for PE; these should be covered with tape or removed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another happy and exciting week with the children.

Wishing you all a nice weekend.

Warm wishes,

**Mrs Marks, Miss Goodman & Mrs Hopkins**
*Year 2 Team*




# Year 1




It has been wonderful to meet and get to know all the children this week. Well done to all the children for settling into Year 1 so well and adjusting to all our new routines. We have had a successful and very busy week! We have agreed our classroom rules and have already started our new topic: Happily Ever After, which is based on fairy tales, with additional aspects of Science and PSHE.

This week in Phonics, we revised several of the sounds the children have previously learned in Reception class, including ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, or, ar, ur, *oo*, ow, oi and ear. We also reviewed the tricky words no, go, so, my, by, to, into, out, the.

We started place value to 10 in Math and the children have been learning about sorting and counting objects to 10. In English, we continued Drawing Club. We read the story 'The Ugly Duckling' and spoke about a place where he felt he belonged, what he could transform into to make himself feel stronger and better and thinking about what could be left in a nest.

Next week in English, we are going to continue Drawing Club. We will work on using word spaces and capital letters.

In Phonics, we are revising several of the sounds the children have previously learned in Reception class, including: **air, er, s, es, ar, air, ow, er, ee, ch, sh, ai, oa.** We will be reviewing the tricky words: **what, when, he, she, we, be, me, have and love.**

In Maths we are representing numbers using pictures, counters on a ten frame and also as numerals, making sure our number formation is correct. We'd be grateful if you could please support your child at home to practice writing numbers from 0 to 10 correctly, especially where they may be reversing them.

In our Topic lessons next week, we will continue to learn about kind and unkind behaviour in PSHE. In Music, we will be learning about timber, tempo and volume.

(Year 1 continued)

Reminders:

15th September 9:00am: Meet the teacher

12th October: Individual photos

12th November: Local walk

Notices:

We need donations of egg boxes (half a dozen size please) – Thank you.

- Volunteers needed for the local walk

Thank you for all your support. We hope you have a lovely weekend, the Year One team.

Wrens



# Reception

Swans



Welcome back! What a fantastic first week we've had in Reception. The children have settled so well - calm, confident and already fully engaged in their new provision. It has been wonderful to see them exploring the areas, trying new activities and showing such curiosity in their learning. They are already absolute professionals at tidying up, working together beautifully to look after their classroom.

## Looking Ahead to Next Week

### Maths – Forming Sets and Sorting

In maths, we will be forming sets of objects based on colour, type, size and other simple attributes. The children will practise sorting, grouping and explaining their choices using early mathematical language.

### Phonics

Our new sounds will be shared weekly on Dojo so you can support reading at home.

### Feelsville

Feelsville is our new emotional literacy programme that helps children learn to recognise, name and understand their feelings. Through stories, characters and simple scenarios, the children explore emotions such as happy, sad, worried, excited, calm and frustrated.

They learn:

- what different feelings look and feel like
- how to talk about their emotions
- how to manage big feelings safely
- how to support friends who might be feeling differently

Feelsville gives children a shared language for emotions and helps them build confidence, empathy and self regulation — all really important skills for their time in Reception and beyond. You can find out more by siging up to The Good Morning Club website using the link that was shared.

## Sharing and Taking Turns

A big focus this half term is sharing and taking turns. We will continue to work closely with the children on this through modelling, games and supported interactions.

## Messages for Parents

## Forest School

Forest School starts next week. Please ensure your child has named wellies in school and bring in a waterproof coat.

## Volunteering

We always welcome volunteers for trips and reading. We have our first allotment trip this half term and would love your support. Please note: DBS checks must be completed through the school to volunteer. These can take up to 3 weeks, so please speak to the office if you are able to offer your time.

## School Lunches

Now that school lunches are available, please upload your child's photo to their HCL account. This helps the lunch staff identify children quickly and give out meals smoothly.

If you are sending grapes in your child's packed lunch please remember to cut them in half longways. Thank you.

## Natural objects

Please could you bring in some natural objects such as conkers, pinecones etc. We will be using these next week to sort but generally use these across this half term so are always accept collections.

The Reception Team



# Nursery



A big welcome to parents/carers and children from the nursery team! We are looking forward to a wonderful year! We have had a very busy first week in nursery. We have been making new friends, getting to know each other and exploring the different areas. Our main focus over the coming weeks is to settle the children into their new Nursery environment, establish daily routines and create safe attachments.

