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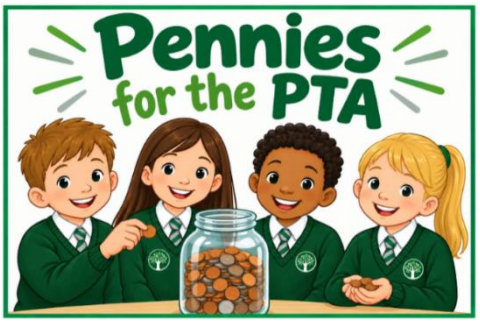
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Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 8 **Friday 23rd 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.

PENNIES FOR THE PTA



Thank you do much for all of your generosity in finding pennies (and quite a lot of pounds) to donate to our 'Pennies for the PTA' house competition last week.
Our House Captains were outside every morning from 8:30am, shaking the collection buckets very enthusiastically and encouraging all the children to part with their pennies.

It was a fantastic effort and they raised **£875.08** which will go towards the PTA's next project to extend the adventure and fitness area.

The winning house were London with a total of £389.40 and, as a reward for their efforts, everyone in London House can wear their own clothes to school on **Wednesday 4th November**.

YEAR 5 HARVEST FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

A huge thank you to all our supportive parents and families who came along to watch the Year 5 Harvest Festival performance. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, cheering the children on and supporting them during such a special moment!

The children have worked incredibly hard to learn their songs, dance routines and even sign language, and all their efforts certainly paid off. We are also very grateful for your help and support with costumes and learning lines at home. It really does make a difference, and we appreciate it so much.

We can all agree that the children did an outstanding job on the day and, most importantly, seemed to have a fantastic time performing! Taking part in these shows is such a valuable experience, helping to build confidence, develop self-esteem and create lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they performed and the enthusiasm they showed throughout.



We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Foodbank collection. This year's incredible haul exceeded those of previous years, which is a fantastic achievement! It is a wonderful reflection of what a caring, generous and supportive school community we have.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity -your support is truly appreciated!

YEAR 4 ROMAN DAY

Year 4 stepped back in time for an exciting Roman Day on Wednesday 21st October bringing their learning about Ancient Rome to life!

Throughout the morning, the children took part in a range of creative activities. They designed and created their own Roman mosaics, made scrolls and used their imaginations to design mythical creatures inspired by Roman mythology. The children showed great creativity and enthusiasm as they explored Roman art, culture and legends.

In the afternoon, the excitement continued with a series of fantastic demonstrations. The children watched a Roman dance, learned about the disciplined marching sequences of Roman soldiers and enjoyed a lively pantomime inspired by the Roman world.

It was a wonderful day filled with creativity, discovery and fun, giving the children a memorable opportunity to deepen their understanding of Roman life and mythology. Well done, Year 4, for your fantastic participation and enthusiasm!

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL - ANNUAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



Members of the School Council will be selling Poppies and some other related items to support the Poppy Appeal starting on **Tuesday 3rd November.**
Please send money into school in a named envelope or purse/ wallet, if you would like your child to buy these items.

- Paper Poppies - minimum donation 20p
- All other items - minimum donation £1

Thank you, Mrs Manfredi

ONLINE SAFETY MESSAGE AHEAD OF HALF TERM

- **Half of children play online games with people they have never met in person**
- **Parents' biggest online gaming concern is children talking to strangers, ahead of bullying, inappropriate content and pressure to make in-game purchases**
- **Fewer than half of parents say they set rules about who their child can play with online**

This half-term Ofcom is encouraging parents to Check, Chat and Change for safer gaming

Rules of the game
Gaming is now firmly embedded in childhood and is part of many children's daily lives. Almost nine in ten (88%) children aged 3-17 play games on some kind of device, while it is the most popular activity among 8-17-year-olds, when asked for their top three things to do in their free time.
Most parents set boundaries and rules around gaming, but Ofcom's research suggests these are more likely to focus on what and when children play, rather than who they interact with.

Despite talking to strangers being parents' biggest concern, fewer than half (43%) set rules about who their child can play with online. By comparison, more than half set rules around time limits (56%), when their child can play (51%) and appropriate content (50%). One in ten (9%) parents say they do not set any gaming rules at all.

Protecting children online is a priority for Ofcom. Since online safety rules came into force, Ofcom has secured changes on some of the UK's most popular gaming platforms, including Roblox, PlayStation and Xbox, helping to strengthen protections for younger users. But while platforms now have a legal responsibility to keep children safe, no set of rules can eliminate every risk online.

Parents: Power Up

To help families navigate online gaming this half term, Online Safety watchdog Ofcom's Parents: Power Up campaign is challenging parents to take three simple actions: **Check, Chat, Change**.

CHECK: Check the settings in place for your child's games. For example, the age they're registered with on gaming accounts and devices, who they can be contacted by and the type of content they can see.

