



Whitchurch
Weekly

School
News

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Dear Whitchurch Families,

I can hardly believe that this is the final newsletter of 2022; the last couple of weeks have really been action packed. I sincerely hope you have enjoyed all of our Christmas performances and I want to thank you for your brilliant support.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Winter Fair and to Friends of Whitchurch for organising it - the afternoon was a huge success. I also want to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to School Council for organising and putting on three brilliant discos - everyone had a wonderful time!

We have lots more to look forward to in the Spring term with the start of our academic booster groups, a wide range of school trips for all year groups (more to be confirmed) and of course Book Week in early March.

I wish you all a lovely, peaceful holiday; I hope you manage to spend time with friends and family and make some lovely memories.

We will return to school on Tuesday 3rd January - I'll see you at the gates at 8.40am!

Wishing you all a lovely break

Mrs Caroline Rowley
Headteacher

Learners
today, leaders
tomorrow

Back to school
Tuesday 3rd
January - gates
open 8.40am





Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January	Year 4 Art Workshop with Gakonga
Tuesday 10th January	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Monday 23rd January	Year 6 visit to The Natural History Museum (6TM and 6AS)
Monday 30th January	Year 6 visit to The Natural History Museum (6SC and 6OL)
Wednesday 1st February	Year 2 visit to Belmont Synagogue Year 5 visit to The Science Museum
Friday 3rd February	Year 5 visit to The Science Museum
Thursday 9th February	Year 3 Roman Day
Monday 27th February	Year 4 visit to The Science Museum (4BS and 4SK)
Tuesday 28th February	Year 4 visit to The Science Museum (4CA and 4EH)
Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th March	Year 5 residential visit to Kingswood (day trip on Thursday 9th March)

Spring
Half Term Break
13th to 17th
February

More dates
to follow

All Class Assemblies now start at 9.05am

Parents should arrive 5 mins before the assembly starts

Infant Class Assemblies

Tuesdays
9.05am

10th January - 3SA
17th January - 1SM
24th January - 2GH
31st January - 3NL
7th February - 1MT
28th February - Tigers
7th March - 2LJ
14th March - 3TG
21st March - 1DS
28th March - Lions

Junior Class Assemblies

Wednesdays
9.05am

11th January - 6AS
18th January - 4EH
25th January - 5KP
1st February - 6SC
8th February - 4BS
1st March - 5CM
8th March - 6TM
15th March - 6OL
22nd March - 5DA
29th March - 6AS

STARS of the Week



Well done to our stars of the week, who have been selected for excellent work and demonstrating our school values

This week's Infant Stars

1ST Eloise
1DS Tiana
1MT Joshua
1SM Natanael

2GH Dhiya
2LJ Cattley
2KB Eduard
2KD Niam K

3NL Whole class
3MS Whole class
3TG Whole class
3SA Whole class

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

4EH Stefania
4SK Kiana
4CA Fariha
4BS Reyansh

5CM Kira
5KP Finley
5HH Vrish
5DA Muhssen

6AS Amos
6SC Simran, Bella & Dylan
6TM Raihan
6OL Ashraf

This week's Junior Stars

Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

Nursery	AM & PM 71.5%			
Reception	RRA 87.08%	RNV 85.42%	RBP 87.5%	RRV 84.58%
Year 1	1ST 65%	1DS 86.21%	1MT 91.07%	1SM 82.5%
Year 2	2GH 96.25%	2LJ 96.67%	2KB 93.97%	2KD 87.5%
Year 3	3NL 85.65%	3MS 92.13%	3TG 84.91%	3SA 82.76%
Year 4	4EH 87.92%	4SK 90%	4CA 90.83%	4BS 85.34%
Year 5	5CM 75.86%	5KP 91.81%	5HH 95.26%	5DA 86.21%
Year 6	6AS 81.94%	6SC 80.8%	6TM 93.52%	6OL 85.65%

This week's
Attendance
Stars are
2LJ!

Whole
School
86.47%

Notices



Primary School Admissions

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2023 (children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019), please note the closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.



Booster Sessions

Thank you for all your support this half term with our enrichment programme. We were so pleased to be able to hold such a wide range of clubs stemming across many subjects and interests. In the Spring term, the focus will be on academic studies and teaching staff will be holding weekly booster sessions starting during the week beginning **Monday 9th January 2023**.

All the families of pupils involved in boosters have been contacted so please ensure you confirm your child's place at your earliest convenience. We will still continue with some of our enrichment clubs, mostly focusing on music and sport, as well as continuing our partnership with different external lettings.

Where's Santa and Rudolph Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of our mystery 'Where's Santa' and 'Where's Rudolph' mystery games at our Winter Fair - we will be in touch with you to claim your £5 gift prizes...

