

Whitwell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to Summer Term!

This term is super busy and the next 7 weeks will fly by with all the varied opportunities on offer to the children for more outdoor learning, outdoor PE, trips and visits and the children getting ready to progress to their next year groups. It is a huge term for our Y6 children who are now looking forward to their residential trip and their secondary school visits and transition days.

This has been a very busy and successful year. The number of children in school continues to grow and we feel that our school is well-embedded within the Whitwell community. Children have visited the Parish Church, the Sensory Gardens, they have been on walking trips around the village for curriculum links and for specific focus with the Mini Police, such as looking at speeding and anti-social behaviours. Children have represented school on VE Day, Remembrance Sunday and in a huge amount of sporting events planned by the School Sports Partnership. We are all incredibly proud of the children in our school!

Assessments in school

Over the next three weeks:

In Y4 the children will complete a Multiplication Check.

In Y1 all the children will complete the Phonics Screening Check.

In Y2 the children will be completing the non-statutory Standard Assessments set by the Department for Education.

In Reception, children are assessed against all the Early Learning Goals and are measured as at standard (AS) or not at standard (NAS) of having a Good Level of Development.

All the other children in school are assessed by their class teachers using appropriate assessment materials for their ages.

Generative Artificial Intelligence

As we live and work in a world where AI can enhance our lives, it also brings safeguarding risks.

As you know we normally share photos of the children from various trips and visits through the school website. Derbyshire County Council have alerted schools to concerns about photos being shared where children can easily be identified and located. We are working with our IT providers and have been able to share some photographs which are password protected. Please be assured that we are working hard to find alternative ways to be able to share pictures with you in the future.

Y6 parents – we will be in touch about the blog from the Isle of Wight!



Safeguarding

I urge you to be incredibly careful about sharing photos of your children on social media platforms while they are wearing school uniform or that are taken on the school site. This makes it too easy for anyone to locate the children. This is a concern for all, as photos are easily shared, altered and distributed in seconds. I am sure you want to keep photos of your children and your childrens' friends as secure as possible. Children should not be on social media platforms: however, we are aware that they are. Please check what they are sharing and that they are as locked down as fully as possible.

Sun

Please send your child to school with suncream already applied. We are unable to store suncreams or apply these for the children. Children should also have a named hat with them for school every day. Hopefully the weather will improve again soon!

Transition

Y6 parents will already have been contacted by the secondary schools with regards to transition arrangements. The majority of our children will go to Heritage High School. Heritage break up before us in July and the Y6 are expected to return to us for the last 2 days of term.

The rest of the children will move to meet their new classes and teachers on Weds – Fri, 16th – 18th July. We will contact all parents of new starters to arrange for the children to join us for these 3 days.

Reports

Staff are currently busy writing and collating school reports. By this time of the year, staff know the children very well and want to give you a true picture of your child(ren) in school. I'm sure you appreciate the time and care that goes into each one. Reports will go out to you during the last week of term. There will also be a parent questionnaire sent with the report. Your feedback is very important to us, so please complete this so we can continue to act on your suggestions.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club provision continues each morning in the hall. It is run by our own school staff.

Please walk your children down the driveway to the hall doors and sign them in. It can be paid for using our online payment system for the week or the days that you use the provision. Prices are:

£3.00 from 8am or £2.50 from 8am if your child is entitled to free school meals.

£3.50 from 7.45am or £3.00 from 7.45am if your child is entitled to free school meals.


Children are provided with cereals, fruit, toast and a drink of juice, milk or water. They are then encouraged to play with friends, take part in crafts, take part in simple activities, games etc.

Whitwell Holiday Club

Whitwell Parish Council will be running the Summer Holiday Club from 28th July – 15th August 2025 from 9.30am – 3pm. As normal this will happen using the school building. Please see www.whitwell-pc.gov.uk for booking forms. Please note that this is not run by the school. The Parish Council have their own leaders and safeguarding team. All queries regarding the club should be directed to the Parish Council.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to the office staff, chat to class teachers or myself outside in the morning or after school or make an appointment to see me directly.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Tomlinson
Headteacher

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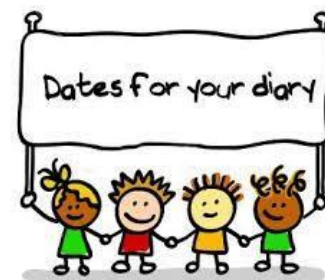
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Dates Updated for 2025

Week starting 2 nd Jun	Y4 Multiplication Check
Weds 4 th Jun	Y6 Trip to Institute of Sport (EIS)
Thurs 5 th Jun	Road Safety Visits Y5 and Y6
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th Jun	Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
	Y4 Multiplication Check
Tues 17 th Jun	Y6 Arts Trail at Whitwell Parish Church
Fri 20 th Jun	Intra school sports competition – PE kit all day
Tues 24 th Jun	PC Podam – KS2 Assembly
Weds 25 th Jun	Sports Day – PE kit all day
Thurs 26 th Jun	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 27th June	INSET Day
Mon 30 th June	Y5/6 Parents meeting – Relationships Education
Tues 1 st July	Nursery Sports Day
	Last Y4/5 Swimming session
Weds 2 nd July	Y4 Trip to Cleethorpes
	Reserve Nursery Sports Day
	Y2 Parents invited for dinner
Fri 4 th July	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal to school
Mon 7 th July	Y5/6 Production 1.45pm and 6pm
Weds 9 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 4.30pm
Thurs 10 th July	Y5 Mini Police Awards
Mon 14 th – Tue 22 nd July	Y6 to Heritage for transition days
Weds 16 th – Fri 18 th	Children move to new classes



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Fri 18 th July	New Reception Class parents for dinner and a Foundation Stage meeting (further details to follow)
Tues 22 nd July	Reading Event, parents invited in the afternoon (details to follow)
Weds 23 rd July	Y6 Back to WPS Wellian Treat Water fight
Thurs 24th July	End of Term

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Thurs 4 th & Fri 5 th Sept	INSET Days 1 & 2
Mon 8 th September	Children back to School
Tues 16 th September	Y3 Trip to Creswell Crags
Fri 19 th September	Whole School Colour Run Y1 – Y6 (details will follow)
Fri 26 th September	Reserve Date Whole School Colour Run Y1 – Y6
Fri 24 th October	End of Term
Mon 3 rd November 2025	INSET Day
Tues 4 th November	Back to School
Tues 11 th November	Tempest Individual Photos
Fri 19 th December	End of Term
Mon 5 th January 2026	Back to School
Fri 13 th February	End of Term
Mon 23 rd February 2026	Back to School
Fri 27 th March	End of Term
Mon 13 th April 2026	Back to School
Fri 22 nd May	End of Term
Mon 1 st June 2026	INSET Day
Tues 2 nd June	Back to School
Mon 8 th –Fri 12 th Jun	Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Wed 21 st July	End of Term
Thurs 23 rd July	INSET Day