



Whitchurch
Weekly

School
News

10th
February
Issue 60

Dear Whitchurch Families,

This is the final week before we roll into our half term holiday. We will return to school on Monday 20th February and are set for a super busy few weeks with Book Week, Parents' Evenings, Movie Nights and our special Circus Skills Week which has been organised by our School Council (more details to follow).

Well done to 4BS and 1MT for their brilliant assemblies this week. My highlight from 1MT was their superb knowledge of the recent Royal Family - I learnt some really interesting facts; with 4BS I discovered what brilliant Maths teachers we have in the school as the children gave us all a masterclass in division! Year 5 have been out and about again this week with a visit to Bentley Wood High School to watch a performance of Matilda, which by all accounts was fantastic.

This week has also been Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and we have been talking to children very openly about how they can better manage their own mental health. I know when I was growing up mental health was somewhat of a taboo subject but we need to realise that just because we can't see a physical ailment doesn't make it any less debilitating. We want our children to talk openly about their feelings - not to bottle things up and feel anxious. The theme of 'Let's Connect' has helped us talk frankly about what can support our mental health - people, places or objects that offer us comfort. I would strongly encourage you all to speak openly and honestly to your children about mental health and the importance of sharing our feelings.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and manage to spend time with family and friends. See you all next half term - take care.

Mrs Caroline Rowley
Headteacher

Time to
Relax
it's
Half
Term

Children
back to school
Monday 20th
February - gates
open 8.40am

Learners
today, leaders
tomorrow



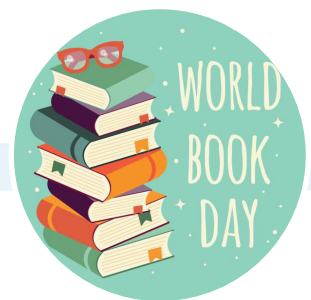
Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22nd February	Year 2 visit to Belmont Synagogue (AM)
Friday 24th February	Early Years Space Exhibition
Monday 27th February	Whitchurch Book Week Year 4 visit to The Science Museum (4BS and 4SK) Year 1 Bug Hotel Exhibition (1ST and 1MT)
Tuesday 28th February	Year 4 visit to The Science Museum (4CA and 4EH) Year 6 Parents History Workshop (6AS 9am-11am; 6TM 1.25pm-3.25pm) Year 1 Bug Hotel Exhibition (1SM and 1DS)
Wednesday 1st March	Year 6 Parents History Workshop (6SC 9am-11am; 6OL 1.25pm-3.25pm)
Tuesday 7th March	Early Years 'Visiting Planetarium' (in school)
Wednesday 8th March	Movie Night (School Council) - Years 1, 2 and 3 (5pm-7pm)
Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th March	Year 5 residential visit to Kingswood Green Park (day trip on Thursday 9th March)
Thursday 9th March	Movie Night (School Council) - Years 4, 5 and 6 (7pm-9pm)
Monday 27th March	SPLATS Circus Skills Week (School Council)
Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March	Spring Term Parents' Evening (3.30pm to 6pm)

Book Week
27th February
to 3rd March

More diary
dates to be
confirmed

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
2 MARCH 2023



Please note
change of
dates

All Class Assemblies start at 9.05am
Parents should arrive 5 mins before the assembly starts

Infant Class Assemblies

Tuesdays
9.05am

28th February - Lions
7th March - 2LJ
14th March - 3TG
21st March - 1DS
28th March - Tigers

Junior Class Assemblies

Wednesdays
9.05am

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

RRA Tigers Layla
RNV Leopards Amos
RBP Jaguars Azzan
RRV Lions Shri & Ashton

1ST Elissabeth
1DS Joel
1MT Emma
1SM Marian

2GH Divyanka
2LJ Niam
2KB Maryam
2KD Niam S

3NL Hashir
3MS Leila
3TG Riyaan
3SA Kabir



This week's Junior Stars

4EH Serah
4SK Giulia
4CA Adam
4BS Meera

5CM Anya
5KP Ruwaida
5HH Soha
5DA Aarshi

6AS Aran
6SC Narri
6TM Suhani
6OL Isa

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration



Notices

Book Week
27th February
to 3rd March



Whitchurch Book Week

Book Exchange

We will be holding a Book Exchange again this year. You are invited to bring in a maximum of 10 books for the Book Exchange. Books can be brought in from after half term and children will be given tokens, which can be used at the Book Exchange after school in the playground during Book Week.

