



WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 14

Friday 12th December, 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.

CHOIR SING AT POPLARS CARE HOME

On Wednesday 10th December, our school choir brought festive spirit to the residents of Poplars Care Home with a special Christmas performance. The children sang a selection of traditional carols and modern favourites, filling the lounge with music, smiles and a little holiday magic.

The residents and staff were delighted, joining in with familiar tunes and sharing kind words with the choir. It was a heart-warming afternoon for everyone involved and a wonderful reminder of the joy that music can bring during the festive season.

GEOBUS WORKSHOPS INSPIRE YEARS 4 AND 6 IN GEOGRAPHY



Recently, our Year 4 and Year 6 children took part in **GeoBus workshops**, bringing their geography learning to life through interactive 3D activities.

Year 4 explored **Hazards**, learning about the structure of the Earth and why earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur. Using **3D glasses and 3D images of volcanoes**, the children actively engaged with the topic and gained a deeper understanding of these natural events.

Year 6 took part in the **Arctic, Sea Ice and Climate** workshop, investigating the polar climate and the effects of climate change in the Arctic. With the help of **3D glasses and 3D images**, children explored sea ice and its importance in the environment. They also developed a clear understanding of climate change, why it is happening and the impact a warming world is having on the Arctic ecosystem.

It was amazing hearing from a real life scientist and geographer. Her message was really important! (Year 6)

Both workshops offered **hands-on, interactive learning**, giving the children the opportunity to explore concepts in 3D, ask questions and strengthen their understanding in a memorable way.

Mrs Kan, Geography Lead



SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to all of the children who competed in the Annual Swimming Gala yesterday. As always, it was a wonderful event and it was great that so many of our children got to represent the school so wonderfully. We took a team of 19 children and 12 schools took part.

The children were a real credit to our school and there were some incredible performances. We do not know how many medals were won by the children as the event ran over time (and they will be sent in the post!), however all of the children tried their very best and our boys team managed to come joint second overall.

Well done everyone!



CHURCH SERVICE

The children behaved impeccably today during the service at St Martin's Church. The choir sang beautifully and the Year 6 children delivered expressive readings. Thank you to the parents/carers who helped us to walk the whole school to the church and thank you St Martin's Church for hosting us.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All of the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch today. The staff and children sang and danced in the hall and a good time was had by all!





PRESENTATION WINNERS

We regularly give out presentation certificates for children who are making an extra special effort to present their class work neatly. This half term our recipients are: Allysa – Ash, Dhanvika – Willow, Frankie – Elm, Daniel – Poplar, Mya – Yew, Isla – Juniper, Harris – Pine.

Sports News

FOOTBALL CUP MATCH

This week our Boys A Football team played in the next round of the cup. Having got through against Field End in the last round it was a home fixture against Lady Bankes and one the team were all looking forward to.

It was an enthralling match from start to finish and Lady Bankes started the brighter of the two teams scoring early on from a corner to make it 1-0. Whiteheath responded superbly as Arthur made it 1-1 with some excellent closing down to finish into the back of the net. His performance on the pitch was exceptional and he fully deserved his goal.

Lady Bankes finished strongly in the end to win 3-1 and progress through to the next round of the cup. A tough fixture against a tough opposition but the boys were excellent once again. James picked



up the man of the match as he was outstanding in goal. Well done to all involved! Mr Newing.

Reminders

Class Parties – Thursday 18th December - children can bring party clothes in a bag and a plate of party food.

Children will be asked to bring their PE kits home on Thursday 18th December.

Lost property will be put out on the tables outside the gate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There is a lot, please take a look!

Please return any sports kits by the end of term.

Packed lunches only will be available to order from HCL on the last day of term as we are having an earlier lunch that day. Please remember the term ends at 12:30pm on Friday 19th December.

SPRING TERM - CLUB FLYERS

We have sent out flyers from all of our external clubs to book your child (ren) places for the Spring Term. You were sent the details for our:

- Chess Club – Tuesday lunchtimes
- Gymastics Club – Monday after school
- Street Dance Club – Tuesday after school
- Lets Go Tennis Club – Thursday before school
- Tech Club – Wednesday and Thursday 3:30 – 4:30pm
- PSD Breakfast Clubs – Monday to Thursday 7:50am – 8:50am
- PSD Lunchtime Clubs – every day
- PSD After School Clubs – every day 3:30-4:30pm

Please book places early as they get filled quickly! The full details of all of our Spring Term clubs are on the school website, under the Parents tab.

