



WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 24

Friday 17th April, 2026.

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.

YEAR 4 SYNAGOGUE TRIP

Year 4 had an enriching visit to The Ark Synagogue in Northwood on Tuesday 24th March led by Rabbi Aaron, where they learned about Jewish traditions, worship, and community life.



The children explored the synagogue's features, including the Torah scrolls and Ark and listened to engaging stories about Jewish faith and history. The children enjoyed asking questions and gained a deeper understanding of Jewish customs and values. The visit was a valuable experience, helping them appreciate different religions and cultures.

Thank you to those parent volunteers who accompanied us on the trip.



A HUGE THANK YOU

Due to the hard work of our very small PTA and PTA helpers, and your kind generosity over the past couple of years in donating during our PTA events, we now have Air Conditioning in the school hall ready for this term. Thank you ever so much. This will make a big difference to our children during the warmer months. It means that the children (and staff!) will be nice and cool whilst using the hall for things like eating their lunch, listening to assemblies, taking part in PE lesson and practising and putting on performances.

Thank you again.

Sports News

A TEAM DISTRICT NETBALL

On Tuesday before the Easter break, our girls' netball A team travelled to Newnham Junior School to take part in the annual District Competition.

Their first game was against a tough Newnham opposition who managed to get the victory over the girls but only narrowly, 4-2. It was Glebe up next and the girls were superb as they drew 1-1 but were by far the superior team and were extremely unlucky not to come away with the victory.

The girls unfortunately came up against some really tough teams in the next three fixtures and couldn't find their rhythm but still managed to pass the ball around effectively.

After the group stages were finalised, it was on to the shooting competition where they had to get as many in the hoop in 3 minutes. This was so much fun and the girls were brilliant as they managed 17 points which saw them finish in 4th place in the shooting event. As the afternoon progressed the girls were in the quarter finals against Newnham Storm and after a close match Newnham progressed through to the semi-final, winning 5-1.

A brilliant afternoon of netball and a competition the girls should be proud of. Mr Newing.



A TEAM FOOTBALL CUP COMPETITION

On Wednesday 27th March the boys' football A team travelled to Northwood Football Club to take part in the "Alan Budden" Cup, an annual event where the boys compete to claim the best school in the borough.

The boys started well, drawing their opening fixture 0-0 with Swithun Wells. The boys then produced back to back wins... 1-0 against Hillside and 2-1 against Frithwood.. This put the boys in a great position at the top of the table with 7 points out of a possible 9.



It was all rested on the last fixture and the boys only needed a draw to progress into the semi-finals and it looked that way until Harefield scored to make it 1-0 which unfortunately meant the boys finished 3rd in the group stage. A good afternoon and one they should always be proud of. Mr Newing.

B TEAM NETBALL

On Wednesday 25th March, our netball team took part in an exciting inter-school competition, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day. The team got off to a fantastic start, winning their first match and setting a positive tone for the rest of the tournament. They also secured two draws, demonstrating resilience and determination against strong opposition.

Although the remaining matches were challenging, the team continued to show excellent effort, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude, finishing 7th out of 15 teams overall. This was a valuable experience for all involved, helping to build confidence, teamwork, and match play skills. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and look forward to seeing their continued progress in future competitions. Mr Newing.

Reminders

PARENT/CARER CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

We have had several workshops this year. The date/time of the workshops this term (ones that have been rescheduled are in red)

- Summer 1 - Spelling – 21st April 9am 10am
- Summer 1 – Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum– rescheduled – now 19th May 9 -10am
- Summer 2 – Computing/Online Safety - Wednesday 10th June 9:00 - 10:00am
- Summer 2 - Oracy – Monday 22nd June – 2 – 3pm

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

Thursday 23rd April St George's Day - Scouts/ Guides/Brownies can to wear their uniform



Merit Assembly

Class of the Week – Poplar

Special Headteacher's Award – Lily-Mae, Zachary, Freddie

Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charles, Ayyva, Celine	Raeyah, Millie, Leo	Robin, Ryan	Akira, Thomas, Oliver

House Points

Hampton	Windsor	London	Westminster
40	20	30	20



Payment/deadline Dates

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment
Year 6 IOW residential
Year 6 alternative week
Year 5 alternative week
D & T resources for the year

