



# WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Whole School Newsletter

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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.

### WELCOME BACK



Happy New Year to you all. All the staff at Whiteheath wish you and your families a prosperous 2026.

It is lovely to have the children back and we have some exciting events planned/in the pipeline for this term, including Safer Internet Day and the choir's Young Voices concert. We are also excited to inform you that we are holding another 2 workshops for parents/carers, (one on Maths and one on Oracy).

We have the usual February Parents' Consultations in person with your child's class teacher and there is an optional online meeting later in the term for you to meet your child's maths teacher. These optional meetings are for you if your child's teacher for maths is not your child's class teacher. More details on this to follow in due course.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are delighted to share the launch of our brand-new Whiteheath Junior School website, which went live this week. The new design offers a fresh, modern look and an improved user experience, making it easier than ever to explore all that our school has to offer.

The website has been developed to be more intuitive and accessible, ensuring that parents, and visitors can quickly find the information they need.



We hope you find the new site engaging, informative, and simple to navigate. You can visit the website here to explore the new look. [Whiteheath Junior School - Home](#). There may be some teething issues with the website for the first few days, so please bear with us.

## SPRING TERM CURRICULUM MAPS

The Spring Term Curriculum Maps for your child's year group are now on the school website (in Our Learning/Curriculum/Overview section, then Curriculum Overview). These outline the focus/topic for each subject this term, visits and extended projects. We hope that you will find this useful.

If you have any queries about any of the topics or areas being covered during the Spring Term, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## ORACY IN KS2

At our school, we place a strong emphasis on **oracy**. Oracy is the ability to **express ideas clearly, listen carefully, and communicate confidently** through spoken language. These skills are essential not only for success in school, but for life beyond the classroom, future learning, and the workplace. In KS2, oracy helps children to:

- **Explain their thinking clearly**, especially in subjects such as Maths and science
- **Use ambitious vocabulary** and subject-specific language with confidence
- **Ask and answer questions** thoughtfully
- **Take part in discussions**, debates, and collaborative learning
- **Speak to different audiences**, from a partner or small group to the whole class
- **Listen respectfully**, building on or challenging ideas in a positive way

Oracy is taught and practised across the curriculum. Children regularly take part in activities such as **partner talk, group discussions, debates, presentations, drama, role play, and structured talk tasks**. Teachers model high-quality spoken language and provide sentence stems and discussion rules to help pupils develop clarity, confidence, and respect when speaking.

Developing strong oracy skills also supports children's **reading comprehension and writing**. When children can articulate their ideas verbally, they are better able to organise their thoughts, understand texts more deeply, and express themselves clearly in writing. Oracy also plays an important role in developing **social skills, empathy, teamwork, and emotional literacy**.

We also encourage children to:

- Speak in **full sentences**
- Justify opinions using evidence
- Build on the ideas of others using phrases such as *"I agree with..."* or *"I would like to add..."*
- Reflect on their own speaking and listening skills

### How you can support oracy at home

Parents and carers play a vital role in developing oracy. You can support your child by:

- Talking regularly about school learning and encouraging them to **explain their thinking**
- Asking open-ended questions such as *"How do you know?"* or *"Can you tell me more?"*
- Encouraging children to **retell stories**, explain instructions, or share opinions
- Modelling good listening, turn-taking, and respectful discussion at home
- Limiting distractions during family conversations so children feel heard and valued



## MATHS WORKSHOP – DATE RESCHEDULED

Please note that we have had to reschedule the date for the Maths Workshop for parents/carers. It is now on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9 – 10am. A letter has been sent out about the workshop with details to indicate your attendance.

# Reminders

## PUNCTUALITY

Please can we remind all parents/carers to ensure children arrive promptly for school. The school is open from 8:30am and all children should arrive before 8:50am. Whilst we understand reasons for one off delays, we have a number of children regularly arriving late for school. Thank you.

## SPRING TERM - CLUB FLYERS

We have sent out flyers from all of our external clubs to book your child (ren) places for this term.

