

Whitwell Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2! I hope you all had a relaxing half-term break and are ready for the autumn events as we progress towards Christmas!



Class Pages

<https://www.whitwellprimary.co.uk/>

Staff will have updated their class pages on the school website to share the new learning content for the next term. Please remember that this is where pictures are now shared securely of the learning from Y1-Y6. If you can't access this, please let the class teacher know.

Mastering Number

Children in FS2 and KS1 are being taught maths slightly differently this year. They still have a daily lesson from Power Maths but also have a 20-minute number lesson each day to really 'master' what number means. We would like to invite Y1/2 parents to come and join the children for this fast-paced session on Monday 1st December. To try to be helpful to parents, we have changed the time that day to 2.50pm. Please come along to see what they do!

Walking Home

Now that it is darker, we recommend collecting your child whenever possible. We only let Y5/6 children walk home alone. If they are walking, please add Hi-Viz to coats and bags, so they can easily be seen. Always cross safely with the crossing patrol on Station Road, or by the railings on Southfield Lane, as these areas are well lit. Younger children may not go home without an adult.

Uniform

This is a reminder that now it is much cooler the children should come to school each day with a waterproof coat. Many children wear gloves and a hat as well. Please label as much as possible as many are very similar to others.

Children are still expected to come to school in their full uniform each day, as per the home school agreement, and have a pair of named wellies left in school for playtimes. Please ensure uniform is in line with our uniform policy which can be found under the 'Parents' tab on our website. We do have some second hand uniform available and if you need something please ask at the office or speak to Mrs Boldero-Gray who will be able to help.

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 as follows: -



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

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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.

PE & Swimming

Swimming remains on a Tuesday for Y5 children only and starts this week for the next 5 weeks. For outdoor PE, children will need to come in black or blue joggers/leggings and a white/blue plain t-shirt and jumper/cardigan or plain black or blue track suit top with dark outdoor trainers. School sweatshirts are fine. For indoor PE, children will need black or blue shorts and a white/blue plain t-shirt with plimsolls or indoor trainers. Children may come with joggers over the top of shorts or bring their shorts to put on later. Please note that branded sportswear, football kits or clothes with logos or picture are not suitable - thank you! We do have some spare kit in school and children may be asked to wear spare kit if they repeatedly do not have correct PE kit.

The first big event of this year was the Colour Run. Thank you to all who came to this amazing event and supported the children to have a lovely fun time! Also, children have taken part in competitions for both girls' and boys' football, achieving really well and in the cross-country event. We are so proud of everyone who represents our school!

Contacting the school

Office hours are 8am – 4.30pm. If you need to call outside of these times, please leave a message which will be picked up the next day. Also please ensure that any changes in address/email addresses and phone numbers are notified to the school by completing the form on the school website under the 'Parents' tab – Useful Links and Forms – Forms – Contact Update Form.

Medical Needs & Allergies

Please inform us immediately if your child has any new medical needs. Children who require inhalers for asthma must leave these in a bag in school and a medical form must be completed by parents/carers in the school office. All regular medications need to be signed in with the office prior to them being administered. Children must not have medicines in their bags under any circumstances.

We do have children in school with severe nut allergies. For this reason, no-one may bring any food to school which contain nuts. This means peanut butter, chocolate spread and certain cereal and chocolate bars. Staff will contact you if children have these items in their lunch boxes. Please help us to keep all the children safe!

School Policies

All statutory policies are available on the school website. They are under the 'Key Information' tab. These include the school's Attendance, Child Protection & Safeguarding and Behaviour Policy.

Nursery Parents

The application process for your child's primary school place opens on 10th November. You must apply before 15th January 2026. Even if your child is already in our nursery, you still need to apply for a school place. You can apply through the Derbyshire website for your chosen school.

We are holding an open afternoon for new starters in the Reception Class on 6th November from 1.30pm.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We will always want to know! I will continue to be outside on the playgrounds in the mornings when possible and teaching staff can be contacted directly at classroom doors or you can make an appointment to come into school to see any of the teaching staff team or myself.

We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting term of learning.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Tomlinson

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

Headteacher

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Mon 3rd November 2025	INSET Day
Tues 4th November	Back to School
Thurs 6th November	New Reception Starters Open Day 1.30pm
Tues 11th November	Tempest Individual Photos
Thurs 13th November	World Kindness Day
Weds 19th November	Flu vaccinations
Mon 24th November	Y6 Sat Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Mon 1st December	Y1/2 Parents – Mastering Number: come and watch your child learn!
Tues 2nd December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal for school
	School Book Fair starts after school each day 3.15pm
Weds 3rd December	EYFS Christmas Production for parents 9.45am and 1.45pm
Fri 5th December	Choir visit to the Church Festival
	School Christmas Fair 2.15pm
Weds 10th December	Christmas Dinner – Start wearing Christmas Jumpers
Thurs 11th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal for school



Believe, Endeavour, Succeed Together!



	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day £1
Fri 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Production for parents 9.45am and 1.45pm
Tues 16 th December	Breakfast with Santa at Breakfast Club (details to follow)
	FWPS KS1 Christmas Event
Thurs 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Fri 19 th December	End of Term
Mon 5 th January 2026	Back to School
Mon 9 th February	Young Voices Concert
Thurs 12 th February	Winter Olympic Lunch
Fri 13 th February	End of Term
Mon 23 rd February 2026	Back to School
Weds 25 th – Fri 27 th Feb	Bikeability (details to follow)
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 6 th March	Choir to sing with the local schools
Mon 16 th March	Y5 Parent Consultations with Mrs Plaister
	Y6 Parent Consultations with Mr Moore (all day)
Tues 17 th March	Y1/2 Parent Consultations with Miss Morris
	Y3 Parent Consultations with Miss Binge
Weds 18 th March	FS1 Parent Consultation with Mrs Draycott
	Y1/2 Parent Consultations with Miss Brown
	Y1/2 Parent Consultations with Miss White
Thurs 19 th March	Y4 Parent Consultations with Mrs Anderson
	Y5 Parent Consultations with Mr Stirling
	FS2 Parent Consultations with Miss Sleight
	Y6 Parent Consultations with Mr Moore (afternoon only)
Fri 20 th March	FS1 Parent Consultation with Mrs Williams
Fri 27 th March	End of Term
Mon 13 th April 2026	Back to School
Weds 22 nd -Fri 24 th April	Y4/5 Residential to Lea Green
Mon 4 th May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th May– Thurs 14 th May	Y6 SATS Week

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Mon 18 th May	Fire Safety Y2 and Y6 FWPS KS2 Magic Monday Event
Fri 22 nd May	End of Term
Mon 1 st June 2026	INSET Day
Tues 2 nd June	Back to School Y4 Multiplication Check Week
Weds 3 rd June	Provisional Y6 trip to Institute of Sport
Mon 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Tues 9 th June	Class photos
Fri 12 th June	Summer Fair
Weds 17 th June	Sports Day
Thurs 18 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Mon 22 nd - Fri 26 th June	Y6 residential to Isle of Wight
Weds 1 st July	Nursery Sports Day
Thurs 2 nd July	Reserve Nursery Sports Day
Weds 8 th July	Y6 Production to parents 1.45pm and 6pm
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th July	Y6 to Heritage High School
Mon 20 th July	Y6 return to Whitwell Primary School
Tues 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 4.30pm
Wed 21 st July	End of Term for all children
Thurs 23 rd July	INSET Day

Please note there will be other dates that will be added during the year for class trips and events that are booked, linked to the curriculum or visits. These will be communicated when available.

Thank you!