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
PTA discos	23 rd April

SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 13 th April	Training Day (no children)
Tuesday 14 th April	Children return
Tuesday 21 st April	Parent/carer workshop – Spelling
Thursday 23 rd April	St George’s Day - Scouts/ Guides/Brownies can to wear their uniform
Thursday 23 rd April	PGL meeting for parents/carers – 3:40pm – 4:15pm
Friday 24 th April	Year 3 Local Visit
Friday 24 th April	Cricket competition
Saturday 25 th April	Cross Country TCS Mini Marathon
W/b 27 th April	Mini Marathons in classes
Monday 27 th April	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament
Thursday 30 th April	PTA discos – Year 3&4 3:45 – 4:50pm, Years 5&6 5pm – 6:10pm
Friday 1 st May	Year 4 Local visit
Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 6 th May	Cross Country Competition
Thursday 7 th May	Selected children -inter school Spelling Bee competition
Friday 8 th May	Year 4 assembly to school 9:30am
Friday 8 th May	Year 4 assembly to parents/carers 2:30pm
Week beg 11 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATs Week/ Year 5 Kingswood Residential Journey
Wednesday 13 th May	Mixed Tennis Competition
Tuesday 19th May	Parent/carer workshop – Behaviour Policy
Wednesday 20 th May	Maths Morning
Thursday 21 st May	School class/group photographs
HALF TERM WEEK MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29TH MAY	
Monday 1 st June	Children return
Wednesday 3 rd June	Girls’ Cricket Competition
Monday 8 th June	TfL workshop for Year 6 – moving onto secondary school
Wednesday 10 th June	Parent/carer workshop – Computing and Online Safety
Wednesday 10 th June	Best Cricket Competition
Thursday 11 th June	Isle of Wight meeting for parents/carers – 3:40pm – 4:15pm
Friday 12 th June	Joint Picnic with the Infant & Nursery School
Monday 15 th June	Year 5 swimming – 2-week block – Yew class



Monday 22 nd June	Parent/carer workshop – Oracy – 2-3pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 2 Transfer Meeting
Thursday 25 th June	Open Evening – 3:35 – 4:30pm
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day morning
Monday 29 th June	Year 5 swimming – 2-week block – Birch class
Monday 29 th June	Year 6 dress rehearsal to the school
Tuesday 30 th June	'Meet your new teacher' event 9:15-10:30am
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Leavers' Performance 6pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance 6pm
Thursday 2 nd July	British Values Day
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day morning reserve
Week beg 6 th July	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Journey
W/b 13 th July	Whole School Sports Week
Monday 13 th July	Whole School Empathy Day
Monday 13 th July	Year 6 Sorted Workshop
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Kiss Workshop
Tuesday 14 th July	Music Ensemble to school am & to and parents/carers 5:30pm
Wednesday 15 th July	End of Year reports out to parents/carers
Thursday 16 th July	PTA Summer Fayre 3:30 – 5:30pm
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 BBQ and disco 5:00 – 7:00pm
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term for the children - terms ends at 12:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd July	Training Day

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C – 14th Apr 2026	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 17.04.26	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 17.04.26
Ash	94.3	94.8	
Oak	94.8	96.5	
Willow	90.2	94.4	
Year 3	-	-	95.3
Beech	98.9	96.5	
Elm	96.8	94.4	
Maple	100	96.5	
Year 4	-	-	95.9
Birch	98.0	95.2	
Yew	94.2	94.8	
Year 5	-	-	95.0
Juniper	97.2	96.5	
Pine	95.8	96.0	
Poplar	90.4	96.0	
Year 6	-	-	96.2
Totals	95.5	95.6	95.6



Contacting us

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	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 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.			
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/>

Online Safety

Each week we are going to include a guide in this newsletter, covering different aspects of online safety, 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 APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDeloaded BANNED APPS

'Sideloading' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

Meet Our Expert

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Community info/events

WHITEHEATH INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL 2026 MAY FAYRE FAMILY FUN

PRICE
FROZEN
FOR 4
YEARS



KIDS WRISTBANDS

£7.00

ADULT ENTRY

£3.00

Great Food & Drink

BBQ
Pizza
Fish & Chips
Ice Cream
Adults Bar!



UNLIMITED TURNS!
FAIRGROUND RIDES
BOUNCY CASTLE
FAIR GAMES
INFLATABLE SLIDE
PETTING ZOO

TOMBOLA
MARKET STALLS
PLANT SALE
RAFFLE
DJ!
SCHOOL CHOIR

Tickets



...OR ON THE GATE!
£10 Kids Wristband
£4 Adult Entry

SATURDAY 9TH MAY
11AM - 3PM

LADYGATE LANE, RUISLIP.



