



12th June 2026

## Diary Dates

### June

- 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 trip to Hanningfield
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Roman Workshop (in school)
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Trust Netball and Football competition (selected children)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Summer Enterprise and Inflatable Event 3:30-5pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 1 trip to Barleylands
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Yr 5-6 football match v Eversley(A) (selected children)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - KS1 Music Festival at Lincwood (Selected children)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 5 trip to Writtle College
- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability (selected children)
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Pupil Voice @ St Mary's (Head boy & girl)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day - 9:20am
- 30<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Sports Day - 9:20am

### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Nursery Sports Day - Times to be confirmed
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Trust Swimming Gala (selected children)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Yr 5-6 District Sports (selected children)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Uniformwise Pop up shop 3-4pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 6 HRSE meeting for parents @ 3:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 6 HRSE meeting for parents @ 5:30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Yr 3-4 District Sports (selected children)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Reports issued
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Move Up Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Shut due to Move Up Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Road Safety event (in school)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Open Evening - 5-7pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Leaver Assembly and Party (deatils to follow)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Clap out - Last day of term

It has been another wonderful week at Whitmore! From swimming achievements to animal encounters and some very special new arrivals in Nursery, our children have been learning and growing in so many ways.

Our Year 4 children completed their term of swimming lessons this week, and we couldn't be prouder of the amazing progress they have all made! Swimming is an important part of the PE curriculum, teaching pupils to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, using a range of strokes effectively, and performing safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. Every child has developed their skills and confidence in the water, and it's been brilliant to see them achieve so much. Well done, Year 4!

Year 3 had a fantastic day out at Call of the Wild zoo this week. The children were absolutely engaged throughout the visit, learning lots about different animals, their amazing adaptations, and the habitats they live in. This trip linked perfectly to our Science curriculum and brought their classroom learning to life. The enthusiasm and curiosity the children showed was wonderful to see – thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who made this trip possible.

Our Nursery children have had an unforgettable experience this week, observing duck eggs hatching and then looking after the newly hatched ducklings. Watching them swim in the paddling pool was definitely a highlight of my week! The children have been so gentle and responsible, and this hands-on learning has been invaluable for their understanding of life cycles and caring for living things.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our SEND coffee morning this week. We hope you found it helpful to talk with our staff, external professionals, and other parents. We will be planning more of these sessions next academic year to continue building our supportive community and ensuring every child gets the support they need.

I hope you all have a relaxed and restful weekend. I'm very much looking forward to seeing many of you at our Enterprise afternoon next Friday afternoon – it promises to be a fantastic event showcasing all the brilliant work our children have been doing.

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 - What can we learn from our favourite toys?

KS1/KS2 -Is technology changing childhood?

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 - Joshua P  
Daffodil - Frank F  
Primrose - Grayson  
Bluebell - Juni P  
Rose - James  
Tulip - Tiffany  
Lavender - Maria  
Orchid - Aarna  
Sunflower - Michaela E  
Birch - Eleanor A  
Hawthorn - Whole Class  
Pine - Whole Class  
Ash - Angel K  
Beech - Lamia M-A  
Maple - Temi A  
Olive - James B  
Sycamore - Laiton M  
Willow - Faida E  
Elder - Kai McK  
Elm - Ebrima T  
Oak - Albie

## Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Heidi S  
Rose - Olivia  
Tulip - Kumsal  
Lavender - Tommy  
Orchid - Ana  
Sunflower - Henderson W  
Birch - Ramzan R  
Hawthorn - Eden H  
Pine - Haadi H  
Ash - Lexi B  
Beech - Layla D  
Maple - Mariam F  
Olive - Daria P  
Sycamore - Tyler C  
Willow - Ann M  
Elder - Faiqoh K  
Elm - Keira M  
Oak - Danny

# Reading Corner

Next week, we will be reading....  
Nursery - Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell  
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

## Oracy Corner



Let's Talk



Would you rather be famous or happy?

**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**



# 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	Our focus in phonics this week has been reviewing phase 4 CVCC and CCVC words. We have been reviewing phase 4 tricky words.
Year 1	Phonics- we have learnt the new graphemes or (ur) word, world, u/oul (oo) playful, could Tricky words once, oh their
Year 2	Our focus this week - What happens when I add the suffixes - ment, - less, - ful, -ness and -ly to a root word? Please practise the new, weekly spellings. The children shall be tested on these on Friday 19th June. Thank you for your continued support. Year 2 team.

## KS2 Class of the week - Pine Class - 80%

Player of the week—

Lavender - Temi

Orchid - Noah

Sunflower - Iremide O

Birch - Vlad C

Hawthorn - Joris

Pine - Miruna V

Ash - Teddie G

Beech - Blake H

Maple - Temi A

Olive - Mishal A

Sycamore - Amelia M

Willow - Bogdan C

Elder - Vivien M

Elm - Zack M

Oak - Kurtis



## KS1 Class of the week - Bluebell Class - 32%



Player of the week—

Bluebell - Nathaniel O

Rose - William

Tulip - Camelia



# Berlesduna Vacancies



## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 15<sup>th</sup> June

MERRYLANDS – NURSERY LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 15<sup>th</sup> June

WHITMORE – FULLTIME/PARTIME EYFS TEACHER closing date 19<sup>th</sup> June

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



As we are coming to the end of the academic year please ensure all outstanding dinner money and breakfast money are paid.

Our annual Enterprise event is on 19.06.26, please ensure you bring change to the event as we do not hold cash on site. Wristbands for the inflatables can be purchased on School Gateway in advance.

Due to the Enterprise event there will be no after school clubs on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026.



# Asthma Newsletter

## Summer 2026

### Did you know there is an increase in asthma attacks in the week following back to school?

Want to know how to prevent this?

Follow the Children's Community Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **Preventer** inhaler every day.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Know what **triggers** your asthma.
- Book an **asthma review** with your GP practice during the summer holiday.



### What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

### What are asthma triggers?

Triggers are things that make asthma worse when exposed to them. For example, colds, pollen or air pollution.

### What is good asthma control?

1. No symptoms during the day.
2. No symptoms waking them at night.
3. Able to complete all normal activities including PE.
4. Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, why not visit your GP to discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.