Dress-Up Day

Dress-up Day is on **Friday 3rd March**. The theme this year is Favourite Book Characters. Get your thinking caps on as there are prizes for the best homemade costume creation!

The full timetable of activities for Book Week will be circulated after half term. This includes the chance for parents to come into class and share reading books with children on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning of that week.

Friends of Whitchurch

Bags 2 School

The next Bags2School collection will be on **Thursday 23rd February**. Please take the opportunity to clear out your unwanted clothing this half term. We accept good quality used clothing and clothing accessories, shoes, curtains, linen and bedding.

Please fill your bags and leave these at the main gate between 8.30am and 9am on this day.

Bake a Heart Sale

Friends of Whitchurch raised a magnificent **£220.60**. Thank you to everyone who baked and heart and bought a heart for someone special.



Next Potential Strike Date

We wanted to give you as much notice as possible for the next potential strike date: **Thursday 2nd March**.

We will of course confirm which classes will be affected closer to the date but please be aware it is likely to be the same classes as last time and a few others.





Year Group Highlights

Valentine's Cards

This week in Nursery we enjoyed making beautiful Valentine's Day cards for our family and friends. We have also been reading the book 'Where's My Teddy?' and made posters to find our lost Teddy!



Nursery

Year 1

Happiness Jar

In PSHE, Year 1 have been exploring the importance of mental health. We looked at why it is important to talk about how we are feeling and what we can do when we feel anxious or sad. We drew in our happiness jar all the activities we enjoy and help our minds to stay healthy.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

This week in Reception we finished our topic about Bears. We sequenced the events in the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' using fantastic describing words and super actions. We are starting to use high frequency words too.



Reception

Year 2

Happiness Envelopes

This week in PSHE, Year 2 have explored mental health and how best to stay safe online. It was lovely to work with our parents on activities in class on Thursday morning - we look forward to filling our happiness envelopes and making good use of these.



Year 3

Year Group
Highlights



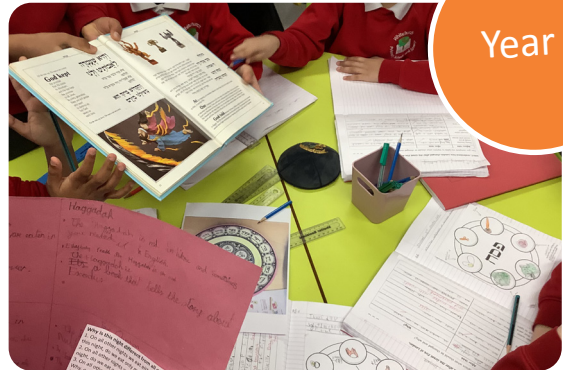
Roman Day

This week, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful Roman Day full of arts, crafts, puzzles and other activities. We made a Roman shield, experienced a Roman feast and also made a 'Roman tortoise' formation in preparation for battle!



Judaism

This week in RE, Year 4 met with Year 2 to share our learning about Judaism. We listened to Year 2 pupils share the story of Exodus and we explained the significance of the various foods on their beautifully drawn Seder plates.