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and future 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



**UNDER 5'S - UNDER 7'S
CHILDREN IN
RECEPTION - YEAR 2
SATURDAY MORNINGS
9AM - 10AM
£6 PER SESSION**

**UNDER 8'S - UNDER 11'S
CHILDREN IN YEARS
3- 6
SATURDAY MORNINGS
10AM - 11AM
£6 PER SESSION**

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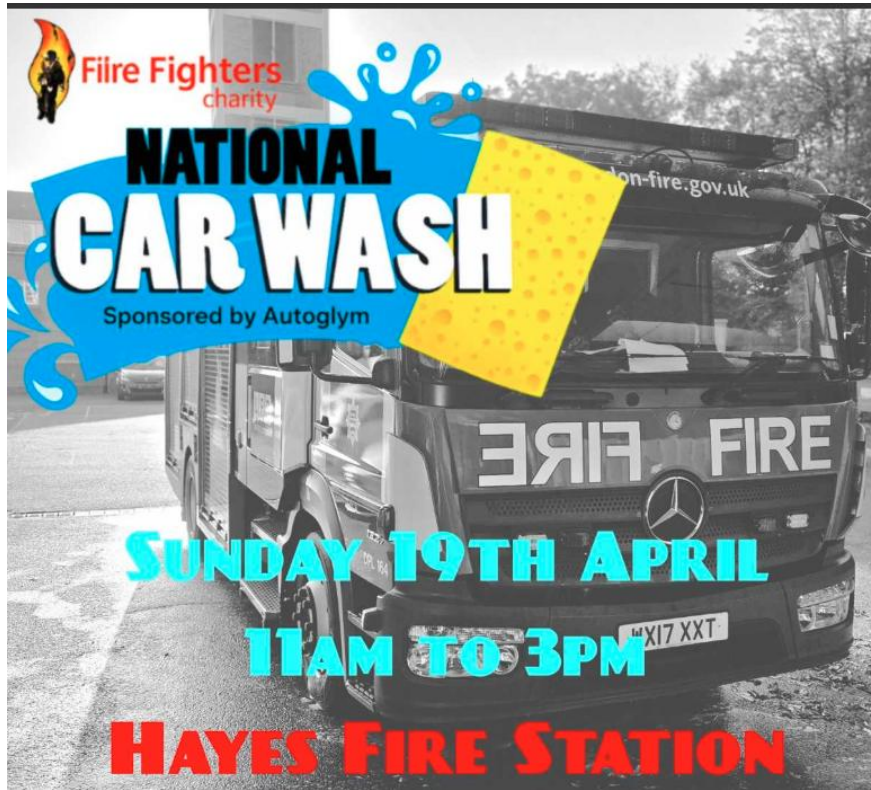
SUMMER TOUCH RUGBY

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN JUNE 7-9PM**

**ALL SENIORS, WOMEN'S,
JUNIORS AND MINIS
WELCOME**

RUISLIP RUGBY CLUB, WEST END ROAD, HA4 6DR





NEWLY REFURBISHED SPORTS HALL!

STARTS WEEK COMMENCING 13TH APRIL

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ICKENHAM YOUTH FC & HEALDSTONE YOUTH FC

INDOOR FOOTBALL BALLER LEAGUE STYLE

ACS HILLINGDON SPORTS HALL
108 VINE LANE, HILLINGDON, UXBRIDGE, UB10 0BE

TUESDAYS
14TH APRIL - 19TH MAY

YEARS 5 & 6 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM
£12.50 PER SESSION (CAPPED AT 18)

FRIDAYS
17TH APRIL - 22ND MAY

RECEPTION 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
£10.50 PER SESSION (CAPPED AT 12)

YEARS 1 & 2 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM
£12.50 PER SESSION (CAPPED AT 18)

YEARS 3 & 4 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
£12.50 PER SESSION (CAPPED AT 18)

SOLD OUT EMAIL FOR WAITING LIST

SCAN ME!

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BOOK ONLINE

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT
SOCCER.SCHOOL@HEALDSTONEYOUTHFC.CO.UK

Have a restful weekend,

M Kenny, Headteacher

