



1st May 2026

## Diary Dates

### May

4<sup>th</sup> - May Bank Holiday  
W/C 11<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SATs  
15<sup>th</sup> - Class photos  
18<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 phonics meeting with parents 3:30pm KS1 Hall  
18<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Egyptian Day  
19<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Summer Showcase to parents  
19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of half term

### June

1<sup>st</sup> - Return to school  
5<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 visits to the local library  
W/C 8<sup>th</sup> - Multiplication Tables Check  
W/C 8<sup>th</sup> - Phonics Screening Check  
8<sup>th</sup> - Yr 3-4 football match v Eversley(A) (selected children)  
9<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 trip to Call of the Wild  
15<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 trip to Hanningfield  
19<sup>th</sup> - Summer Enterprise \* & Inflatable Event 3:30-5pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> - KS1 Music Festival at Lincewood (Selected children)  
25<sup>th</sup> - Pupil Voice @ St Mary's (Head boy & girl)  
W/C 29<sup>th</sup> - Sports Days

Inset Dates— 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

It's been another busy and exciting week at Whitmore Primary School! Our children have had wonderful opportunities across the week to learn, grow and represent our school.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their discos throughout the week. These events were a great success, and I'd like to extend my thanks to all the staff who stayed late to make these evenings so memorable for the children. Their dedication and commitment to creating these special moments is very much appreciated.

This week, some of our Year 4 children participated in an orienteering event where they had the fantastic opportunity to meet and work alongside children from other schools within our Trust. The children absolutely loved this experience – not only did they develop their navigation and problem-solving skills, but they also built new friendships and learned the value of collaboration and teamwork.

Children from both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 represented the school at a Panathlon event this week. They embraced the chance to showcase our school values and demonstrate what it means to be part of Whitmore Primary School. The children loved representing the school and did us proud with their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and positive attitudes.

Today, our Reception children visited Barleylands Farm, and we were fortunate to have the weather on our side! The excitement was evident from the moment they boarded the coach – for many, this was a thrilling experience in itself. The children were captivated by the animals and thoroughly enjoyed being out in the wider world, exploring and learning beyond the classroom. While there were some understandably tired faces upon their return to school, these experiences are invaluable in supporting children's development, building their confidence, curiosity and understanding of the world around them.

Events such as these play a crucial role in your child's development. They help children to build confidence and independence, develop social skills and make new friendships, learn through real-world experiences, represent their school community with pride, and create lasting memories and positive associations with learning.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful long weekend.

Mr Wade  
Head of School

## Talk it Topic

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to British Values. It encourages children's communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We cover a different topic in school each week. It would be fantastic if you could talk about it at home too.

The coming week's topic is:

EYFS - How can we help to look after our world?  
KS1/KS2 - Why do some people become so important to the world?

The topics are linked to one of the following British Values: Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy or Mutual Respect & Tolerance

# Well done to the following children

## Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Whole Class  
Daffodil - Whole Class  
Primrose - Whole Class  
Bluebell - Hadassah C  
Rose - Olivia-Mae V  
Tulip - Ava  
Lavender - Florence  
Orchid - Amelia  
Sunflower - Henderson W  
Birch - Joshua L  
Hawthorn - Isla M  
Pine - Kaleb G  
Ash - Charlie P  
Beech - Jonathan K-B  
Maple - Maddie R  
Olive - Dilara T  
Sycamore - Mya-Lily G  
Willow - Halo S  
Elder - Matthew B  
Elm - Rosie D  
Oak - Aahil

## Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Freya M-W  
Rose - William  
Tulip - Nova  
Lavender - Harry W  
Orchid - Emily  
Sunflower - Louie J  
Birch - Jaskirat K  
Hawthorn - Owen G  
Pine - Elizabeth L  
Ash - Jacqueline H  
Beech - Oscar M  
Maple - Elsie H  
Olive - Daisy M  
Sycamore - Laiton M  
Willow - Bianca T  
Elder - Bella-Rose E  
Elm - Jayden J  
Oak - Kurtis



Please be reminded that if you are giving your child grapes for their snack or lunch these need to be cut so they do not pose a choking risk.