CHAT: Talk regularly about gaming. Ask children what they enjoy, who they play and chat with, and whether anything has happened that has made them feel uncomfortable or upset. Keeping conversations open can make it easier for children to speak up if they have worries about things they see when gaming.

CHANGE: Make adjustments where needed. This could include changing settings, restricting contact from unknown players, switching on other safety features, reviewing purchasing permissions, time limits or agreeing family rules around gaming.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2026



On **Friday 13th November**, we will be supporting the BBC's Children in Need. We intend to raise funds by going 'spotty' for the day!

The children can wear 'spotty' clothes, head to toe, the spottier the better… however, they should wear uniform in place of any non-spotty attire. They can also wear the Pudsey ears, if they choose. Any children *not* wishing to participate the day should wear full school uniform, as normal - this is not just a 'dress down day'.

We are asking for a donation of £2 per child, payable on your School Money account. There is also an option to make a further donation if you wish and this is available through the 'shop' tab on your account.

Sports News

A TEAM RUISLIP AND NORTHWOOD DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, our best Football A Team travelled to Northwood FC to take part in the Best Team District Tournament. Having made an impressive start to the season, winning all three of their opening games, the team approached this district borough competition full of confidence.

They started strongly in their opening fixture but were unable to find the breakthrough, drawing 0–0 against SSW. Their next game was against Glebe, where two brilliant strikes from Glebe's striker saw Whiteheath narrowly beaten 2–0.

The team knew they needed to respond positively in their remaining fixtures. With only the top two teams securing a place in the next round of the District Tournament, and the group winners progressing to the final, there was plenty to play for!

The boys were exceptional, winning their next four games against Harefield, Warrender, Deansfield and Coteford. Goals from Arthur, Galal, Romeo, Henry and Frankie helped the team find their form at exactly the right time. These fantastic results saw them finish top of their group and progress to the final.

Sacred Heart awaited them in what proved to be an outstanding and tense final. After eight minutes of end-to-end football, the score remained 0–0, with both teams creating chances. Following four minutes of extra time, neither side could find a winner, meaning the match would be decided by the dreaded penalties!

Unfortunately, Sacred Heart's goalkeeper produced two unbelievable saves to deny Whiteheath the trophy. Finishing as runners-up and earning silver medals in such a competitive tournament is a fantastic achievement, and the boys should be incredibly proud of their performance.

The team will return for the next phase of the competition in November, the Borough Finals. We wish them the very best of luck! Well done to all the players involved! Mr Newing



GIRLS' RUISLIP AND NORTHWOOD DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Girls' Team also travelled to Northwood FC on Wednesday to compete in their District Football Tournament.

The girls made an excellent start, beating Coteford 1–0 in their opening game thanks to a fantastic goal from Edie. They followed this up with a hard-fought 0–0 draw against a strong Glebe side.



Next up were Deansfield. The girls defended brilliantly throughout, but Deansfield managed to score just before the final whistle. Their final group fixture was against SSW, who secured all three points.

The girls finished their tournament on a high, beating Warrender 2–0 with goals from Olivia and Ria. Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, they finished third in their group and were unable to progress any further.

The team played some excellent football and defended superbly throughout what was a challenging, rainy afternoon. Their attitude was outstanding, and they showed incredible spirit, determination and teamwork in every game, all while playing with huge smiles on their faces.

The girls should be extremely proud of their efforts and the way they represented Whiteheath throughout the tournament. Well done to everyone involved! Mr Newing

BOYS' B TEAM FIXTURES – CLUSTER

On Thursday afternoon, our Boys' B Team hosted SSW and Harefield in a football cluster event. Several other schools had been scheduled to attend but unfortunately withdrew due to the rain. However, the weather certainly did not dampen our boys' spirits!

The team were absolutely outstanding in their opening fixture, securing a convincing 7–2 victory against Harefield. They moved the ball around confidently, linked up brilliantly and created numerous excellent scoring opportunities. Goals from Ethan, Albert, Dominic, Manrai and Jack helped the boys get off to a fantastic start.

SSW and Harefield then faced each other in a closely contested match, with St Swithun Wells securing a 1–0 victory.

Our final fixture was against SSW, and the boys knew they were in for a close game. They rose to the challenge magnificently, securing another 1–0 win thanks to a superb strike from Ethan. Dominic and Albert linked up brilliantly to create the opportunity, allowing Ethan to fire the ball into the top corner!



Harry was outstanding in defence, making some fantastic tackles and playing a huge part in the team's success. His performance earned him the well-deserved title of Player of the Match.

It was a brilliant afternoon of football, with the boys demonstrating excellent teamwork, confidence and determination. Well done to all the boys involved! Mr Newing

Reminders

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!

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!

