WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

# Whole School Newsletter

**Newsletter No: 7** **Friday 16th October, 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.

## BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION




The UK's largest children's story writing competition is open for entries.

We have creative children at Whiteheath with big imaginations and great ideas. The BBC 500 words writing competition, is now open for entries and is a great opportunity for some of our children to show off their skills. All they need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. **The closing date for entries is Friday 6th November at 9pm**. Children of all abilities can enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

The finalists will be invited to have tea with the Queen and their winning stories will be shared on TV. They will also take home an illustration of their story by a top children's illustrator, a bundle of books for themselves and the gold winners' schools will receive 500 books for their school library. For all other information regarding how to submit your stories, story ideas and live lessons please use this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words. Happy Writing! Miss Lawrence, Writing Lead.

## YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

This week our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability training, where they developed their cycling skills and learned how to stay safe on the roads.

The sessions helped them build confidence, improve their awareness of road safety and practise making safe decisions when cycling.

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils for their enthusiasm and participation! The bikeability trainers asked us to pass on their thanks to all the children for being such a pleasure to work with. They were particularly impressed by the children's excellent behaviour and conduct throughout.

## HILLINGDON FOODBANK COLLECTION



A huge thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to Hillingdon Foodbank this week. Just look at our wonderful collection so far! Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to local families in need.

We have arranged for the donations to be collected next Friday, 23rd October. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet and would like to contribute, there's still time! Please drop off your donations at the school gate or at the school office next week.

**Thank you all for your incredible kindness and support. Our school community is amazing!**

# Sports News

## FOOTBALL CUP MATCH

On Wednesday, our A Football Team travelled to Harefield Junior School for the next round of the cup. Following their emphatic victory against Hillside in the previous round, the team were determined to continue their impressive cup run against a strong Harefield side.

Whiteheath made a fantastic start to the match. Romeo's shot was blocked by the Harefield goalkeeper, and Frankie was on hand to fire the rebound into the top corner, giving Whiteheath a 1–0 lead at half-time.

The second half saw Harefield increase the pressure, but our players defended brilliantly to protect their lead. Edie was outstanding in goal, making a series of excellent saves to keep Harefield at bay.

At the other end of the pitch, Frankie was in superb form again, adding two more goals to complete another fantastic hat-trick!

The final whistle confirmed a brilliant 3–0 victory for Whiteheath, securing our place in the next round of the cup.

Well done to the whole team for their fantastic teamwork, determination and effort. We are incredibly proud of you all and look forward to seeing how far you can go in the competition! Mr Newing.

## NETBALL FIXTURES

On Thursday, our Girls' A and B Netball Teams welcomed Newnham for a competitive afternoon of netball.

The A Team made a fantastic start to their match, with the score finely balanced at 2–2 thanks to some excellent shooting from captain Isla. Newnham made changes to their squad in the second quarter and began to take control of possession, building a 7–2 lead heading into the final five minutes. However, our girls showed great determination and fought hard to close the gap, bringing

the final score to 8–4 to Newnham. Esme was named Player of the Match for her outstanding performance across the court. Well done, Esme, and well done to the whole team!

Our B Team were playing together for the first time, and it was fantastic to see the confidence with which they moved the ball around the court.

Despite finding themselves behind on the scoreboard, the girls continued to work hard and support one another. Hanna was particularly impressive in the final quarter, finding the net on several occasions and delighting those watching! The match finished 10–5 to Newnham, but there were plenty of positives to take away from this first outing together.

Well done to all the girls for their effort, teamwork and determination. We are proud of you all! Mr Newing.

# Reminders




## OCTOBER WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

This month, we're encouraging our children and families to take part in Walk to School Month! Walking to school is a great way to stay active, enjoy some fresh air, spend time together and help reduce traffic and pollution around our school.
So, get your walking shoes ready and let's make every step count!

## SCIENCE COMPETITION




I am launching a World Space Week competition for the children to create their own **'Pikachu's Journey to Space Comic Strip'**.
The children are encouraged to research a little more about the space mission that Sophie and Pikachu undertook for 67 days. They can then use what they've learned, alongside their own imagination, to write and illustrate their own version of Pikachu's journey to space. The last day for submitting entries will be **Thursday 22nd October**.
I look forward to reading all about Pikachu's adventures! Miss Bryant - Science Lead

## CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

The school cordially invites you to an exhibition of the children's art on **Thursday 19th November 2026.**
The school art gallery will open straight after school. If you are unable to attend but wish to purchase your child's artwork, please arrange for someone else to collect and pay for it on your behalf. These make lovely gifts for Christmas, Mother's Day, or other family members.
Please note that this event is cash-only, and we kindly ask that you try to bring the exact change. Framed pictures are on sale for £10 each.
Thank you for supporting this event and helping to raise vital funds for the school!

