



## Whitchurch Weekly

School News

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Dear Whitchurch Families,

This week we have had a brilliant Book Week. Thank you for making so much effort with the dressing up - the children and staff looked amazing as different book characters! We will be displaying some of the children's wonderful work from the week at our forthcoming Parents' Evening.

It's an action packed half term. Next week we have two Movie Nights organised by School Council and the Year 5 residential trip to Kingswood. Years 1, 2 and 3 can come to see 'Paddington' on Wednesday 8th March; Years 4, 5 and 6 can come to see 'Minions: The Rise of Gru' on Thursday 9th March. Tickets to watch the film with free popcorn are on sale for £2 in the playground after school - we look forward to seeing you!

In the week commencing 13th March, we will be doing some work around neurodiversity awareness - this may be people with conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyspraxia, dyslexia or processing delay. In collaboration with some of our parents, we will be hosting a parent information sharing session on Thursday 16th March at 9am - we hope as many of you as possible can attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Caroline Rowley  
Headteacher



Year 5 residential  
visit to Kingswood  
(next Wednesday  
to Friday)

Movie Nights  
next week  
(Wednesday and  
Thursday)

2LJ and 6TM  
class assemblies  
next week

Learners  
today, leaders  
tomorrow



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th March	Year 1 Dental Workshop (1.15pm)
Tuesday 7th March	Early Years 'Visiting Planetarium' - in school (9am-11am)
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)
Friday 10th March	Year 4 Water Workshop (2pm)
Monday 13th March	Inclusion Week (Neurodiversity)
Friday 17th March	2KD visit to Florence Nightingale Museum
Tuesday 21st March	HMS String Festival
Wednesday 22nd March	Spring Music Concert (4pm)
Friday 24th March	2LJ visit to Florence Nightingale Museum
Monday 27th March	SPLATS Circus Skills Week (School Council)
Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March	Spring Term Parents' Evening (3.30pm to 6pm)

Inclusion  
Week -  
Neurodiversity  
13th to 17th  
March

Spring Term  
Parents' Evening  
28th and 29th  
March

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

**Infant Class  
Assemblies**  
Tuesdays  
9.05am

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

**Junior Class  
Assemblies**  
Wednesdays  
9.05am

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** David  
**RNV Leopards** Parin  
**RBP Jaguars** Aavish & Dhanushka  
**RRV Lions** Michelle & Sebastian

**1ST** Habib  
**1DS** Aarshay  
**1MT** Aarna  
**1SM** Kiyana

**2GH** Maria  
**2LJ** Ava  
**2KB** Sahar  
**2KD** Halima

**3NL** Aleena  
**3MS** Prisha  
**3TG** Yousif  
**3SA** Rihanna



**4EH** Dhyani  
**4SK** Mohamed  
**4CA** Mariam  
**4BS** Daria

**5CM** Sophia C  
**5KP** Navlin  
**5HH** Sophia S  
**5DA** Yahya

**6AS** Maya  
**6SC** Zeena  
**6TM** Haniya  
**6OL** Vaisnavi

## This week's Junior Stars

Respect  
Responsibility  
Resilience  
Honesty  
Generosity  
Aspiration



## Notices

### School Trip Contributions

Following requests from parents, we have changed the way we fund our educational visits this year. Unfortunately, we have a significant number of parents who have not made the **£30 annual donation** and we are now at risk of having to reduce our trips.

If you haven't already paid, please can you do so via your Parent Pay account. Thank you.



### Gymnastics Trials

This week we held gymnastics trials for Years 3 and 4 to enter the Harrow Schools Gymnastics Championships. Well done to those who took part. We have now selected the children who will take part in the competition at the end of the month.

### New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Bobby Dixit, parent to children in Year 4 and Year 6, who has been duly elected as our new Parent Governor.



### Safeguarding / PSHE Workshops

A reminder that we are hosting workshops for parents and carers on **Fridays at 9am** in the school hall.

#### Friday 10th March (9am-10am)

What is PSHE and how does it link to the Wider Curriculum?

#### Friday 17th March (9am-10.30am)

Online Safety

#### Friday 24th March (9am-10am)

What is Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)?

#### Friday 31st March (9am-10am) - Years 3 to 6 only

How is FGM taught in school?

### School Council Movie Nights

School Council are holding Movie Nights next week!

#### Infants (Years 1 to 3)

'Paddington'

5pm-7pm

#### Juniors (Years 4 to 6)

'Minions: The Rise of Gru'

7pm-9pm

Tickets for the film and popcorn are on sale in the playground after school for **£2 per child**.





## Year Group Highlights

### The Way Back Home

This week in Nursery our focus book is 'The Way Back Home'. We had fun designing our own spaceships and aliens! For Book Week we also enjoyed reading and sharing many other books with our parent and carers, as well as children from Reception, Year 3 and Year 4.



Nursery

### Book Week

This week Reception have really enjoyed Book Week with lots of exciting activities, including Stay and Read with our parents and carers. We also loved reading with Year 3 children and dressing up as our favourite story characters on Friday!