- 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. The date/time of the workshops for the next 2 terms are (Please note a date change in red):

- **Spring 1 - Maths - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9:00 - 10:00am (not next week)**
- Spring 2 - Oracy – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 – 10:00am
- Summer 1 – Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum– 16<sup>th</sup> April - 2pm
- Summer 1 - Spelling – 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



# Merit Assembly

**Class of the Week – Maple and Elm**

## Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rosa, Muhammad, Beau	Sarah, Sonny, Sophie	Eliana, Sinan	Jude, Zavian, Harry



## House Points

Hampton	Windsor	London	Westminster
40	10	30	30

# 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](http://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

- ### 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.
- ### 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.
- ### 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.
- ### 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.
- ### 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.
- ### 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.
- ### 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.
- ### 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.
- ### 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.
- ### 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

**Meet Our Expert**

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.

**#WakeUpWednesday** The National College

See full reference list on our website

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# A GUIDE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR PARENTS ON MANAGING CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIVES

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. This guide aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

## Community info/events



# FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL



## SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL SESSIONS DELIVERED BY THE PSD ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11

**A MIX OF FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND INSPIRE THE NEXT STEPS ON THEIR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY.**

SCAN TO BOOK



<b>UNDER 5'S - UNDER 7'S</b> CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - YEAR 2 SATURDAY MORNINGS 9AM - 10AM £6 PER SESSION	<b>UNDER 8'S - UNDER 11'S</b> CHILDREN IN YEARS 3-6 SATURDAY MORNINGS 10AM - 11AM £6 PER SESSION
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# 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](mailto:recruitment@hcl.co.uk)



## Payment/deadline Dates

### OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment
Year 3 Stone Age workshop
Year 5 Brazil Day
Year 6 alternative week
Year 5 alternative week
D & T resources for the year

### UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
Yr 6 IOW residential	30 <sup>th</sup> January
Yr 5 PGL residential	31 <sup>st</sup> January



## DEADLINES FOR OTHER THINGS

Deadline	Date due
Keyboard lessons – Mr Moore	6 <sup>th</sup> January
Guitar lessons – Mr Moore	6 <sup>th</sup> January

## Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C – 9th Jan 2026	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 09.01.26	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 09.01.26
Ash	94.0	95.4	
Oak	96.9	96.8	
Willow	94.4	94.7	
<b>Year 3</b>	-	-	95.6
Beech	96.6	96.4	
Elm	95.2	95.8	
Maple	97.0	96.4	
<b>Year 4</b>	-	-	96.2
Birch	95.0	95.9	
Yew	95.6	95.7	
<b>Year 5</b>	-	-	95.8
Juniper	96.4	95.7	
Pine	96.5	96.0	
Poplar	96.2	95.3	
<b>Year 6</b>	-	-	95.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>95.9</b>

## Contacting us

<b>Contacting class teachers</b>	Willow Ash  Oak Maple Beech Elm Yew Birch Poplar Pine Juniper Years 5 & 6 maths sets	Miss Atkinson Mrs Garland/ Mrs Robert  Miss Malone Mrs Mendez Miss Cook Mr Lewington Ms Prioli Miss Bryant Miss Lawrence Miss Jackman Mr Goodchild Miss Wells	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 maths56@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
<b>General enquiries</b>	<a href="mailto:office@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk">office@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk</a>		
<b>Welfare/reporting your child's absence</b>	<a href="mailto:welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk">welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk</a>		



**Safeguarding concerns - [dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk) - this is a confidential email address only read by the safeguarding leads.

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).

## 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/>

## Spring Term Dates

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day (no children)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 5/6 girls football tournament
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Maths workshop for parents/carers
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Yr 5/6 boys football tournament
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents Evening
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 3/4 girls football tournament
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents Evening
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Choir Young Voices Concert
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 5/6 Basketball Competition

***HALF TERM - Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February***

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Mosque visit
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Oracy workshop for parents/carers
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3/4 Netball Festival
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5/6 Development Netball Festival
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Online Maths Parents Meetings – Yr 3
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Online Maths Parents Meetings – Yr 6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Online Maths Parents Meetings – Yr 5
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Online Maths Parents Meetings – Yr 4
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term report cards out to parents/carers
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School breaks up for Easter at 12:30pm

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**M Kenny,**  
Headteacher