# Merit Assembly

## Class of the Week – Elm

## Class Merit Awards

| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ziba, Dominic | Bianca, Shaan, Alarna | Ellis, Henry, Kaiyan | Asha, Ella |

## House Points

| Hampton | Windsor | London | Westminster |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 40 | 10 | 30 |

# Weekly Attendance

| Class | % Attendance W/C – 12th Oct 2026 | % Attendance 03.09.26 – 16.10.26 | Year Group Attendance % 03.09.26 – 16.10.26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oak | 97.5 | 99.1 | |
| Willow | 99.3 | 98.4 | |
| **Year 3** | - | - | 98.7 |
| Beech | 95.7 | 96.3 | |
| Elm | 100 | 97.8 | |
| Maple | 96.4 | 95.4 | |
| **Year 4** | - | - | 96.5 |
| Birch | 98 | 97.5 | |
| Yew | 98.1 | 95.8 | |
| **Year 5** | - | - | 96.6 |
| Pine | 97.6 | 96 | |
| Poplar | 93.2 | 94 | |
| **Year 6** | - | - | 95 |
| **Totals** | **97.3** | **96.7** | **96.7** |

# Payment/deadline Dates

## OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

| Payment |
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| Young Voices |

## UPCOMING PAYMENTS

| Payment | Date due |
|---|---|
| Year 6 Isle of Wight instalment | 2nd November |
| Year 5 PGL instalment | 30th November |

# Contacting us

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| **Contacting class teachers** | Willow | Miss Atkinson | willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Oak | Mrs Pedrick | ash@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Maple | Mrs Mendez | maple@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Beech | Miss Cook | beech@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Elm | Miss Malone | elm@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Yew | Ms Prioli | yew@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Birch | Mr Goodchild | birch@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Poplar | Miss Lawrence | poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk |
| | Pine | Miss Bryant | pine@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 Padley 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:
Whiteheath Junior School - Extra-curricular Clubs

# Online Safety

Each week, we'll share a new guide in our newsletter focusing on a different aspect of online safety, to help parents and carers support and protect children and young people in the digital world.



# PTA/Community events/info

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# SEND MULTI SPORTS SESSIONS

## Term DATES

**MONDAY**

28th Sept - 30th Nov
(no sessions on 26th October)

**WEDNESDAY**

30th Sept - 2nd Dec
(no session on 28th October)

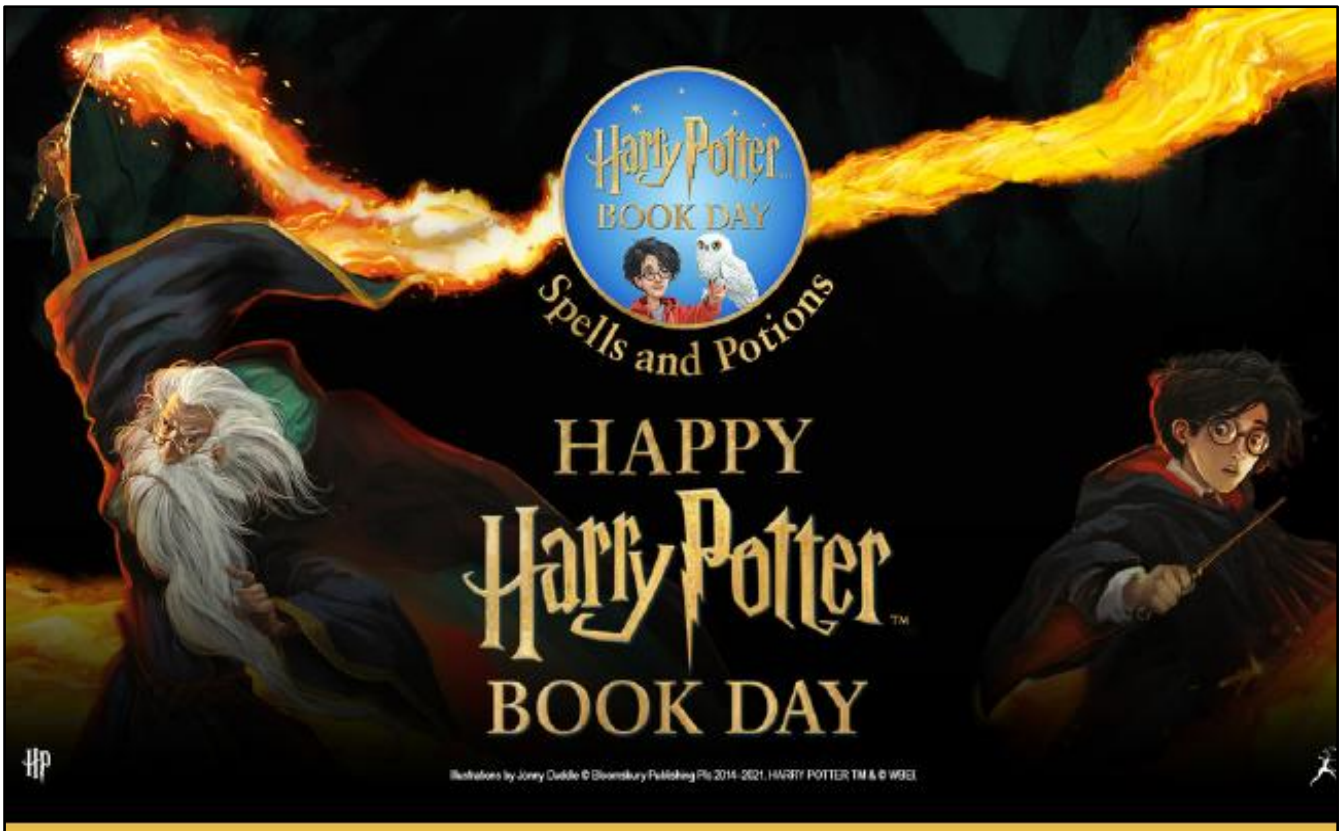
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**FREE** Multi Sports sessions for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.



