



Whitchurch  
Weekly

School  
News

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Issue 1

Dear Whitchurch Families,

Welcome back to school for the Autumn term and a brand new school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Summer break with your families.

It is great to welcome the pupils back to school; there is a lovely energy and atmosphere around the school with children pleased to be back, setting into their new classes and ready for new experiences, challenges and opportunities.

This week has been a real pleasure for me personally to be part of the school community and I look forward to getting to know you better and working with you. We shall be holding regular 'Tea & Talk' sessions for parents and carers; you will be most welcome to come along and raise questions, share concerns and listen to my vision for Whitchurch in the coming years. Sessions will alternate between live and virtual to accommodate working families.

I would like to take the opportunity to reassure parents that Whitchurch has not been identified as a school with **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**.

With the hot weather still here, please can I remind you to ensure that you send children to school with sun hats, sun cream applied and water bottles.

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Mr Joseph Pine  
Headteacher

Year 6 visit to  
Imperial War  
Museum next  
Thursday and  
Friday





## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14th September	6HH and 6AS visit to The Imperial War Museum
Friday 15th September	6EH and 6MO visit to The Imperial War Museum
Thursday 21st September	4BS and 4SF visit to The National Maritime Museum World Fitness Day
Monday 25th September	4XL and 4CM visit to The National Maritime Museum
Wednesday 4th October	5SK and 5ET visit to The Ragged Museum
Thursday 5th October	5PA and 5SC visit to The Ragged Museum
Wednesday 11th October	International Day / Evening Year 6 Holocaust visitor
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 20th October	Soloists Music Concert

More dates to be announced

Half Term Break  
23rd to 27th  
October



## Autumn Class Assemblies - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.05am

Parents/Carers should arrive 5 mins before the assembly starts

**Infant Class Assemblies**  
Tuesdays  
9.05am

- 26th September - 2GH
- 3rd October - 3NL
- 10th October - 1ST
- 17th October - 3MS
- 31st October - 2SA
- 7th November - 1BP
- 14th November - 3SM
- 21st November - 2KB
- 28th November - 1SM
- 5th December - 3LA
- 12th December - 2AR

**Junior Class Assemblies**  
Thursdays  
at 9.05am

- 28th September - 5PA
- 5th October - 6HH
- 12th October - 4BS
- 19th October - 6AS
- 2nd November - 5SK
- 9th November - 4CM
- 16th November - 6EH
- 23rd November - 5SC
- 30th November - 4XL
- 7th December - 6MO
- 14th December - 5ET

# Notices



## Morning Drop-off

From Monday, in line with our policy, children in Years 1 to 6 should be dropped at the playground gate from 8.40am and make their way to their classroom. Parents and carers of children in Nursery and Reception (as well as any children in school with specific additional needs) may enter the playground to walk their child to their classroom.



## School Meals

Please remember to book meals for your children for the rest of the term by **Sunday 10th September at 8pm** via ParentPay.



## Nurturing Parenting Programme

The Family Learning Hub will be running their popular 10-week programme to help you get the best out of family life. The programme will commence with a coffee morning on **Thursday 21st September (9am-9.30am)**. Spaces are limited; to find out more and to book a space please email [asha@thefamilylearninghub.com](mailto:asha@thefamilylearninghub.com)

## P.E. Days

P.E. will take place on the following days this half term. Please remember to send your child to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.



<b>Reception</b>	RNW, RRA, RRV and RPS - Wednesdays	
<b>Year 1</b>	1ST and 1BP - Tuesdays and Fridays	1CL and 1SM - Tuesdays and Thursdays
<b>Year 2</b>	2KB and 2AR - Mondays and Tuesdays	2GH and 2SA - Mondays and Wednesdays
<b>Year 3</b>	3NL, 3MS, 3LA and 3SM - Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)	
<b>Year 4</b>	4BS and 4CM - Wednesdays and Fridays	4XL and 4SF - Mondays and Wednesdays
<b>Year 5</b>	5PA & 5ET - Wednesdays and Fridays	5SK & 5SC - Thursdays and Fridays
<b>Year 6</b>	6EH & 6HH - Monday (Swimming) and Thursday	6AS & 6MO - Wednesday (Swimming) and Thursday



# Year Group Highlights

## Preparing for New Starters

This week in Nursery and Reception we have been busy preparing our classrooms for our new children who start with us from next week. We look forward to welcoming you to Whitchurch and look forward to lots of exciting activities!



