



WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 11

Friday 21st November, 2025.

Welcome to our whole school newsletter. Our aim is to keep you informed of achievements, successes and general information regarding Whiteheath Junior School. These newsletters will be sent to you at the end of the week. You can also find this newsletter on the home page of the school **website** along with our '**year group pages**' (under the 'children' section on the website). Please check your emails regularly as this is our main form of communication with you.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPH DAY ON MONDAY

Please can we remind all parents/carers to ensure the children are looking really smart for their school photograph on Monday. Can we please also remind you that all long hair should be fully tied up. Thank you.



DONATIONS FOR DRAMA

We are looking to enhance our drama resources. If you have any costumes/costume accessories at home you no longer want, please can you donate to the school. We also need spare hangers that you may no longer need. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Your child has designed a Christmas card in school which has now be turned into the 'real thing'! You can view and order these online from the link in the leaflet they will bring home on Friday. There is a 10% early bird discount for ordering which expires at 11.59am on 28th November. The portal closes on 31st December. We hope you enjoy their work; we think they are amazing!

FLU VACCINE CATCH UP SESSIONS

We have been offered a Flu Vaccine catch up session to be run in school by the nursing team on Tuesday 16th December 2025. This session is aimed at those who were absent on the initial visit and had previously consented, however the portal is still open for parents/carers that have not consented to consent should you wish for your child to have the vaccine in school on the 16th of December.



If you wish to consent, please click the link below to access the vaccination portal.
[Vaccination UK Immunisation](https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon) <https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hillingdon>

If you have previously consented but have since arranged for your child to have the Flu Vaccine outside of school, then please email welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk so we can let the nursing team know on the day.

Our Globetrotters Shine in Their First Global Links Assembly!

A huge congratulations to our amazing Globetrotter Leaders, who led their very first Global Links Assembly with Mrs Kan on Thursday 20th November 2025.

During the assembly, the children shared fascinating facts about Canada and compared Whiteheath Junior School with our partner school in Toronto. Through quizzes, videos and interactive discussions, they brought our international link to life for the whole school.



Miss Fabbri, our International Schools Link Teacher, recorded some videos to say hello and reminded everyone about the Digital PenPals project. After that, the school watched our Humanities Week project video for the first time. Her class in Toronto had already seen it and were especially excited by Year 3's work on Canada. They shared feedback and suggestions that sparked inspiring new ideas for exploring Canada in future projects.

You can explore all the projects on our **Global Links** page under the 'About Us' tab on the school website.

Reminder: Digital PenPals!

Our **Digital PenPals** project is well underway. Children are invited to write or type a letter to a student in **Toronto**, sharing stories about life at Whiteheath, asking questions and making a **new international friend**.

We hope as **many children as possible from across the school** will get involved.



Global Links Task: Write Your PenPal Letter!

Write (or type) a friendly letter to a child at our partner school in Toronto.

Include:

- A short introduction about yourself
- Fun facts about life at Whiteheath
- Questions to learn about their school and hobbies

Be creative, kind and curious - your new PenPal is waiting to hear from you!

Remember:
Don't include **personal information** such as:

- Your full name
- Your home address or email address
- Your phone number or any usernames/passwords
- Specific details about where you live

All the details, instructions and an **example letter** are on your child's **Google Classroom**. Writing a letter is a fun way for children to practise their writing, be creative and connect with students around the world.



Looking Ahead

Our Globetrotters have an exciting year ahead with more projects that will deepen connections with our friends in Toronto and celebrate **global learning**.

We warmly encourage parents to follow the children's journey on the **Global Links page**, explore projects and enjoy our video highlights. We would also love to hear your positive feedback about the children's international projects - it is always wonderful to celebrate their learning!

Mrs Kan

ROAD SAFETY – SAFETY REMINDER



As part of our work on Road Safety, one of the topics for us to promote is to highlight with parents/carers, the importance of seatbelts and car seats. For this reason, we are providing you with some useful information that we would encourage you to read.

Did you know that children must use the correct car seat until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first?

If your child measures under the height of 135cm and is still under 12 years old, your child

by law **MUST** be sitting in the correct car seat.