Anaya (6SC)
Ilinca (2LJ)

Thank you to all who took part and we hope you enjoyed the activity!





Year Group Highlights

Christmas

This week Nursery had their Christmas nativity. The children did so well in front of a big crowd. We have been getting into the Christmas spirit and made lovely Christmas cards to take home. We also have been amazed by the snow and learnt about changes in Winter.

Nursery



The Sleepy Shepherd

This week, after weeks of rehearsing lines, singing songs, practicing dances and herding sheep, we finally performed The Sleepy Shepherd to our families. The children made us all very proud and we are sure their families were proud too.

Reception



Year 1

Winter

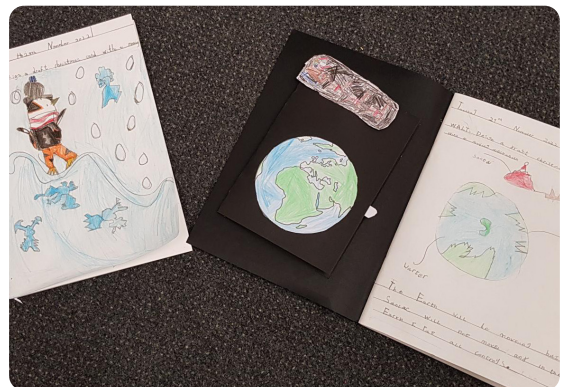
This week in Science, Year 1 learned about Winter weather. We discussed the signs of Winter and how animals prepare for Winter. We enjoyed exploring the snow and made a beautiful snowman!



Year 2

Christmas Cards

This week Year 2 have been preparing for Christmas. We rehearsed Christmas songs and scenes for the production. We also made fantastic moving Christmas cards to send home to our families (so be sure to look out for these!)



Year 3

Year Group Highlights



Personal Sculptures

This week in Art, Year 3 turned their drawings into maquettes (mini models). We used paper mache and will decorate these next using paint. These maquettes represent what makes each of us special and reflects our hobbies and interests.



History of the School

In History, Year 4 have been wrapping up their topic about the local area by discussing what our school looked like when it was first built and how it has changed in the past 25 years. We were amazed by the original school entrance!



Year 4

Year 5

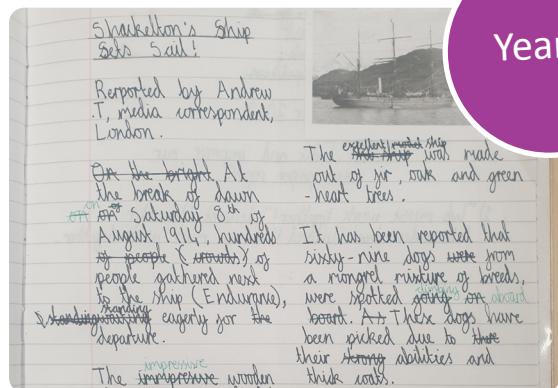
Buckingham Palace

In Art, Year 5 have created amazing mono prints of Buckingham Palace. We used our detailed observational drawings from our recent visit to help us create our fantastic prints using coloured ink.



Newspaper Reports

This week in English, Year 6 completed newspaper reports on Shackleton's journey from Plymouth Harbour to Antarctica. We used direct and reported speech, relative clause and historically accurate facts to create our articles.



Year 6

Library News

As we reach the end of the Autumn term I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the work and some special moments we have shared in the library...

- It was so lovely to see our Reception children introduced to the library. We shared some of the best stories together and I was impressed with how eagerly they joined in with the dramatic reading of *The Gruffalo*.
- For Year 1 it was the first time they were able to borrow books for home reading and I was glad to see the majority of children well prepared for their library sessions.
- Year 2 children have been using the library with growing confidence and they were getting into their first chapter books. That's about the age when they discover humorous aspect of stories and they do love to indulge in the misadventures of Horrid Henry or Jeremy Strong's mischievous characters.
- Non-fiction books were definitely a preferred choice for many children in Year 3 as they learnt to explore the library resources in more depth. Having explored the features of the fantasy fiction books we embarked on reading 'The Day I Fell Into a Fairytale' by Ben Miller and even though we haven't finished the book yet, children seemed to enjoy every minute of it.
- Year 4 went on a little time travel journey and ended up in the year 3020 with the characters from 'Future Friend', an adventure story dealing with the issues of climate change and a dystopian future. We loved discussing and predicting the events in the story and I was very moved to hear how passionate they were about the state of our planet.
- For Year 5 it was a term of some excellent, thoughtful reading choices as well as some light-hearted fun. We all laughed out loud following the rivalry of two siblings, Zack and Luke in the comic tale 'My Brother is a Superhero' by David Solomons.
- 'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh' by Helen Rutter was my personal choice to share with children in Year 6. A powerful story of 11 year old boy with a stammer who dreams of becoming a stand-up comedian warmed our hearts from the first pages.



