



WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 26

Friday 1st May, 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 3 TRIP

On Friday 24th April, all three classes in Year 3 visited The Woodland Centre at Ruislip Lido. Here they got the opportunity to learn more about the lido, the wood and the whole area. After a short walk around the forest, where the classes found out lots of interesting facts about different trees, the children were set the challenge of creating a mini den for some mini beasts or small animals. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this. The dens produced were fantastic homes for a range of different creatures. Well done Year 3!



TCS MINI MARATHON

On Saturday 25th April, a group of 15 children (taken from Cross Country club) had the wonderful opportunity to run the Mini London Marathon in the heart of the city.

Once they had attached their race numbers, they were lucky enough to be warmed up by none other than the ambassador of the mini marathon himself, Joe Wicks. Even though it was a warm day, all the children did a fantastic job and completed the 2.6km, where they got to run past Buckingham Palace, up the Mall and receive their wonderful medals!!

Well done to everyone that participated and thank you to the families for their support.



SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT TO CITY HALL

The School Council visited City Hall on Monday. We were welcomed into the Committee Rooms and able to visit the Assembly Room – where the Mayor’s Question Time takes place.

The children attended a workshop learning about London's past. They travelled back to pre-Roman times and traced London's development through to the modern day.

The children also learned about the role of Mayor of London and how this position was created. They were invited to put forward their ideas and suggestions imagining they were Mayor for the Day. They were also presented with some decision-making dilemmas around spending - including the New Year's Eve firework display.

The children represented the school impeccably and we were very proud of them all.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Four children from Whiteheath Junior School competed in a chess tournament held at ACS Hillingdon over the weekend.

After five challenging rounds against pupils from schools across both the Hillingdon and Ealing boroughs, the children achieved excellent results. The girls earned medals for finishing 2nd (Ria Yr 4) and 3rd (Amber - Yr 6) in the female category, while the boys placed 2nd (Callum Yr 6) and 3rd (Max Yr 5) in their respective age groups.

Well done, you did the school proud!

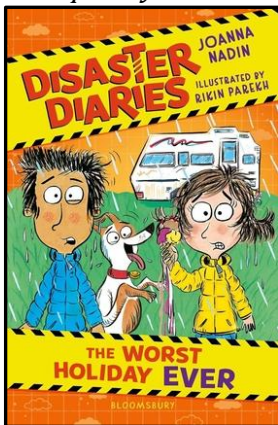


BOOKS THAT BOOK TRUST LOVE THIS MONTH

Each month, Book Trust reviews dozens of children's books. Below are their favourites for April 2026. We hope these are books that your child will enjoy but please check these are suitable for your child as these are only recommendations.

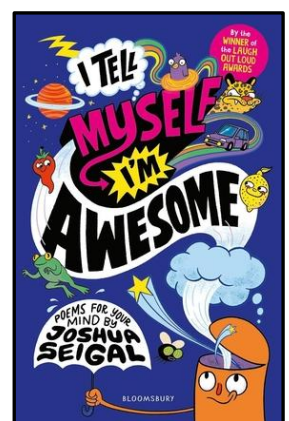
I Tell Myself I'm Awesome by Joshua Seigal

This poetry collection is 'for your mind', which means that not only are all sorts of emotions explored, so is the concept of your mind not always being an easy place to be. And, importantly, playful poetic forms, pleasing rhymes and 'stretch vocabulary' will entertain and even challenge your mind.



Disaster Diaries: The Worst Holiday Ever by Joanna Nadin

Eight-year-old Daffodil Patterson lives with her loving but chaotic family, Mum, Dad, two teenage siblings, Grandma and, most importantly, Colin the greyhound. This year, Mum has left the summer holiday planning to Dad. The children are dismayed when they discover he has NOTHING PLANNED, so he hastily books a last-minute mystery getaway to the exotic-sounding Sandy Palace.



Sports News

Last Friday, selected children represented our school in a Cricket Festival hosted by Middlesex Cricket Club.