Reception

## Year 1

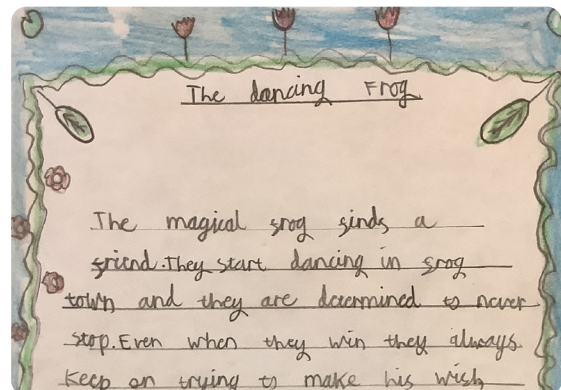
### Bug Hotels

In Science, Year 1 have been learning about living things and their habitats. We created our own amazing bug hotels for minibeats, containing lots of comfortable features for them, then held a brilliant exhibition to share our work with families!



### Book Week

This week Year 2 took part in a fun-filled Book Week. We used our imagination to write a book blurb for 'The Dancing Frog' and enjoyed acting out the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with our own alternative endings!



Year 2

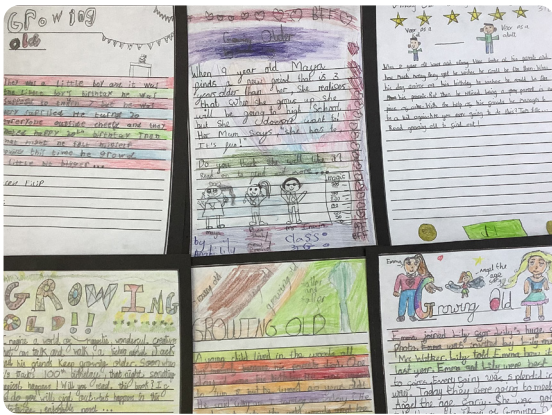


## Year 3

## Year Group Highlights

### Book Blurbs

This week Year 3 have been celebrating all things reading! We had the opportunity to get creative by writing our own fantastic descriptive blurb for an imaginary book entitled 'Growing Old'!



### The Science Museum

This week Year 4 visited The Science Museum. We learned so much about many areas of Science including Friction, Electricity and Energy. The WonderLab was fabulous - we recommend a visit!

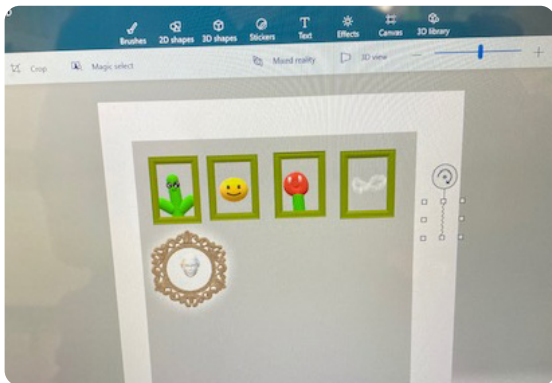


## Year 4

## Year 5

### 3D Shapes Program

This week in Computing, Year 5 have been using a program to create 3D shapes. We put these together to create our own art galleries and used different features within the program to explore how to hang art pieces on the walls.



### Early Islamic Civilisation

Year 6 participated in a History workshop all about early Islamic civilisation, featuring a quiz and role play of different people and events from this period. We also enjoyed a 'Dragon's Den' style pitch of a range of inventions of the time!



## Year 6



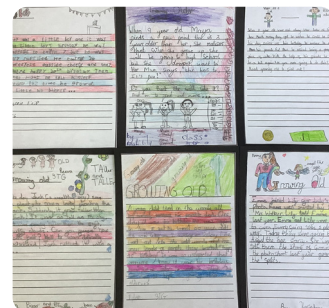
Book  
Week

Read, Grow,  
Inspire



## Book Week Highlights

Book Week has been a great success with a variety of exciting activities to promote our love of reading here at Whitchurch. Thanks to our families who came along to take part in Stay and Read sessions. We also enjoyed designing book covers and blurbs (look out for some of these at our forthcoming exhibition), Jack and the Beanstalk performances, Buddy Reading, Book Exchange in the playground and of course our popular Dress-up Day to round off the week - there were some fantastic costumes throughout the school! Congratulations to those awarded certificates and prizes; including the best door design, costume and performance.



## Headteacher Recruitment



### Headteacher Recruitment - Submit Your Questions

As part of our new Headteacher selection process, the Governing Body are inviting parents/carers to be involved.

As part of the process you can pose a question to the Headteacher candidates and get their live feedback.

If your question is chosen, you would need to be available to attend school on **Tuesday 28th March between 1.30pm and 2.30pm** to put your question forward to the candidates.

If you would like to submit a question, please email [personnel@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:personnel@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk) by 12pm (noon) on **Friday 17th March**. Remember to include:

- your name
- your child's name and class
- your contact details

We will let you know if your question has been selected on Wednesday 22nd March.

Many thanks from the **Whitchurch Governing Body**.



### 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](mailto:nchikhlia@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)

supporting  
your child

practical  
advice and  
support

attendance

More information  
can be found on the  
Family Liaison page of  
the school website  
(in the Parents &  
Community section)



## 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

### School Office

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## School Term Dates 2023-2024

### 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 Holidays	Monday 1st May Monday 8th May

Friday  
31st March  
Last day of  
Spring 2023

### 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)

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)

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)
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May