To check that your child is properly restrained or if they are not currently sitting in a car seat, we urge you to go to the following website where you can find all the information you need to know.

[Choosing & Using | Child Car Seats](#)

Penalties

If you do not obey the law, you will:

- be liable to prosecution if any child under 14 is in your car and not wearing a correct child restraint or seatbelt. If over 14, they will be liable themselves.
- be served a monetary fixed penalty of up to £500 or possibly penalty points if a child is found to be unrestrained.
- have your compensation restricted. Any money awarded after an accident may be reduced if anyone in the car was not properly restrained.

Despite the above penalties, the most important thing is your child's safety and, being unrestrained in a moving vehicle in the event of a collision could have much worse consequences.

We hope you have found this information useful and have taken into consideration the dangers of your child not being properly restrained.





PTA Christmas Fayre



Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 4th December

Our Christmas Fayre is a little over 2 weeks away, and we want to make sure everyone knows how they can help us.

As I am sure you are aware, the fundraising we do is more important than ever and will help our school continue to deliver imaginative and fun learning opportunities to our children. This greatly enhances their school experience. The school is hoping to extend the adventure playground for the children when we raise enough money - and we have already donated money for the school to put A/C in the school hall.

As part of our Christmas Fayre preparation, we have two non-uniform days. These dates for your diary are this **Friday 21st November** which is a non-uniform day in exchange for £2 and **Friday 28th November** in exchange for tombola prizes or £2. Below are suggestions of items which would be helpful but we are grateful for all and any donations:

good quality toiletries / gifts / chocolates / confectionary (biscuits etc) /bottles of wine or other good quality alcoholic drinks.

Year 6 are out on a school trip on 28th November which requires them to wear their school uniform, but can still donate a tombola item please.

Christmas Raffle

Draw tickets for our raffle are available under the 'Shop' tab on SchoolMoney. Please buy generously - the more tickets you buy, the more we raise.

Should any parents/carers/family members be able to donate a raffle prize via their company, please drop it in to the school office. Thank you.



Lastly, please remember to send your children to school on the day of the Fayre with around £5 in small change, so they may do a little Christmas shopping and take part in the games and activities being run by the Year 6 pupils.

Thank you all for your support, these events cannot happen without you.

Your PTA

Whiteheath-juniors-PTA@outlook.com

Sports News

SPORTSHALL INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION – to be reported next week

Reminders

CALLING ALL PARENTS/CARERS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have a job that involves reading or a love of books? We'd love to hear from you!

We're looking for parents and carers who use reading in their careers—whether that's in publishing, journalism, research, education, or any other field—to come in and talk to the children about how reading plays a part in your work.

If you're interested, please get in touch with Miss Jackman via pine@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk Thank you for helping us inspire a lifelong love of reading!

PARENT/CARER CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

We have several workshops planned for parents/carers this year.

The date/time of the workshops for this year are:

- Autumn 2 - Reading - Friday 5th December 9:00 - 10:00am
- Spring 1 - Maths - Wednesday 14th January 9:00 - 10:00am
- Spring 2 - Oracy – Friday 6th March 9:00 – 10:00am
- Summer 1 - Spelling – 21st April 9am 10am
- Summer 2 - Computing - Wednesday 10th June 9:00 - 10:00am

All parents/carers are welcome to attend and information about each workshop and booking details will be sent out for each workshop in due course.



HALF TERMLY SEND AND PASTORAL SUPPORT MEETINGS

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding half termly SEND and Pastoral Support meetings. These are an informal opportunity to let you know about some of the processes and support which is available in school.

The meetings this half term will be held on:

- 10th December 2:45pm

You are warmly invited to attend and in order to anticipate numbers, please email sendco@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk if we will be seeing you at the meetings.

Regards, Mrs Manfredi (SENDCo) & Mrs Ventin (Pastoral Leader)

HELP TO SET UP NEW SCHOOL GARDEN!

Many thanks to Lawsons Ltd for their very generous donation of new sleepers, an enormous bag of topsoil and some weed control fabric which will enable us to make new raised beds and really get our garden looking good!