PARENT/CARER CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

We have several workshops this year (newly added date in red). The date/time of the workshops for this year are:

- Spring 1 - Maths - Wednesday 14th January 9:00 - 10:00am
- Spring 2 - Oracy – Friday 6th March 9:00 – 10:00am
- **Summer 1 – Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum– 16th April - 2pm**
- Summer 1 - Spelling – 21st April 9am 10am
- Summer 2 – Computing/Online Safety - Wednesday 10th June 9:00 - 10:00am

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

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.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

Meet Our Expert

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Community info/events

WE'RE HIRING!

Whiteheath Junior School, Ruislip

Two roles available

Part time hours

- 12 & 16 per week

Term time only

- Great work-life balance!

Perfect for...

- Those seeking flexible family friendly hours

For more information please contact the recruitment team on 01707 938625 or email recruitment@hcl.co.uk



HILLINGDON EDUCATION AND SEND EVENT

We are excited to announce the Education & SEND Parent Event taking place on:

Date: Monday, 26 January 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Venue: Civic Centre, Uxbridge

This event is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to:

- Hear from key services including SEND Advisory Team, Children's Integrated Therapies, SENDIASS, Parent Carer Forum, Local Offer, Family Hubs, and more.
- Access valuable information and support around SEND and education.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parents can register using the link below:

[Register Here](#)



Please find the event poster attached. We kindly ask you to share this with your parent community via your usual communication channels (newsletter, email, noticeboard, etc.)

[SEND & Education Parent Event \(1\) \(PDF, 618 KB\)](#)

Government launches national conversation on SEND

Government acts on commitment to make sure parents play a central role in helping shape the future Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system, as it sets ambition to deliver the biggest national conversation on SEND in a generation.

[Government launches national conversation on SEND - GOV.UK](#)

There are several ways to get involved:

- Sign up to attend a regional engagement event [here](#).
- Sign up to attend an online event [here](#).

HILLINGDON YOUTH OFFER

BOUNCE: Self-esteem and Resilience Building Programme for Children Aged 8 plus in Primary School

The London Borough of Hillingdon Youth Offer, Targeted Team '**Bounce: Self-esteem and Resilience Building Programme**' is a group intervention programme for children in primary school aged 8 years and above who require support with building self-esteem and resilience and the challenges they may face in their lives. The programme is designed to be both therapeutic and interactive.

The programme is offered FREE of charge.

Main Programme: this will consist of a 9-week main programme of which all these sessions **must** be attended by your child

Dates: Every Friday from Friday 16th January to Friday 27th March 2026

Times: 4:15 to 6:15pm

Location: Hayes Family Hub, College Way, Hayes, UB3 3BB

For further information about the content of the course please refer to the document

[BOUNCE Self-esteem and Resilience Building Programme \(2\) \(PDF, 134 KB\)](#)

Payment/deadline Dates

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment
Year 3 Stone Age workshop
Year 5 Brazil Day
Year 6 alternative week
Year 5 alternative week



UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children	today
D & T resources for the year	1 st January

DEADLINES FOR OTHER THINGS

Deadline	Date due
Keyboard and guitar lessons	6 th January
Email Miss Lawrence if you can help with setting up the new school garden - poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	asap

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C – 8th Dec 2025	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 12.12.25	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 12.12.25
Ash	95.8	95.9	
Oak	98.4	97.1	
Willow	88.8	95.4	
Year 3	-	-	96.2
Beech	92.3	96.7	
Elm	90.2	95.5	
Maple	93.4	97.2	
Year 4	-	-	96.5
Birch	98.1	96	
Yew	97.2	96	
Year 5	-	-	96
Juniper	96.3	95.8	
Pine	92.3	95.9	
Poplar	98.9	95.3	
Year 6	-	-	95.6
Totals	95	96	96

Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow	Ash	Oak	Maple	Beech	Elm	Yew	Birch	Poplar	Pine	Juniper
	Miss Atkinson	Mrs Garland/ Mrs Robert	Miss Malone	Mrs Mendez	Miss Cook	Mr Lewington	Ms Prioli	Miss Bryant	Miss Lawrence	Miss Jackman	Mr Goodchild
	willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	ash@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	oak@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	maple@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	beech@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	elm@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	yew@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	birch@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	pine@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	juniper@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk



	Years 5 & 6 miss wells 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		
<p>Safeguarding concerns - dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk 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

Saturday 13th December

Tuesday 16th December

Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December

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

Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at 5pm

Christmas Parties

School term ends at 12:30pm

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

M Kenny,
Headteacher