It was a glorious afternoon at Uxbridge Cricket Club. Whiteheath were paired with St John Fisher Primary School and competed in various fun activities/challenges showcasing the different elements and skills of cricket – including how to bowl correctly and batting with confidence.

During the last part of the event, both schools played mini non-competitive matches to the end the day. A wonderful afternoon was had by all; it was a great way for the children to gain more knowledge and understanding of an incredible summer sport.

Reminders

PARENT/CARER CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

We have had several workshops this year. The date/time of the workshops this term:

- Summer 1 - Spelling –14th May at 2pm
- Summer 1 – Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum – 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.



Merit Assembly

Class of the Week – Ash and Pine

Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alyssa, Caylee, Arya	Harper, Henry, Nathan	Ivy, Amyra	James, Zavian, Callum

House Points

Hampton	Windsor	London	Westminster
20	30	20	40

Payment/deadline Dates



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment
D & T resources for the year
Yr 6 alternative week

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
Yr 5 – coach for swimming	31 st May

SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 4th May

Wednesday 6th May

Thursday 7th May

Friday 8th May

Friday 8th May

Week beg 11th May

Wednesday 13th May

Thursday 14th May

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May

Thursday 21st May

BANK HOLIDAY

Cross Country Competition

Selected children -inter school Spelling Bee competition

Year 4 assembly to school 9:30am

Year 4 assembly to parents/carers 2:30pm

Year 6 KS2 SATs Week/ Year 5 Kingswood Residential Journey

Mixed Tennis Competition

Parent/carers workshop – Spelling

Parent/carers workshop – Behaviour Policy

Maths Morning

School class/group photographs

HALF TERM WEEK MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29TH MAY

Monday 1st June

Wednesday 3rd June

Thursday 4th June

Thursday 4th June

Friday 5th June

Monday 8th June

Tuesday 9th June

Wednesday 10th June

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Thursday 11th June

Friday 12th June

Monday 15th June

Monday 22nd June

Monday 22nd June

Tuesday 23rd June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June

Monday 29th June

Monday 29th June

Tuesday 30th June

Tuesday 30th June

Thursday 2nd July

Thursday 2nd July

Friday 3rd July

Week beg 6th July

W/b 13th July

Monday 13th July

Children return

Girls' Cricket Competition

Virtual Author Visit

Cricket Competition

Whole School Code Show

TfL workshop for Year 6 – moving onto secondary school

Year 6 Inclusive Football Tournament

Parent/carers workshop – Computing and Online Safety

Best Cricket Competition

Isle of Wight meeting for parents/carers – 3:40pm – 4:15pm

Joint Picnic with the Infant & Nursery School

Year 5 swimming – 2-week block – Yew class

Parent/carers workshop – Oracy – 2-3pm

District Sport Competition

Year 2 Transfer Meeting

Open Evening – 3:35 – 4:30pm

Sports Day morning

Year 5 swimming – 2-week block – Birch class

Year 6 dress rehearsal to the school

'Meet your new teacher' event 9:15-10:30am

Year 6 Leavers' Performance 6pm

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British Values Day

Sports Day morning reserve

Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Journey

Whole School Sports Week

Whole School Empathy Day



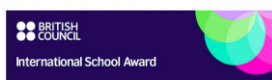
Monday 13th July Year 6 Sorted Workshop
 Tuesday 14th July Year 6 Kiss Workshop
 Tuesday 14th July Music Ensemble to school am & to and parents/carers 5:30pm
 Wednesday 15th July End of Year reports out to parents/carers
 Thursday 16th July PTA Summer Fayre 3:30 – 5:30pm
 Monday 20th July Year 6 BBQ and disco 5:00 – 7:00pm
 Tuesday 21st July **Last day of term for the children - terms ends at 12:30pm**
 Wednesday 22nd July Training Day

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C – 27th Apr 2026	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 01.05.26	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 01.05.26
Ash	93.8	94.8	
Oak	96.7	96.6	
Willow	96.2	94.6	
Year 3	-	-	95.4
Beech	94.5	96.5	
Elm	94.0	94.5	
Maple	97.1	96.5	
Year 4	-	-	95.9
Birch	95.5	95.3	
Yew	96.0	94.9	
Year 5	-	-	95.1
Juniper	97.4	96.4	
Pine	97.0	96.1	
Poplar	96.9	96.1	
Year 6	-	-	96.3
Totals	96	95.7	95.7

Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow Miss Atkinson ash@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk Ash Mrs Garland/ Mrs Robert 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

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.

