



Another week has come and gone at Whitmore. This week, the Year 1 children visited Mountfitchet Castle to learn about different types of houses across a range of historical periods. The children had a fantastic time and came back to school both tired and enthusiastic to share what they had seen and learnt.

We are very pleased to share that from September, we will be introducing full day nursery places running from 08:30am through to 3:30pm. These spaces can be secured using the Government's 30 hour nursery funding or by topping up funding if the Government only cover 15 hours. Spaces are limited, so please speak to Miss Gladwin in the school office if you would like to secure a space.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr Wade  
Head of School

**Diary Dates:**

**April**

29th—Police visiting Reception children (PM)

30th—Disco—Reception—3:15 -4:15pm  
(collect from

classrooms)

30th—Disco—Year 3 & 4—4:30-6pm  
(collect from KS2

Hall via school office)**May**

2nd—Disco—Year 1 & 2—3:15-4:15pm (collect from  
classrooms)

2nd—Disco—Year 5 & 6—4:30-6pm (collect from KS2  
Hall via school office)

2nd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (5pm KS1  
Hall)

3rd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (2pm KS1  
Hall)

**6th—Bank Holiday Monday (no school)**

7th—Farm visit to Nursery (in school)

7th—Year 3 Egyptian workshop

7th—Reception trip to Barleylands

10th—Year 5/6 Football match v Eversley (A) (Selected  
children)

W/C 13th—KS2 SATs

16th—Yr3/4 Football match v Eversley (A) (selected  
children)

21st—KS2 Music Festival

21st—Year 4 Roman Workshop

21st—Year 6 Reward trip to Chessington

**Inset Days—22nd, 23rd & 24th May 2024.**



**Information/ Reminders —**

**School discos take place next Tuesday(30th) and Thursday (2nd) therefore there will be NO afterschool clubs on these days.**

Jewellery & earrings— a reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school (bangles/ necklaces). Earrings should be small studs and not hoops.



**'Talk it' topics and British Values**

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to the 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. This week's topic will be—

**Early Years—How are you the same as and different to your friends? This links to the British Value —Democracy.**

**KS1 & KS2—How can shops make sure everyone feels represented? This links to the British Value —Democracy.**



## Certificate of Achievement

Week of 26th April 2024

Buttercup— Oakley  
Daffodil— George  
Primrose— Desidia C  
Bluebell Class— Whole Class  
Rose Class— Ugne P  
Tulip Class— Whole Class  
Lavender Class— Thomas F  
Orchid Class— Jenson  
Sunflower Class— Kevin T  
Birch Class— Jacob E  
Hawthorn Class— Taylor M  
Pine Class— Amelia D  
Ash Class— Thalia P  
Beech Class— Archie F  
Maple Class— Adrain D  
Olive Class— Freya C  
Sycamore Class— Logan A  
Willow Class— Elochukwu  
Elder Class— Sophie J  
Elm Class— Joseph P  
Oak Class— Remi R



## Reading Corner

Year Group	This week we will be reading....
Nursery	The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
Reception	The hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle
Year 1	The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton
Year 2	The day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt
Year 3	Rumaysa: A Fairytale by Radiya Hafiza
Year 4	Tamarind and the Star of Ishta by Jasbinder Bila
Year 5	Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Year 6	Suffragette The battle for Equality by David Roberts

Class	Reader of the week...
Year 1—Bluebell	Sophia
Year 1—Rose	Eden-Grace H
Year 1 - Tulip	Ralph C
Year 2 - Orchid	Gabriel
Year 2 - Sunflower	Viennablu C
Year 2 - Lavender	Maisy D
Year 3 - Pine	Alfie F
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Taylor M
Year 3 - Birch	Halo S
Year 4 - Maple	Jennifer R
Year 4 - Beech	Faiqoh K
Year 4 - Ash	Sophia V
Year 5 - Olive	Kaiya K
Year 5 - Sycamore	Zahira B
Year 5 - Willow	Leah
Year 6—Elder	Sophie J
Year— Elm	Bentley H
Year 6—Oak	Fathia A

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



Please see below for what has been taught in phonics this week in your child's year group:

Reception	This week in phonics Reception have started learning phase 4 words with adjacent consonants such as jump, lift, help, lost and pond. We have been learning the tricky words said, so have and like.
Year 1	In phonics this week, Year 1 have been re-capping some sounds and tricky words we have previously learnt. We have recapped the following sounds: ie like in pie and tried i-e like in time and inside o making the 'oa' sound like in post and open o-e like in home and those The tricky words we have recapped this week are: were, one, says, here and today

### Free Reader Friday

Please remind your child that every Friday, they can bring in their own book from home, or choose one from the book corner or school library.



## Oracy Corner



# Let's Talk



**Discuss:** "Which is the most important core value in school?" Why?

### Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



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

Build

### Challenge

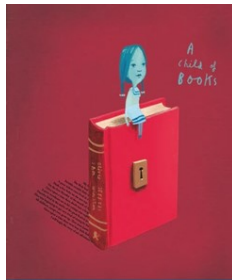
Disagree or present an alternative argument



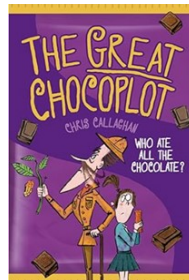
- “ I disagree because \_\_\_\_
- “ To challenge you X, I think \_\_\_\_
- “ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about \_\_\_\_?

Challenge

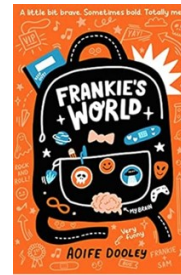
## Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2



## Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

**TT Rockstars Class of the week is Lavender**

### Player of the week—

Lavender— Lamia M-A  
Orchid— Noah  
Sunflower— Adebambo A  
Birch— Jayme W  
Hawthorn— Poppie M  
Pine — Jaxon S  
Ash— Dharan R  
Beech— Lauren M  
Maple— Danny S  
Olive— Joseph P  
Sycamore— Macie H  
Willow— Bradley  
Elder— William W  
Elm— David T  
Oak— Lexi C

Battle Board	26.4.24
Beech class	6
Pine class	3
Sycamore class	3
Sunflower class	3
Maple class	3
Lavender class	3
Willow class	3
Ash class	0
Hawthorn class	0
Olive class	0
Elder class	0
Birch class	0
Orchid class	0
Oak class	0
Elm class	0

**Numbots Class of the week is Rose**

### Numbots Player of the week

Rose— Jessica L  
Tulip— Ava M  
Bluebell— Joshua





### Year 1 trip to Mountfichet Castle

On Thursday Year 1 went on a trip to Mountfichet Castle as part of their history learning on homes from the past. The children looked at the homes of the villagers and Baron Mountfichet. We saw the different trades from the Norman period and were able to immerse ourselves in what life was like in that time. The children enjoyed seeing the free roaming animals and historical features. Their behaviour was exemplary, and they were a credit to our school.

