

Whitwell Primary School

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Monday 24th February



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of Spring Term. I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break and are now looking forward to the lighter nights and hopefully better weather ahead.

I'm sure that some of you will have already seen that we have a new path around Nursery leading to the Reception Classroom, hopefully this will make access on site easier. Please encourage the children to walk on the paths and not over the field or the grassy areas, which are still muddy. Also, please respect the amazing crocuses and daffodil plants that are currently blooming by Southfield Lane entrance and do not allow your children to walk over these. We are so lucky to have such a bright and colourful entrance to our school!



This is a busy term ahead. Next week it is **World Book Day** on Thursday 6th March. A letter was sent prior to half term. The focus of the day is story-telling and everyone is invited to wear their pyjamas and bring a favourite story to share. There is NO money required for fund raising for this day, it is purely about celebrating books. All the children will receive a £1 voucher to use against the cost of a book, which will be distributed on the day.

Governing Board

Our current Chair of Governors, Tom Munro, is retiring as a school governor in July this year. He will have been a member of the Governing Board at Whitwell Primary School for 48 years, which I am sure you will agree is phenomenal! This will leave a vacancy for a Local Authority Governor. If you, or anyone else you know, is interested in becoming a school governor, please contact school for further information, or follow this link to apply directly. The term of office for a school governor is four years. The full Governing Board meets every half term on Thursday evenings, with additional committee meetings also on Thursday evenings.

[Be a school governor - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Assessments in school

I'm sure that you know that most assessments take place over the summer term. To make it easy for you these are the Department for Education assessments that schools complete.

Reception – Good Level of Development

Y1 Phonics Screening

Y2 SATS (non-statutory but a useful assessment measure for the end of Y2)

Y4 Multiplication Check

Y6 Standard Assessment Tests

If children are absent, they complete the assessments on their return as this is a way the government collect National Data from schools.



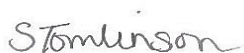
Children in all other year groups are assessed continually and complete assessment tests during the summer term.

Targeted practice groups are already running in school for Y6 maths and for specifically invited children in other year groups. A Y4 maths multiplication session has also been arranged to start shortly. If your child is offered a place this is a great opportunity for them to have a small teaching group to make rapid progress.

We would like to offer you the chance to come to a maths lesson alongside your child again this term. This was a really popular session last year. You are invited to come and join us on the 11th March and see how maths is taught in school, taking part in the actual lesson that day. Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be from 9.45am – 10.45am and Y3, 4, 5 and 6 from 11am – 11.45am. More details will follow.

Please look carefully at the diary sheet for new events. There will be other class trips that are currently being planned. Most of our sporting events are organised by Bolsover Sports Partnership, and we share information as quickly as we have it for specific groups or classes. Friends of Whitwell Primary School will also send out their events with additional information. Dates include 4th April Disco at Community Centre and an Easter Trail on 13th April.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Tomlinson
Headteacher

2024-2025 Important Dates

Mon 24 th Feb	Back to School
Tues 25 th Feb	Swimming starts
Weds 26 th Feb	Cross Country District Finals
Weds 26 th – Fri 28 th Feb	Bikeability Training Y4 and Y5
Thurs 27 th Feb	Y4 Maths Meeting for parents 2.45pm
Mon 10 th – Fri 15 th Mar	Science Week
Tues 11 th Mar	Power Maths morning for parents in class
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th Mar	Parent Consultations
Mon 24 th Mar	Mrs Plaister – Primrose (all day) Mr Moore – Honeysuckle (all day)
Tues 25 th Mar	Miss Morris – Dandelions (all day) Miss Binge – Poppies (all day) Mr Stirling – Foxgloves (all day)
Weds 26 th Mar	Mrs Draycott – Nursery (all day) Miss Brown – Bluebells (all day) Miss White – Buttercups (all day)



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	Mr Moore – Honeysuckle (1pm – 5.30pm)
Thurs 27 th Mar	Miss Sleight – Daisies (all day) Mrs Anderson – Forget-me-nots (all day)
Fri 28 th Mar	Mrs Williams – Nursery (12.40 – 3.20pm)
Mon 31 st Mar	Y2 Trip to Sherwood Forest (details to follow)
Weds 2 nd - Fri 4 th Apr	Y4/5 Residential to Whitehall
Fri 4 th Apr	End of Spring Term
Tues 22 nd Apr	Back to School Swimming restarts
Week starting 12 th May	Y6 SATS week
Mon 19 th May	Y2 and Y6 Fire Safety talk KS2 Event hosted by FWPS (after school)
Thurs 22 nd May	Y3 Activity Day at Pleasley Vale (details to follow) Last day of term for children
Fri 23 rd May	INSET
Mon 2 nd June	Back to School Class Photos
Week starting 2 nd Jun	Y4 Multiplication Check
Weds 4 th Jun	Y6 Trip to Institute of Sport (EIS)
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th Jun	Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight Y1 Phonics Screening Check Y4 Multiplication Check
Fri 20 th Jun	Intra school sports competition – PE kit all day
Weds 25 th Jun	Sports Day – PE kit all day
Thurs 26 th Jun	Reserve Sports Day



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Fri 27 th June	INSET Day
Tues 1 st July	Nursery Sports Day Last Y4/5 Swimming session
Weds 2 nd July	Y4 Trip to Cleethorpes (details to follow) Reserve Nursery Sports Day
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
Mon 14 th – Tue 22 nd July	Y6 to Heritage for Transition
Weds 16 th – Fri 18 th	Children move to new classes
Weds 23 rd July	Y6 Back to WPS
Thurs 24th July	End of Term

Autumn Term 2025

Thurs 4th September	INSET
Friday 5 th September	INSET
Mon 8th September	Back to School

Mon 3rd November	INSET
Mon 1 st June 2026	INSET
Thurs 23 rd July 2026	INSET