WHITMORE
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Newsletter 17th October 2025

Happy Friday! Here's what's been happening at Whitmore Primary School and Nursery this week, along with some important information for the week ahead.

We recently had a company called DTV in school creating a video to showcase all the wonderful things we do for our children at Whitmore Primary School. This video will capture the essence of our school community and the fantastic learning experiences we provide. Keep an eye on our website – the video will be available soon and we're excited for you to see it!

This winter, we're working with Art Projects for Schools to give children the opportunity to design their own Christmas cards. This is a lovely creative activity that allows each child to produce something truly personal and unique. Once the children have completed their designs and they've been sent off and scanned, we'll send out more details about how you can purchase your child's design. These will be available on a range of products including Christmas cards, tea towels, mugs and other gift items. This is a wonderful keepsake and makes perfect gifts for family members!

Lots of our children have taken part in the NHS flu immunisation programme this week. The team will be returning in November, so it's not too late to request the immunisation for your child if you haven't already done so. A letter was sent out previously with all the details, but if you need more information or would like to arrange this for your child, please stop by the school office and our staff will be happy to help.

Next week we have several exciting events coming up. Photographers will be in school to take individual photos of the children on Tuesday, so please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform and are neat and tidy. Our Halloween discos are next week, so please make sure you have checked the date for your child's disco and have booked them a space. As a result of the discos, there will be no clubs after school on Tuesday and Thursday. We're also looking forward to our Year 3 Harvest Assembly, where the children will share what they've been learning about harvest and thankfulness.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you next week on the gate.

Mr Wade
Head of School

Diary Dates:

October
21st—Individual photos
21st—Reception Halloween Disco 3:10-4:15pm
21st—Year 3/4 Halloween Disco—4:30-6pm
23rd—Pupil Voice meeting (Head boy & girl)
23rd—Year 1/2 Halloween Disco 3:10-4:15pm
23rd— Year 5/6 Halloween Disco 4:30-6pm
24th—Year 3 Harvest Festival assemblies 9:15am & 2pm
24th—Last day of half term

November
3rd—Inset Day
4th—Children return to school
4th—Year 5 Anglo-Saxon workshop in school
6th—Yr3/4 football match v Eversley (A) (Selected children)
W/C 10th—Anti-bullying Week
11th—Armistice Day
11th—Yr5/6 Football match v Ghyllgrove (A) (Selected children)
13th— Trust maths challenge (selected children)
14th—Children in Need
Inset Dates—3rd November 2025, 20th,21st & 22nd May 2026

Year 6—Secondary School applications

If your child is in year 6, the admissions process for secondary schools opens on 12th September 2025 and closes on 31st October 2025. Many schools will run open days and evenings where you and your child can tour the schools and find out more about them. You can find out more about each school's open events by contacting them directly. You can apply for a secondary school place for your child at this website: https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places,
or by scanning this QR code.

This link will take you to a digital magazine that can give you more

'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—What makes you who you are? This links to the British Value —Rule of Law.
KS1 & KS2—Should everyone have an identity card? This links to the British Value —Rule of Law.

Certificate of Achievement

Week of 13th October 2025

Daffodil Class— Hamidah Y
Buttercup Class— Nelly M
Primrose Class— Chloe
Bluebell Class— Rosie-Mae B-T
Rose Class— Essie G
Tulip Class— Florence
Lavender Class— Delsidia C
Orchid Class— Olivia
Sunflower Class— Isla-Alanna T
Birch Class— Milaniia S
Hawthorn Class— Victor
Pine Class— Ellis G
Ash Class— Rebecca V
Beech Class— Jonathan KB
Maple Class— Temi
Olive Class— Ella M
Sycamore Class— Elle W
Willow Class— Alliana
Elder Class— Kai McK
Elm Class— Michael Z
Oak Class— Albie H

