



Newsletter

11th September 2026

Diary Dates

September

14th - 18th - Danbury Residential - Year 6 pupils
22nd - Year 6 Meet the Teacher online meeting
23rd - Reception Meet the Teacher online meeting
23rd - Year 5 & 6 STEAM Event
28th - Year 3 Meet the Teacher online meeting
29th - Year 2 Meet the Teacher online meeting
30th - Year 4 Meet the Teacher online meeting
30th - Bikeability (selected children)

October

1st - Bikeability (selected children)
1st - Year 5 Meet the Teacher online meeting
2nd - Year 1 Meet the Teacher online meeting

A warm welcome to all of our new families joining Whitmore Primary School and Nursery this year – we're delighted to have you as part of our school community! To those familiar faces returning, welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and made some lovely memories with your families.

It's been fantastic to see the children return to school this week. They have settled brilliantly, and there have been lots of happy, smiley faces around the school all week long. I must mention our Reception children, who have been absolute stars – though we have noticed some very tired little faces on their way out at the end of the day! This is completely normal as they adjust to their new routines, and they're doing wonderfully.

All of the staff at Whitmore Primary are looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year ahead. We believe that strong partnerships between home and school make all the difference to children's learning and wellbeing. I'd particularly encourage you to attend your child's year group Meet the Teacher meeting – these sessions are a brilliant opportunity to find out what your child will be learning this year and how you can support them at home.



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 are some ways we can help others?

KS1/KS2 - Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?

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

Important Reminders

We're here to help – Senior Leaders are on the gates daily at drop-off and collection times. If something isn't quite going right, please come and talk to one of us. We'll do our best to direct you to the right support or help resolve any concerns you may have.

Meet Mrs Thorn – Our new Family Support Officer, Mrs Thorn, began with us last week. She's here to support families in any way that she can, and this support isn't limited to just school matters. If you'd like to get in contact with Mrs Thorn, please pop into the school office and they'll arrange a time for you to speak with her.

New outdoor gym – Over the summer, we invested in an outdoor gym for the KS2 playground, which looks amazing! Can I please ask for your support to ensure that siblings are not attempting to use this equipment at the end of the school day. As always, please supervise your children on the school site once they have left their classroom to keep everyone safe.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Wade
Headteacher

Well done to the following children

Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Emma H
Daffodil - Ifemide O
Primrose - Isla
Bluebell - Zeynep K
Rose - Rafe O'C
Tulip - Oscar
Lavender - Harvey
Orchid - Florence H
Sunflower - Hadassah C
Birch - Florence
Hawthorn - Maisie
Pine - Jesse H
Ash - Albie H
Chestnut - Kaleb G
Maple - Jensen J
Olive - Skyla L
Sycamore - Caleb S
Willow - James
Elder - Amelia B
Elm - Lacey
Oak - Charlie Q

Reader of the Week

Bluebell - William A
Rose - Hamidah
Tulip - Jaxon
Lavender - William
Orchid - Eva C
Sunflower - Stefan C
Birch - Harper
Hawthorn - Sophia
Pine - Noah L
Ash - Hayden W-W
Chestnut - AJ Y
Maple - Ben D
Olive - Oscar M
Sycamore - Mckayla N
Willow - Jacqueline
Elder - Ann M
Elm - Gracie
Oak - Ziyad



Reading Corner

Next week, we will be reading....

Nursery -

Reception - Where the Wild Things Are

Year 1 - Supertato

Year 2 - The Bear Under the Stairs

Year 3 - The Boy who Grew Dragons

Year 4 - Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe

Year 5 - The Boy at the Back of the Class

Year 6 - Windrush Child



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, Reception have been learning the foundations for phonics. We have been listening to a variety of nursery rhymes and have developed some key phonics skills through listening, rhyming, alliteration, syllables, and sound knowledge.
Year 1	Year 1 have been revising the Summer 2 Reception sounds this week.
Year 2	This week, the year 2 children have been continuing their phase 5 phonics learning. We have been focusing on the following graphemes: /ai/ eigh aigh ey ea - eight straight grey break /n/ kn gn - knee gnaw /m/ mb - thumb /ear/ ere eer - here deer

Player of the week—

Lavender - Olivia

Orchid - Camelia N

Sunflower - Nathaniel O

Birch - Delsidia

Hawthorn - Brianna

Pine - David B

Ash - Joris S

Chestnut - Ochuwa Y

Maple - Vlad C

Olive - Lamia M

Sycamore - Freddie W

Willow - Patricia

Elder - Bogdan C

Elm - Vanessa

Oak - La-Bonte



Player of the week—

Bluebell - Teddy L



Amy Thorn - Family support officer

My name is Amy, and I am the family support officer. I'm really pleased to introduce myself and look forward to getting to know you and your families. My role is to support families with any concerns or challenges that may affect a child's wellbeing, attendance, learning or home life. I'm here to listen, offer practical support, and help families access the right services when needed. Please feel free to come and speak to me if you have any questions or if there is anything you feel the school could support you with. I look forward to working together to support your children and help them feel happy, safe and able to achieve their best at school.



Secondary School Open Dates

De La Salle - by appointment during the day only

James Hornsby - 17th September

Harris Benfleet - 17th September

Mayflower - 17th September

Sweyne Park - 17th September

The Deanes - 22nd September

Harris Kingswood - 24th September

Anglo European School - 24th September

Harris Billericay - 24th September

Lower Academy - 1st October

Harris Wickford - 8th October





WHITMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

**COATS, JUMPERS, CARDIGANS,
TROUSERS, SKIRTS, PE KITS,
TRAINERS**

**13/10/26 AT 8:45AM in the
KS1 Hall**

COLLECTIONS WELCOME ANYTIME



**EVERY ITEM IS FREE
NO STRINGS. NO
QUESTIONS**