A few reminders:

- Please **label** all items of clothing. This includes water bottles, lunch box, school bags, all items of uniform and spare clothes, shoes, wellingtons.
- Your child must bring a water bottle to school every day. Please ensure this is ready in their hands when they arrive at school to help with the transition.
- Please register your child on 'cool milk' if you would like your child to have milk at school. We are unable to give them milk if they have not been registered.
- Please ensure you are not putting hummus or any nuts of any kind in your child's lunch box.
- Please only bring a lunch box, book bag and water bottle to school – no additional bags.

*Please can all parents/carers ensure they are not standing by the windows as this can be very unsettling for the children. If there are any concerns, the Nursery team will be the first to contact you.*

We appreciate your understanding and all your support. We are looking forward to having a fantastic year with your little ones.

Have a lovely weekend!
The Nursery Team

# OPEN MORNING

## STAY AND PLAY







Looking for the right school for your child? Join us for a welcoming school tour with refreshments and a magic show, while your child enjoys playtime in our warm and nurturing environment.

Discover why our school is the ideal place for their bright future!







We are tolerant

We have rules

We respect others

We have choices

We are individuals

Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School

# Whiteheath

## Infant and Nursery School.

**SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026**

BOOK YOUR PLACE!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

https://forms.gle/8wjfmSHB3XazmhyG9

# 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.

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| **STREET DANCE**<br>**(Monday 3.20pm-4.20pm)**<br>Year 1 and Year 2- Open to Reception from January 2026<br>Soul Performing Arts<br>**www.igotsoulofficial.com**<br>Contact: 07791 466859<br>Email: **info@igotsoulofficial.com** | **GYMNASTICS CLUB**<br>**(Monday 3.20pm-4.20pm)**<br>Reception, Year 1 and Year 2<br>The PSD Group<br>**www.thepsdgroup.org.uk/psd-clubs**<br>Contac: 0203 397 7409<br>Email: **info@psdgroup.org.uk** |
| **ROCKSTEADY**<br>**(Tuesday- during school hours)**<br>Reception, Year 1 and Year 2<br>Rocksteady Music School<br>Book online: **www.rocksteadymuscischool.com**<br>Tel: 0330 113 0330<br>Email: **info@rocksteadymusicschool.com** | **THE CREATION STATION**<br>**(Tuesday 3.20pm-4.20pm)**<br>Reception, Year 1 and Year 2<br>The Creation Station<br>Email: **lisaandrews@thecreationstation.co.uk**<br>Tel: 07885 492952 |
| **FOOTBALL**<br>**(Wednesday 3.20pm-4.20pm)**<br>Reception, Year 1 and Year 2<br>The Elms<br>Book online: **www.theelms.co.uk** | **TENNIS**<br>**(Thursday 3.20pm-4.20pm)**<br>Reception, Year 1 and Year 2<br>Lets Go Tennis<br>Contact: 020 3291 2984<br>**Email: lisa@letsgotennis@gmail.com** |
| **DRAMA**<br>**(FRIDAY 3.20-4.20PM)**<br>Year 1 and Year 2<br>Little Voices<br>Contact: 07787 535506<br>Email: **coleen@littlevoices.org.uk** | |

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## TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR 2026-2027

**Public Holidays 2027**

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|---|---|
| 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**

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|---|---|
| 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**

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| Closure | Monday 4th January (Training Day) |
| Term Starts | Tuesday 5th January |
| Half Term | Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February |
| Term Ends | Friday 27th March @ 12.20pm |

**Summer Term 2027**

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|---|---|
| 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) |


FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL
SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL SESSIONS DELIVERED BY THE PSD ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11
A MIX OF FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND INSPIRE THE NEXT STEPS ON THEIR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY.
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THE PSD GROUP
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# Family Celebrations

We welcome families of all shapes and sizes!

Join us for a fun-filled hour of Bible stories, crafts, songs, food and family fun!

🕐 Time: 17:30–18:30

📍 St Lawrence Church Hall, Eastcote, HA5 2SJ

🗓️ Future Dates:

12 September
17 October
14 November
23 January

No need to book – just turn up and get messy!

For more information visit:
https://www.st-lawrence-eastcote.org.uk/familycelebrationmessychurch

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