Year Group	Next week, we will be reading….
Nursery	**Peppa's Diwali**
Reception	**Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain**
Year 1	**Supertato** by Sue Hendra
Year 2	**The bear under the stairs** by Helen Cooper
Year 3	**The boy who grew dragons** by Andy Shepherd
Year 4	**The Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S.Lewis
Year 5	**The boy at the back of the class** by Onjali Rauf
Year 6	**Windrush Child** by Benjamin Zepaniah

Class	Reader of the week…
Year 1—Bluebell	Juni P
Year 1—Rose	Elsie-Mae Mc
Year 1 - Tulip	Reggie
Year 2 - Orchid	Nathan
Year 2 - Sunflower	Bali T
Year 2 - Lavender	Harper C
Year 3 - Birch	Eleanor A
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Ella
Year 3 - Pine	Aairah L
Year 4 - Maple	Azlan
Year 4 - Beech	Ryka R
Year 4 - Ash	Tommy K
Year 5 - Olive	Roheem A
Year 5 - Sycamore	Apshara S
Year 5 - Willow	Olivia
Year 6—Elder	Owen D
Year 6 —Elm	Neariah K
Year 6—Oak	Finley P

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 Reception we have had assessment week, which consists of checking what sounds the children have retained and how secure they are with blending. Our phonics lesson focus for the week has been based on recapping the sounds the children are least confident in.
Year 1	we have learnt the new graphemes 'ay', oy, ea, ou, (day, boy, sea, cloud) Tricky words full/pull/put/push/little/like/says/said/do
Year 2	This week, year 2 have been completing their end of term phonic assessments. They have also been revisiting and reviewing areas to gain more accuracy and fluency.

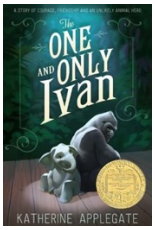
We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education
Little Wandle LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED ™

Oracy Corner

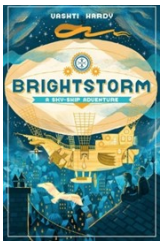
What are the most important qualities in a good friend? Discuss.

Recommended Reads

KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

TTR class of the week— Hawthorn Class — 81%.

Player of the week—
Lavender— McKenzie N
Orchid — Eliza
Sunflower— Henderson W
Birch— Sophia M
Hawthorn— Harry
Pine— Thierry-Jane G
Ash— Eva P
Beech— Oscar M
Maple— Maddie
Sycamore— Imogen B
Olive - Freya F
Willow— Gabriel
Elder— Vivien M
Elm— Liam B
Oak— Darius

Numbots class of the week - Bluebell Class—81%.

Player of the week—
Bluebell— Stefan C
Rose— Noel B
Tulip— Zidan

Berlesduna Academy Trust Vacancies

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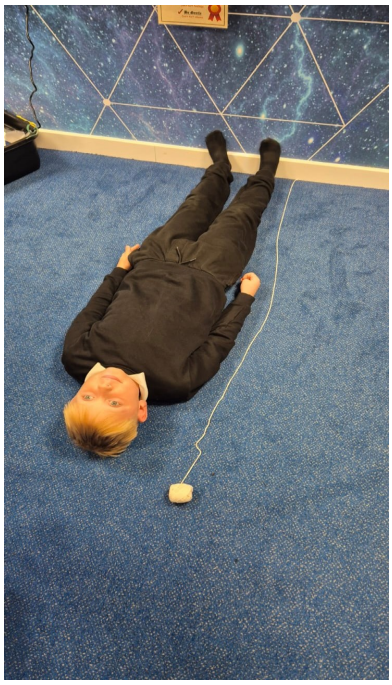
CHERRY TREE – TEACHER closing date 22nd October
ST NICHOLAS – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 31st October

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

Aim High maths event

A selection of year 5 pupils represented Whitmore at the *Aim High maths* event hosted at Lee Chapel Primary School on Monday. During the day, the pupils got to explore different resources and completed activities around ratio, geometry and measurements.
It was mentioned by the organisers how polite and respectful the pupils from Whitmore were.