School Crossing Patrol Service

Could pedestrians please remain on the safety of the kerbs until the patrol is in the middle of the road. Some vehicles do not stop when requested to do so by the patrol, so it is much safer to wait until the patrol has established their position in the middle of the road and advised you it is safe to cross before pedestrians leave the kerbs. Thank you.

## Berlesduna Vacancies



**BERLESDUNA**  
ACADEMY TRUST

### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – GOVERNOR/TRUSTEE closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
CHERRY TREE – SEMH ASSISTANT closing date 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
MERRYLANDS – HLTA closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME EYFS TEACHER closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
MERRYLANDS – AUTISM SUPPORT CENTRE LEAD TEACHER closing date 13<sup>th</sup> May  
WHITMORE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 1<sup>st</sup> May

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)



# Reading Corner

This week, we will be reading....

Nursery - The tiny see by Eric Carle

Reception - The Tiny Seed

Year 1 - Little Red

Year 2 - The Day the Crayons Quit

Year 3 - The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Year 4 - Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

Year 5 - King Kong

Year 6 - Darwin's On The Origin of Species

# Recommended Reads

KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
		



# Phonics

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please scan the QR code or click the link to take you to the Little Wandle Parents page where you will find how we teach a new sound, how we teach children to read decodable words and tricky words. You will also find how to pronounce all GPCS your children learn.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Reception	This week in phonics, Reception focus has been 'Phase 4 CCVCC words'. We have been learning new phase 4 tricky words- were, here, little, and says.
Year 1	We have been continuing to revise the phase 5 sounds. We have also learnt the new graphemes st/sc (s)
Year 2	Our focus this week is - Why do I swap the 'y' for an 'i' when I add the suffix -es? Please practise the new, weekly spellings. The children shall be tested on these on Friday 8th May. Thank you for your continued support. Year 2 team.

## KS2 Class of the week - Beech Class - 97%

Player of the week—  
Lavender— Nisla  
Orchid — Noah  
Sunflower— Iremide O  
Birch— Wiktor B  
Hawthorn— Bradley B  
Pine— Ashante O  
Ash— Tommy K  
Beech— Alexis A  
Maple— Temi  
Olive - Ella M  
Sycamore - Apshara S  
Willow— Gabriel N  
Elder— Vivien M  
Elm - William G  
Oak— Darius



## KS1 Class of the week - Bluebell Class - 16%



Player of the week—  
Bluebell— Iustina R  
Rose— David D  
Tulip— Camelia



# Oracy Corner



## Let's Talk



Is it better to save money or spend it?

 **Build**  
Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.

**Start by saying:**

- Building on X's idea...
- I agree and would like to add...
- X's idea made me think...

**Build**

 **Challenge**  
Disagree or present an alternative argument

**Start by saying:**

- I disagree because...
- To challenge you X, I think...
- I understand your point of view, but have you thought about...?

**Challenge**



## Trust Orienteering Competition

A group of Year 4 pupils took part in the orienteering competition at The Willows this week. They were grouped into six teams, alongside 11 other schools, guaranteeing that every participant had a role. Lamia's team finished in first place,, Jenson's was second placed and Jacqueline's was third place. As always, the children behaved brilliantly and were great competitors.



## Panathlon Event

Yesterday was the KS1 and KS2 Panathlon event. Panathlon is a national charity which gives young people with disabilities and special educational needs, every year, the opportunity to take part in competitive sport. Our pupils enjoyed every moment, competing and taking part in a number of activities including: Curling, Boccia and a range of target games. It was lovely to see pupils, who came, have fun, and get in the competitive spirit. All of the children cheered each other on, showed great cooperation and resilience. Each of the pupils won a participation medal for attending the event! Thank you to the staff who ran the event and our Whitmore team that supported the pupils. We look forward to many more events like this!