CHRISTMAS IN SPACE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C – 19th Oct 2026	% Attendance 03.09.26 – 23.10.26	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.26 – 23.10.26
Oak	95.0	98.5	
Willow	94.6	97.9	
Year 3	-	-	98.2
Beech	98.7	96.6	
Elm	98.3	97.9	
Maple	98.4	95.8	
Year 4	-	-	96.8
Birch	96.8	97.4	
Yew	94.7	95.6	
Year 5	-	-	96.5
Pine	96.2	96.0	
Poplar	98.2	94.6	
Year 6	-	-	95.3
Totals	**96.7**	**96.7**	**96.7**

Payment/deadline Dates

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Payment
Young Voices

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
Year 6 Isle of Wight instalment	2nd November
Year 5 PGL instalment	30th November
Children In Need	13th November
DT resources – whole school	1st Jan 27

Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow	Miss Atkinson	willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
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	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

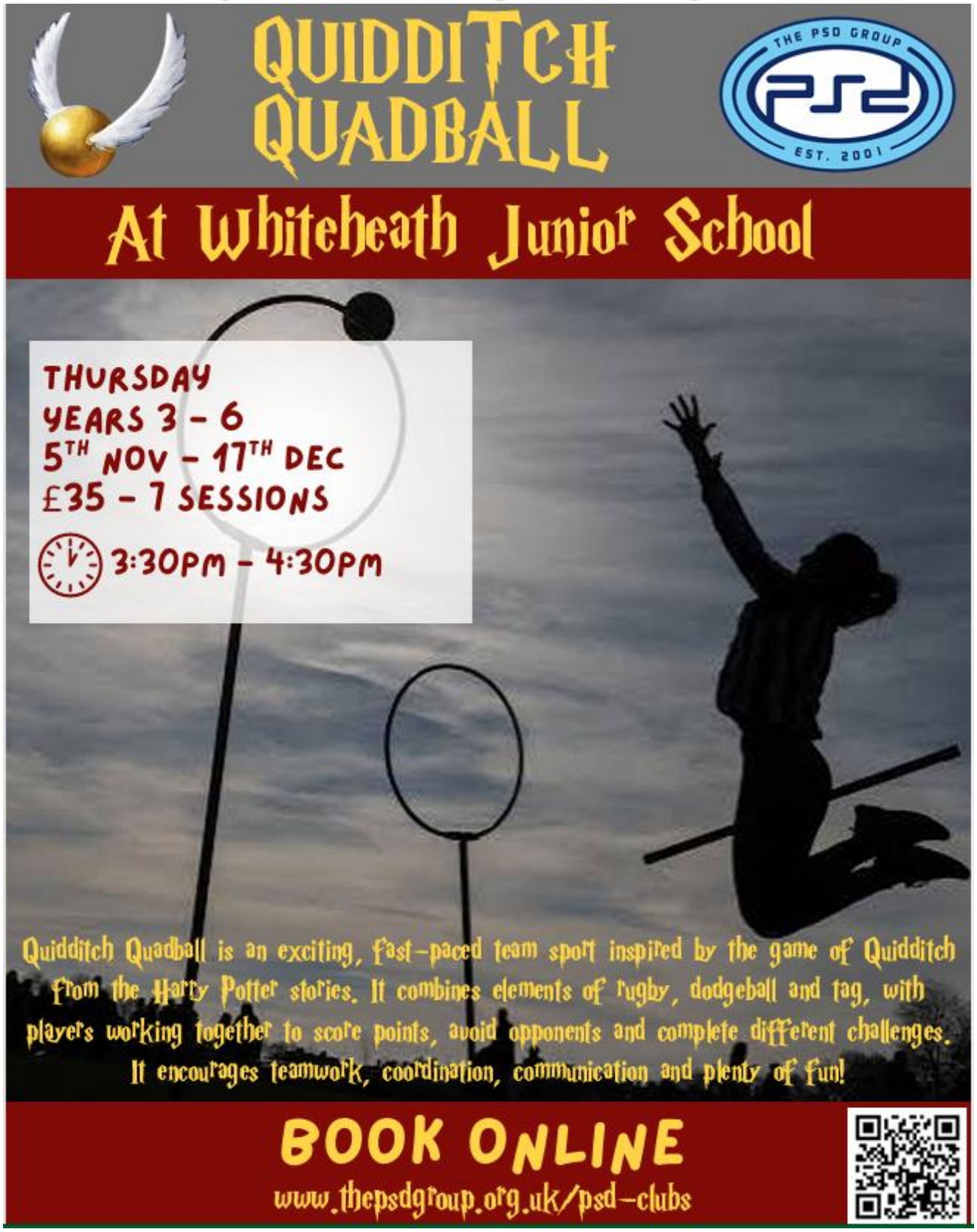
We are very fortunate in being able to offer the children a wide variety of before, lunchtime and after school clubs. To see the full schedule, and for details of how to sign up for clubs, please visit: Whiteheath Junior School - Extra-curricular Clubs

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





Autumn Term Dates

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

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
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
Thursday 10th December	PTA Christmas Fayre – timings TBC
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 15th 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 half term,

Ms Kenny,
Headteacher