Sharing stories with children is always the highlight of my day in the library. It's wonderful to see empathy, kindness and understanding come to life. It's incredible how much joy story reading brings to a person; do remember to get involved with your child's reading at home and share a love of stories.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it's always so appreciated!

Mrs Stachurska
School Librarian



Music Highlights



Music News

A range of music events and achievements have taken place at Whitchurch this term.

25% of our pupils received instrumental lessons on fifteen orchestral and non-orchestral instruments and many of our guitar, violin and woodwind pupils were awarded their graded exam certificates with a Distinction or Merit. Pupils of all instruments were regularly given the opportunity to perform during our celebration assemblies and four of our woodwind players participated in the Harrow Music Service Band Festival. Our Winter Concert featured 86 pupils who performed with their ensembles (orchestra, guitar ensemble, woodwind groups and choirs) in front of a large and enthusiastic audience.



Alongside the music enrichment opportunities, all classes were offered weekly music lessons and were involved in rehearsals for their Christmas shows and carol concerts. Year 2 demonstrated their African drumming skills in an end of term concert and Year 4 have already started preparing for a Spring concert with trumpets and clarinets.

Due to our commitment to music education and the quality of our music provision, it is with great pleasure to announce that Whitchurch has been awarded the Music Mark status for 2022-2023.

We look forward to many more music achievements in the year ahead!

Mrs Leutfeld
Director of Music



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL



Spring Menu



Salad bar,
bread and milk
are available
daily



Week 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potato & Green Beans	Vegetarian Bolognese Pasta Bake, Malted Wheat Baguette & Garden Peas	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Fresh Broccoli & Carrots (Ve)	Vegetable Curry, Pilau Rice, Natural Yogurt, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Cheese Lattice, Chips & Baked Beans
ALTERNATIVE	Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Neapolitan Pasta with Carrots & Broccoli (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping, Chips & Salad (Ve)
MEAT	Chicken Sausages, Mashed Potato and Green Beans	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake, Malted Wheat Baguette & Garden Peas	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli & Carrots	Chicken Curry, Pilau Rice, Natural Yogurt, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans
PUDDING	Beetroot Sponge with Natural Yogurt	Fruit Tuesday Orange/Apple/Banana	Apple Crumble & Custard	Strawberry Mousse	Ginger Snap

Week 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VEGETARIAN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Enchiladas, Potato Wedges & Mixed Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas	Vegetable Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli	Vegetable Burger, Chips & Garden Peas
ALTERNATIVE	Tomato & Herb Pasta, Malted Wheat Baguette & Side Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping, Coleslaw & Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Neapolitan Pasta with Garden Peas (Ve)
MEAT	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)	Chicken Enchiladas, Potato Wedges & Mixed Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V)	Creamy Turkey Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli	Battered Fish Fillet, Chips & Garden Peas
PUDDING	Orange Drizzle Cake with Natural Yogurt	Fruit Tuesday Orange/Apple/Banana	Strawberry Jelly & Fruit (Ve)	Orange & Sultana Oat Bake	Cornflake Cake

Week 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Biryani, Naan Bread & Yogurt with Garden Peas	Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Side Salad	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Grilled Cheese Sub, Chips & Baked Beans
ALTERNATIVE	Vegetarian Biryani, Naan Bread with Garden Peas (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Tomato & Herb Pasta, Malted Wheat Baguette & Side Salad (Ve)
MEAT	Chicken Biryani, Naan Bread & Yogurt with Garden Peas	Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Side Salad	Chicken Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Chicken Burrito Bake, Homemade Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans
PUDDING	Fruity Flapjack	Fruit Tuesday Orange/Apple/Banana	Iced Sponge & Custard	Courgette Muffin Traybake	Banana Bread & Natural Yogurt



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If you have any concerns or communications about your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance

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2023 School Term Dates

Spring Term 2023

Spring 1st Tuesday 3 January to Thursday 9 February
Half Term Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February
Spring 2nd Monday 20 February to Friday 31 March

Staff Training Days Friday 10 February
(no children in school)

Holidays
during term
time are **not**
permitted

Summer Term 2023

Summer 1st Monday 17 April to Friday 26 May
Half Term Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
Summer 2nd Tuesday 6 June to Friday 21 July

Staff Training Days Monday 5 June
(no children in school)

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May
Monday 8th May

Term dates
are posted
on the school
website

Additional
Bank Holiday
on Monday 8th
May for King's
Coronation

