Whitmore Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter

Part of the Berlesduna Academy Trust

23rd October 2026

Diary Dates

October

23rd - Wear in Pink Day
23rd - Last Day of Half Term

November

2nd - Inset Day
6th - Residential 2027 meeting with parents (current Year 5 pupils)
9th - Yr5/6 football match v Phoenix Primary (H) (selected children)
10th - Year 5 Saxon Workshop (in school)
12th - Maths Challenge (selected children)
W/C 16th - Book Fair in School
17th- Parent Consultations 15:30-18:00
19th - Parent Consultations 15:30-17:00
20th - Year 5/6 football match V Lincewood(A) (selected children)
24th - Flu Immunisations - details being sent by Nursing Team
26th - Year 5/6 football match v Kingswood(H) (selected children)

Inset Dates - 2nd November 2026, 27th & 28th May 2027

Please see the following link for a staff member and their sibling (who is also a pupil at whitmore) who are doing a sponsored walk to raise money for Cancer Research.



Kyan and Kaydee's walk for cancer

Thanks for taking the time to visit our fundraising page. We're taking on 10k, dressed in funny, neon, mismatched outfits. To raise as much money as we can. Cancer has affected people close to us, who have fought so hard, and we wanted...

cancerresearchuk.org

As we reach the end of what has been an incredibly busy and successful half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and achievements of all our children. They have shown tremendous dedication to their learning and have made us all very proud. Now is the time for them to rest and recharge over the coming week.

Please note that Monday 2nd November is a staff training day and school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming all children back on Tuesday 3rd November.

This week has been particularly special, with several highlights that showcase the talent and values of our school community. Our Year 3 children delivered an absolutely outstanding harvest performance for their families. The level of performance was polished, professional and really showcased the incredible talent within the year group. Thank you to all the families who came to support them – your children were amazing!

On Thursday, our Head Boy and Head Girl represented Whitmore at a Berlesduna Academy Trust event focused on British Values and protected characteristics. The children had a wonderful morning working alongside their counterparts from other schools across the trust. They have already begun sharing what they learned with other pupils, helping to spread these important messages throughout our school community.

The children also had their individual photographs taken this week. To order your child's photos, simply click on the link provided on the card you received. This is a lovely opportunity to capture a moment from this school year.

Today, our whole school community came together to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Staff and children wore pink in support of this important cause, which is very close to our school's heart. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this initiative – your generosity and compassion mean so much.

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term, and they truly deserve this break. Please encourage them to rest, play, and enjoy quality time with family and friends. We'll be ready to welcome them back refreshed and ready for the exciting learning opportunities that await in the second half of the autumn term.

Wishing you all a wonderful break, and I look forward to welcoming you and your children back in November.

Mr Wade
Headteacher



Well done to the following children

Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Arzoyi
Daffodil - Reena
Primrose - Savannah
Bluebell - William A
Rose - Caolan K
Tulip - Sydney
Lavender - Noel
Orchid - Jacob M
Sunflower - Benjamin F
Birch - Leo
Hawthorn - Lucy C
Pine - Mirabelle O
Ash - Ella P
Chestnut - Joseph M
Maple - Ramzan R
Olive - Max P
Sycamore - Freddie J
Willow - Hunter
Elder - Bianca T
Elm - Harry
Oak - Nellie

Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Teddy L
Rose - Ilinca M
Tulip - Zeenat
Lavender - Sanu
Orchid - Dennis D
Sunflower - Zach G
Birch - Roseanna
Hawthorn - Erica M
Pine - Nathan O
Ash - Bradley B
Chestnut- Ashante O
Maple - Re'Nell C
Olive - Oscar M
Sycamore - Mckayla N
Willow - Levi
Elder - Faida E
Elm - Freya P
Oak - Harper

Reading Corner

After half term, we will be reading....

Nursery - The best Diwali

Reception - Sparks in the Sky

Year 1 - Traction man

Year 2 - There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom

Year 3 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

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

Year 5 - When the Mountain Roared

Year 6 - Suffragette: The Battle for Equality

Year 5 Wonderdome

Last Friday, Year 5 explored space, planets, stars and the Solar System through an exciting 360-degree planetarium experience. We travelled through the universe, discovering fascinating facts about the planets and learning about their unique features. We explored how the planets orbit the Sun, observed the beauty of stars and galaxies, and developed a greater understanding of the vastness of space.













Phonics

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 reviewing all of the sounds learnt this half term whilst we have carried out our autumn term phonics assessments. These phonics assessments will be sent home for families to practise over the half term holidays!
Year 1	Phonics- We have been reviewing our new phase 5 sounds ay/ea/oy/ou based on our most recent assessments
Year 2	This week, Year 2 have finished reviewing their Phase 5 graphemes and tricky words. The children have also completed their end-of-term phonics assessments, giving them the opportunity to demonstrate all the fantastic progress they have made so far this term.

TTRS Class of the week - Chestnut Class - 100%

Player of the week—
Lavender - Jack
Orchid - Ubaid U
Sunflower - Nathaniel O
Birch - Marnie
Hawthorn - Olivia B
Pine - Oakley H
Ash - Hayden W-W
Chestnut - Buddy McN
Maple - Leona H
Olive - Lamia M-A
Sycamore - Raphael U
Willow - Lexi
Elder - Ruth B
Elm - Freya P
Oak - Apshara

Numbots Class of the week - Tulip Class - 36%

Player of the week—
Bluebell - Joshua P
Rose - Edward C
Tulip - Grayson



Year 6 Secondary School information -

the new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.





Year 4 Greek Day

The children had a fantastic time for Greek day! They came to school dressed as Greeks and took part in a range of exciting activities. They played traditional Greek-inspired games, learnt how to write their name in Greek, and acted out the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. To finish the day, the children took part in their very own mini-Olympic games, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. It was a fun and memorable day, full of learning and excitement!









Half-Term Reminder for Parents!

Dear Parents,

School holidays are just around the corner! It's the perfect time to take care of your child's oral health without worrying about missing school hours.

Book today to receive a free NHS dental check-up along with a free toothpaste for your child.

Half-term slots are in high demand, so please call us on 01268 520555 with your child's school name to reserve an appointment before they're gone!







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Whitmore Wear It Pink

