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

- 1 KNOW THE TYPES**
While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. For example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.
- 2 COVER ALL DEVICES**
Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of being open to the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child is on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.
- 3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH**
While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that un-protected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.
- 4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS**
Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.
- 5 BLOCK APP SPENDING**
Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions; purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.
- 6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT**
Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.
- 7 MIND THE GAPS**
There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-based parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover what happens outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.
- 8 KEEP THINGS SECURE**
Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.
- 9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY**
Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.
- 10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP**
The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 15 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble-wrapping their internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

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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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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May half-term holiday camp at our school

This May half-term, **Holiday HQ** returns to our school, delivered by **Junior Adventures Group (JAG)**.








 **Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 May**

 [Check out What's On!](#)

 [Register/Book Now!](#)

Holiday HQ: World Cup Challenge

During the holidays, children will:

-  Create team names, flags and anthems to kick off the week
-  Take part in striker, defender and goalkeeper skill challenges
-  Design and build their own World Cup trophy
-  Compete in quizzes, team missions and problem-solving games
-  Design football shirts, bottles and flipbooks to take home
-  Play matches, footgolf and high-energy team games
-  Finish the week with finals day, celebrations and awards

What this means for families

- ✓ Safe, structured days delivered by experienced, DBS-checked staff
- ✓ Ofsted-registered holiday childcare you can trust
- ✓ A convenient, familiar school setting
- ✓ Full and half-day options — book only the days you need
- ✓ 48-hour cancellation policy if plans change
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare accepted

For parents, it means dependable holiday cover and a calmer, more organised half-term — without disrupting work or existing routines.

Book early and save

 **Early bird discount – Save 10%**

Book by Sunday May 10 using code **JOININ10** at checkout

 **Sibling discount – Save 10%**

Automatically applied when booking more than one child



Multi-day booking discount – Save 4%


Applied when booking four days or more within the same week
All eligible discounts are combined automatically at checkout.

Parents can view session times, prices and availability online.

 [Find our school club](#)

Active days for them. An easier week for you.

Have any questions?

 0333 577 1533

 hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

Performing Arts Summer Workshops at the Compass Theatre - now taking bookings!

Spend your summer holidays onstage at our popular musical theatre workshops for young people. Rehearse songs, drama scenes and dance routines from hit West End and Broadway musicals ready for two performances onstage on the Friday at 1:30 pm & 3 pm. Workshops run 10am-4pm each day and each week features different musicals - perfect for those eager stars who want to join us at both workshop weeks!

- 5 day workshops (7-16yrs): 27-31 July / 17-21 Aug
- 2 day workshops (4-6yrs): 30 & 31 July / 20 & 21 Aug

We can't wait for another summer of musical theatre creativity and your child's invited, so secure their place today.

For more information, please contact Hillingdon Theatres Box Office (boxoffice@hillingdon.gov.uk / 01895 250615) or [book here](#).

Childcare Survey including Early Years & School Aged Childcare

To help shape the childcare expansion across Hillingdon from 0-14 years of age or up to 18 for a child with SEND, we would like to hear from parents about how they use childcare and where there are any issues accessing childcare where/ when needed.

Please share this text with all your parents/carers:

To help shape the childcare expansion across Hillingdon we would really appreciate you taking 5 mins to complete this survey [Early Years & School Age Childcare - Fill in form](#)

Have a nice weekend,

M Kenny,
Headteacher