Now we have the resources, we would love some parent volunteers who would be willing to give up a few hours on a Saturday to help us to make the new beds using the sleepers we have been given. **If you would be willing and able to be involved with this, please let the office know or email Miss Lawrence at the Poplar email address and once we know if we have some volunteers, we can arrange a date to suit everyone.**

So far, we have only had 1 parent offer to help – we would like more – if you can spare some time, please can you get in touch. Many thanks.



Merit Assembly

Class of the Week – Ash

Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bhavya, Aylin, Hasan	Eesa, Betty, Elsie	Ethan, Maddison	Alex, David, Nikhil

House Points

Hampton	Windsor	London	Westminster
30	30	30	20



Online Safety

Each week we are going to include a guide in this newsletter, covering different aspects, to help ensure children and young people are supported and protected online. We aim to reach and engage our entire school community, fostering a collaborative approach to promoting online safety and digital citizenship.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-GENERATED VIDEOS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AI-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and easy to share. From fake news clips to deepfake abuse, children and young people face new risks every day online. These videos can imitate real people, spread false narratives or even generate harmful content from scratch. Understanding these dangers is crucial for schools and families who want to protect children in a fast-evolving digital world.

DEEPPAKE ABUSE CONTENT

Shockingly, artificial intelligence is now being exploited to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These synthetic images and videos are a form of digital abuse, often generated by manipulating real children's photos, including ones shared innocently online. Worryingly, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has identified a sharp rise in this disturbing trend. Whether real or AI-generated, this content causes lasting trauma – and its creation or possession remains a criminal offence under UK law.

BLURRED REALITY

Regular exposure to fake content can erode a child's trust in real-world evidence. If everything can be faked, they may begin to question genuine videos – including actual abuse or injustice. This is known as the 'liar's dividend', where real harm is dismissed as fake news. It can discourage victims from coming forward or speaking up.

USED FOR BULLYING

Deepfake technology is already being used by peers to create embarrassing or explicit clips of classmates. These videos can be edited to appear as though a child said or did something they never did. Once shared, they are almost impossible to delete completely. AI-generated bullying adds a new layer of harm that is deeply personal and difficult to prove.

EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION

AI-generated videos can be used to provoke strong emotions, including fear, anger or guilt. False footage of crying children, injured animals or burning buildings may be created purely for clicks, donations or political influence. Children may feel upset or powerless, unaware that what they are watching has been digitally invented to manipulate their reaction.

DISINFORMATION

AI-generated videos can spread fake news, making it harder for children to separate fact from fiction. False clips may include deepfake interviews, hoax disasters or fabricated health claims. AI is already being used to produce misleading or persuasive material that appears authentic. If they don't develop media literacy, children may accept false content as truth.

IMPERSONATION AND SCAMS

With just a few photos or voice clips, AI tools can imitate someone's appearance or speech. This makes it easier for scammers or bullies to create fake videos of children, teachers or celebrities. These impersonations can be used for fraud, harassment or humiliation – and can spread quickly through social media or group chats, due to the viral potential of video, in particular, on social media.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH HOW IT WORKS

Explain to children that videos can be faked – and show them how. Demonstrating side-by-side examples of real vs AI-generated clips helps to build awareness. Discuss how faces, voices and even movements can be copied by machines. Understanding the technology reduces fear and builds confidence in navigating digital content safety.

TALK ABOUT TRUST

Always keep lines of communication open. If a child sees something upsetting or unbelievable, they should feel safe discussing it without judgement. Create an environment where they know they will not get in trouble for asking questions. This also helps you step in quickly if harmful content has been shared; trust is vital and needs to be nurtured.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL QUESTIONS

Help children question what they watch. Who made this? Why was it made? Is it trying to persuade me? These habits encourage digital thinking, especially when videos seem too shocking or convenient. Reinforce that not everything shared by friends or influencers is true, even if it looks convincing at first, and that the initial approach should always be one of speculation.

STRENGTHEN PRIVACY SETTINGS

Advise children not to share voice notes, selfies or personal videos on public platforms. AI tools often scrape content from social media to create deepfakes. Use privacy controls to limit who can see their content and turn off facial recognition where possible. Fewer public images means fewer opportunities for misuse.

