

Whitwell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to Summer Term!

This term is super busy, and the next few weeks will fly by with all the varied opportunities on offer to the children for more outdoor learning, outdoor PE, more 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 another 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 already enjoyed visits to Gulliver's Valley, to Tiny Town, to Hardwick Hall and to the Community Gardens. Plus, there are planned walking visits to the Parish Church, around the village for curriculum links and for specific focus with the Mini Police, such as looking at speeding and anti-social behaviours. Reception Class still have their trip to Chatsworth to look forward to and the whole school is going to Rufford Country Park at the end of term. Please can I remind you that we have children in school with allergies so if you are providing a packed lunch, please ensure that it is **Nut-Free** to keep all the children safe while out. Children should not bring fizzy drinks or drinks in glass bottles.

Children are **not** allowed to take mobile phones on school visits; staff have completed risk assessments and have signed permission slips to go. Staff can contact school or parents directly if there is a need to.

Children have represented the school by celebrating David Attenborough's 100th Birthday, on Remembrance Sunday and in a huge amount of sporting events planned by the School Sports Partnership, most recently in the Reception Summer Fun day and the Y6 trip to the EIS (English Institute of Sport.) We are all incredibly proud of the children in our school!

Assessments in school

Over the next four 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.



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Sun

The weather over half-term was amazing! We want to make sure all children are protected against the sun when it returns. Please apply suncream to your child before school. Do not send bottles of suncream into school. We are unable to store suncreams or apply these for the children. Also, we have children with severe allergies and suncreams include all sorts of different nut oils. We cannot risk anyone having a reaction. Children should also have a named hat with them for school every day. Hopefully the weather will improve again soon!

Class Photos

These are on Tuesday 9th June. Please ensure your child wears their full school uniform on the day.

No-one should come to school in PE kit please. Y4/5 will still go swimming in the afternoon so need swimming kit as normal.

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.

Staffing

Mrs Williams is expecting a new baby and will be starting her maternity leave later this term. Her absence will be covered by Mrs Draycott meaning no changes to staffing in Nursery.

Mrs Pegg has broken her elbow and remains off work. Staff have moved internally to cover her absence with Mrs Watts working an additional day for teaching cover.

Mrs Froggatt has reduced her days in school and will now be available Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays. We welcome Mrs Lucie Modiri to the office team!

The School Crossing Patrol remains unmanned at present so please drive and cross the roads around school very carefully.

Attendance



Attendance Matters



Attendance remains a high priority in school and is monitored weekly. Letters are generated to show patterns and to inform you if children fall into 'persistent absence' meaning they are off for more than 10% of the term. This is equivalent to half a day a week! Expected attendance is 96% over the year or higher.

The Attendance Policy (written by Derbyshire County Council and the Aurora Cluster Schools) is available on the website for further information.

The Local Authority collect information from us on all the children who are off sick for 15+ days over the year and/or who have 5 days+ off unauthorised absence.

| | Year to Date | | Year to Date |
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| Nursery | 86.29% | Year 3 | 93.61% |
| Reception | 91.19% | Year 4 | 94.03% |
| Year 1 | 94.09% - 3rd | Year 5 | 94.00% |
| Year 2 | 94.64% - 2nd | Year 6 | 95.62% - 1st |

Positions have changed! Well done to Y6, Y2 and Y1.

All children who achieved 100% attendance between January and Easter have had a reward treat – the majority taking part in Forest School Sessions in the afternoon in May, which was really popular!

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Online Safety & Safeguarding

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Please use the following link to help support your child with online safety.

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 children's 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.

World Cup Day

The football World Cup starts on Thursday 11th June. We will be celebrating this in school. All children and staff can wear a football kit or sportswear that day. I am often asked by children when they can wear football kit – this is the day!! It can be any kit of their choice – the more the merrier.

I will write again this term to inform you of the class structure for September. As you may be aware, this cannot be finalised until we have our definite Reception Class intake number.

As many of you know I am available in the mornings on/around the school site most days or if you wish to contact me, please make an appointment with the office.

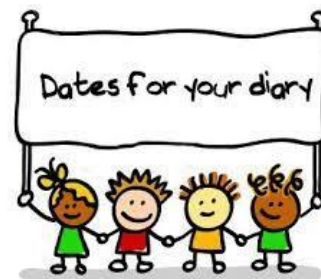
Kind Regards

Mrs Sarah Tomlinson

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "S Tomlinson".

Headteacher

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| Tues 2 nd June | Back to School Y4 Multiplication Check Week |
| Weds 3 rd June | Y6 trip to EIS (English Institute of Sport) |
| Mon 8 th June | Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week Y4 Multiplication Check Week |



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Y6 Parent meeting about Isle of Wight – 2.45pm

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| Tues 9 th June | Class photos – School Uniform for all |
| Thurs 11 th June | World Cup Day – wear your football or sports kit |
| Fri 12 th June | FWPS Summer Fair 2.15pm |
| Weds 17 th June | Sports Day – KS2 (Juniors) morning and KS1 (Infants) afternoon. |
| Thurs 18 th June | Reserve Sports Day |
| Fri 19 th June | Y5/6 Road Safety Day |

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th June

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| Tues 23 rd June | Y6 residential to Isle of Wight |
| Thurs 25 th June | Y2 Parents – dine with your child |
| Tues 30 th June | Y6 Heritage Family Evening |
| Weds 1 st July | Last Swimming of this year |
| Thurs 2 nd July | Nursery Sports Day |
| Weds 8 th July | Reserve Nursery Sports Day |
| Fri 10 th July | Y6 Leavers Production 1.45pm and 6pm |
| Mon 13th – Fri 17th July | Reception Class (FS2) Trip to Chatsworth House |
| Weds 15th – Fri 17th July | Y6 to Heritage High School |
| Mon 20 th July | Transition Days in School (New Classes) |
| Tues 21 st July | Y6 return to Whitwell Primary School |
| Wed 22 nd July | Y6 Leavers Assembly 4.30pm |
| Thurs 23 rd July | Whole School Trip to Rufford Country Park |
| | End of Term for all children |
| | INSET Day |

2026 - 2027

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| Friday 4 th September 2026 | INSET DAY – staff in |
| Monday 7 th September | School opens for all children |
| Friday 25 th September | Provisional Date for Colour Run |
| Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Oct | Parent Consultations |
| Friday 23 rd October | End of Term |
| Monday 2 nd November 2026 | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 3 rd November | School re-opens |
| Fri 4 th December | Christmas Fair |
| Friday 18 th December | End of Term |

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| Monday 4 th January 2027 | School re-opens |
| Thursday 11 th February | End of Term for children |
| Friday 12 th February 2027 | INSET DAY |
| Monday 22 nd February | School re-opens |
| Thursday 25 th March | End of Term |
| Monday 12 th April | School re-opens |
| Monday 3 rd May | May Day Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 28 th May | End of Term |
| Friday 28 th May 2027 | INSET DAY |
| Monday 7 th June | School re-opens |
| Friday 23 rd July | End of Year |
| Monday 26 th July 2027 | INSET DAY |



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