## Weekly SCHEDULE

| M | T | W | T | F |
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| Botwell Leisure Centre 5pm - 6pm | | Hillingdon Leisure Centre 5.30pm- 6.30pm | | |




# Hillingdon Libraries present A Magical Day at Hogwarts!

Step into a world of magic this half-term and enjoy a spellbinding day of stories, crafts and wizarding activities for the whole family.

Make sure you join our **costume parade at midday**, where there will be a prize for the best dressed character judged by The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Reeta Chamdal.

*Remember the more imaginative costumes will stand out the most!*

**Entry is free**, but please book your Hogwarts arrival time-slot in advance.

**The Great Barn, Ruislip**
Thursday 29 October 2026
**10am to 2pm**

GO ALL IN.

FREE TRIAL !

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ICKENHAM YOUTH FC & WEALDSTONE YOUTH FC

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STARTS 06/11/26 !

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FEATURING A WEEKLY "PRESSURE POINT" PENALTY SHOOTOUT

BOOK ONLINE



SCAN ME

DATES: 06/11 13/11 20/11 21/11 04/12 11/12

## ACS HILLINGDON SPORTS HALL

108 VINE LANE, HILLINGDON, UXBRIDGE, UB10 0BE

**FRIDAYS**

RECEPTION • 5:15PM - 6:15PM
YEARS 1 & 2 • 5:15PM - 6:30PM
NEW! YEARS 3 & 4 • 6:30PM - 7:45PM

**PRICES**

£10.50 • RECEPTION
(CAPPED AT 12 SPACES)

£12.50 • YRS 1 & 2 • 3 & 4
(CAPPED AT 18 SPACES)

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

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# OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP




## 🚀 Mission Starlight Is Ready for Launch! 🪐

This **October half-term**, JAG's Holiday HQ camp is coming to our school with their Mission Starlight theme.

🗓️ **26–30 October**
*(Check our school page on the JAG website for full details.)*
👧 👦 **Ages 4–11**

⭐ **Early Bird – Save 10%**
Use code **STARLIGHT10** when you book by **Sunday 4 October**.
👫 **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

👉 Make a booking
📞 0333 577 1533
📧 hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

# Autumn Term Dates

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| Tuesday 20th October | Borough Best Team Football Competition |
| Tuesday 20th October | Borough Girls' football Competition |
| Wednesday 21st October | Year 4 Roman Day |
| Thursday 22nd October | Nasal Flu vaccinations |
| Friday 23rd October | Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to school am |
| Friday 23rd October 2:40pm | Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to parents/carers |
| Friday 23rd October | Hillingdon Foodbank Collection |

***(Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October)***

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| **Monday 2nd November** | **Training Day (no children)** |
| Monday 3rd November | Children return to school |
| Friday 6th November | Individual photographs |
| Friday 6th November | Hockey Competition - afternoon |
| Tuesday 10th November | Year 3 Stone Age Day |
| Friday 13th November | Children In Need Day |
| Saturday 14th November | Choir Sing at Ruislip Manor Christmas Funday |
| Thursday 19th November | SportsHall Athletics Competition |
| Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th Nov | Travelling Book Fair Days |
| Thursday 19th November | Art Frames Exhibition |

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| Wednesday 25th November | Virtual Author visit for Years 5 and 6 |
| Monday 30th November | Year 6 Trip to the Science Museum |
| Monday 7th December | Choir visit to Poplars Care Home |
| Thursday 10th December | Year 6 Height and Weight Check |
| Friday 11th December | Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 14th December | Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers |
| Monday 14th December | Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to the school |
| Tuesday 16th December | Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 9:30am |
| Wednesday 16th December | Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 5pm |
| Thursday 17th December | Christmas Parties |
| **Friday 18th December** | **School term ends at 12:30pm** |

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Kenny,
Headteacher