Meet Our Expert

Brandon O'Keefe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



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Community Events/Info

Michael Sobell House



Winter Market

Saturday 13th December
10am - 3pm

Michael Sobell Centre,
Gate 3, Mount Vernon Hospital, HA6 2RN

**Support Your
Local Community**



Entry £3, under 5s free
Free parking
Food & Refreshments
Tombola, Raffle

Visit Santa in his Grotto!
Just £5 per child (includes gift!)



Gift wrapping available



Registered Charity Number 1079638



Payment/deadline Dates

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment
Year 3 Stone Age workshop
Year 5 Brazil Day

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
PTA non-uniform donation	today
Year 6 Isle of Wight next instalment	28 th November
Year 6 alternative week	30 th November
Year 5 PGL next instalment	30 th November
Year 5 alternative week	30 th November
D & T resources for the year	1 st January

DEADLINES FOR OTHER THINGS

Deadline	Date due
PTA non-uniform day for tombola gift	Friday 28 th November
Email Miss Lawrence if you can offer help with setting up the new school garden - poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	asap

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C 17th Nov 2025	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 21.11.25	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 21.11.25
Ash	94.8	95.4	
Oak	94.4	97.1	
Willow	97.9	96.9	
Year 3	-	-	96.5
Beech	94.6	97.2	
Elm	89.5	95.5	
Maple	98.6	97.4	
Year 4	-	-	96.6
Birch	91.8	95.8	
Yew	95.6	95.7	
Year 5	-	-	95.7
Juniper	98.9	97.1	
Pine	95.6	96.1	
Poplar	96.2	95.6	
Year 6	-	-	96.2
Totals	95.3	96.3	96.3



Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow	Miss Atkinson	willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Ash	Mrs Garland/ Mrs Robert	ash@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Oak	Miss Malone	oak@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Maple	Mrs Mendez	maple@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Beech	Miss Cook	beech@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Elm	Mr Lewington	elm@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Yew	Ms Prioli	yew@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Birch	Miss Bryant	birch@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Poplar	Miss Lawrence	poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Pine	Miss Jackman	pine@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
Juniper	Mr Goodchild	juniper@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	
Years 5 & 6 maths sets	Miss Wells	maths56@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	
General enquiries	office@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk		
Welfare/reporting your child's absence	welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk		
Safeguarding concerns	dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk		
<p>Whiteheath Junior School is a safe space for any child or adult to come to talk about issues affecting them. Ask the office to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead, (Mrs Ventin or Ms Kenny), or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Miss Wells). Alternatively, you can email the address above dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk - this is a confidential email address only read by the safeguarding leads.</p>			
<p>If you are concerned a child may be at risk, you can also contact the Stronger Families Hub on 01895 556006 (available all year round).</p>			

Extra-curricular Clubs

We are very fortunate in being able to offer the children a wide variety of before, lunchtime and after school clubs. To see the full schedule, and for details of how to sign up for clubs, please visit: <https://www.whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/extra-curricular-clubs/>

Autumn Term Dates

- **Additions/changes in red**

Monday 24th November
Nov)

Thursday 27th November

Friday 28th November

Friday 28th November

Xmas Fayre

Thursday 4th December

Friday 5th December

Wednesday 10th December
2:45pm

Wednesday 10th December

Individual photographs (changed from Friday 7th)

Year 4 Badminton Team – London Youth Games

Year 6 visit to the Science Museum

Non-uniform in return for tombola gift for PTA

PTA Christmas Fayre

Santa Dash for the Daily Mile

SEND & Pastoral meeting for parents/carers

Choir to sing at the Poplars Care Home - TBC



Thursday 11th December
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Friday 12th December

Saturday 13th December
Tuesday 16th December
Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December
Friday 19th December

Year 6 Height and Weight Check - am
Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to the school - afternoon (change of date)
Swimming Gala
Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day
Choir Sing at Michael Sobell Winter Market
Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at 9:30am (change of date)
Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at 5pm
Christmas Parties
School term ends at 12:30pm

Have a good weekend,

M Kenny,
Headteacher