Year 4

Year 5

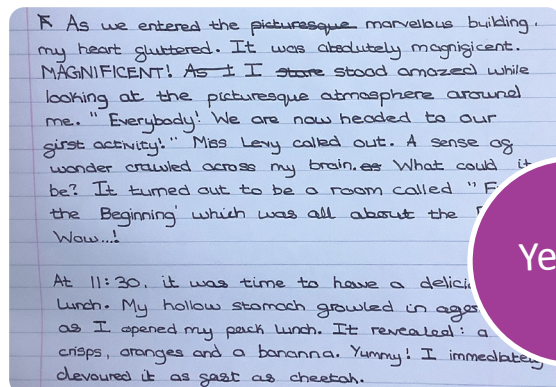
Matilda

Year 5 were invited to Bentley Wood High School to enjoy an excellent performance of 'Matilda'. The experience was fantastic - lighting, props, singing and acting were simply stunning! The dance sequences were outstanding; definitely a West End worthy performance!

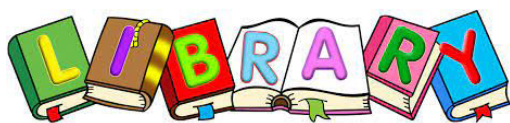


Natural History Museum

This week in English, Year 6 have written fantastic recounts of our visit to The Natural History Museum. We applied all of the features that we have been learning about including chronological order, emotive language and 'show don't tell'.



Year 6



Harrow Junior Book Award

We have officially started judging the books for Harrow Junior Book Award 2023. Children in Years 5 and 6 are reading six shortlisted titles - sharing feedback as well as recording points in our library chart poster. There is an excellent selection of books that have been nominated for the awards this year and the children are thoroughly enjoying reading and reviewing them.



All children interested in taking part in the HJBA are welcome to borrow books from the library and vote by **26th May 2023**. Let the voting begin! Every vote matters as the ultimate winner will be announced during the ceremony on 13th June with special guest of honour, author and illustrator Onjali Q. Rauf. Details of the ceremony to follow.

Library sessions

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support in preparing children for their library sessions. It is essential that all children have a functional wallet for their books and return all loaned books on time. Remember to visit your local library this half term - there are always new and exciting activities on offer to promote a love of reading!

Mrs Stachurska
School Librarian

Family Liaison Support

If you need any support please reach out to Mrs Chikhlia, our Family Liaison Officer. We know times are tricky and some families may be struggling financially. If you need any advice or support please email: nchikhlia@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk

attendance

supporting
your child

practical
advice and
support

Bags of Happiness

As part of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, the children thoroughly enjoyed the 'Bags of Happiness' activity. They first discussed the importance of talking about mental health and how it is just as important as physical health. The children suggested that the bags of happiness would be useful for times when they feel upset or sad, as it encourages them to reflect on their 'happy self'.

We spoke to them about the Molly Rose Foundation and why the charity was set up. The children enjoyed decorating their bags with stickers and they wrote lovely notes inside referring to happy memories and thoughts. They also wrote notes to go into each others' bags with compliments and words of positivity! The children cannot wait to add more notes and sentimental things to their bag. Thank you so much to the Molly Rose Foundation for this wonderful gift to the school - the children are truly grateful.

Miss Levy
PSHE Co-ordinator



Spring Menu



Salad bar,
bread and milk
are available
daily



Week 1
w/b 20 Feb,
13 Mar

	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
w/b 27 Feb,
20 Mar

	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
w/b 6 Mar,
27 Mar

	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



Useful Contacts

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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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Spring and Summer 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)
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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)
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Bank Holidays	Monday 1st May Monday 8th May
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Term dates
are posted
on the school
website

2023-2024
term dates on
following page





Autumn 2023 - Summer 2024 School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1st	Wednesday 6 September to Friday 20 October
Half Term	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
Autumn 2nd	Monday 30 October to Thursday 21 December

Staff Training Days	Monday 4 September, Tuesday 5 September, Monday 13 November (no children in school)
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Holidays
during term
time are **not**
permitted

Spring Term 2024

Spring 1st	Monday 8 January to Thursday 8 February
Half Term	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Spring 2nd	Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Staff Training Days	Friday 9 February (no children in school)
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Term dates
are posted
on the school
website

Summer Term 2024

Summer 1st	Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May
Half Term	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Summer 2nd	Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 24 July

Staff Training Days	Monday 3 June (no children in school)
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Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May
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