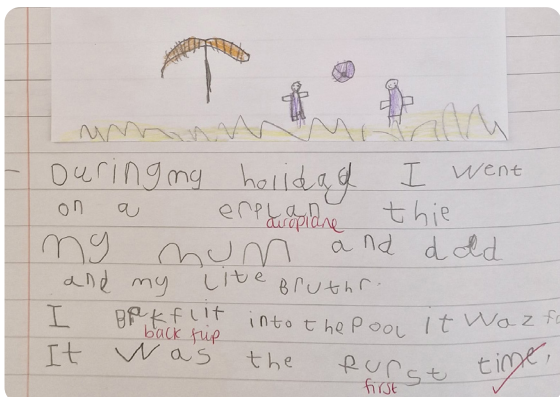
## Early Years



## Year 1

### Holiday News

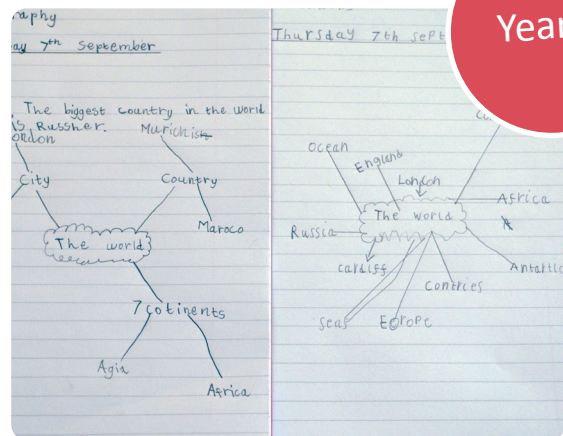
This week in Year 1, we discussed what we got up to over the summer break! Some of us went to lovely exotic places and others had adventures closer to home. It was lovely to hear and write about our different experiences.



### Our World

This week in Geography, Year 2 have completed a knowledge harvest on our topic 'Our World'. We have shared what we already know and will be adding our new learning each week!

## Year 2





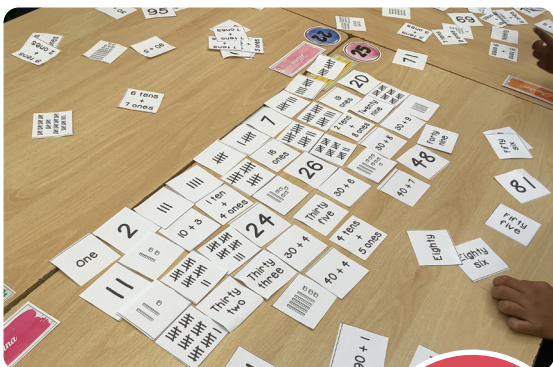


# Year 3

# Year Group Highlights

## Place Value

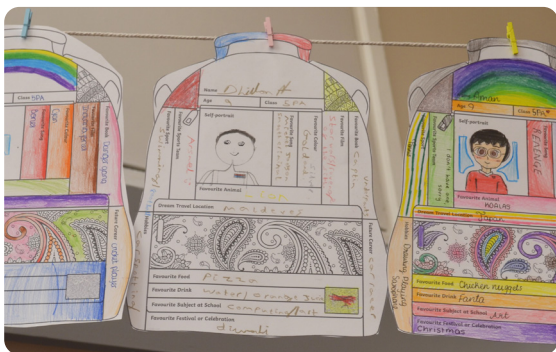
This week in Maths, Year 3 have been reviewing place value and representing numbers to 100 in different ways. We enjoyed working together to write and represent numbers using pictorial and concrete resources.



# Year 5

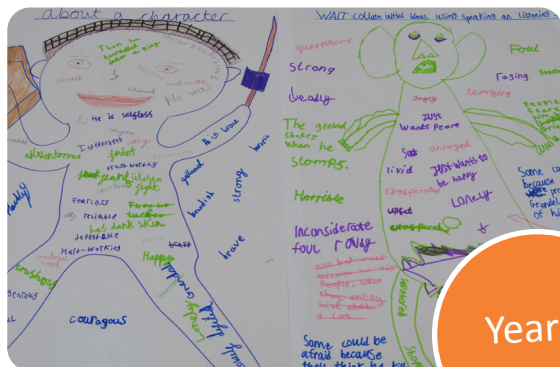
## Settling In

This week, we have been settling back into school as Year 5 pupils. We have been playing team building games, doing some art work and participating in drama. We are also preparing to help out with lunchtimes to develop our independence and leadership skills.



## Beowulf

This week in English, as part of our topic Myths and Legends, Year 4 explored the poem Beowulf the Brave - performed by the teachers! We worked together in groups to collate initial ideas about the protagonist and antagonist.

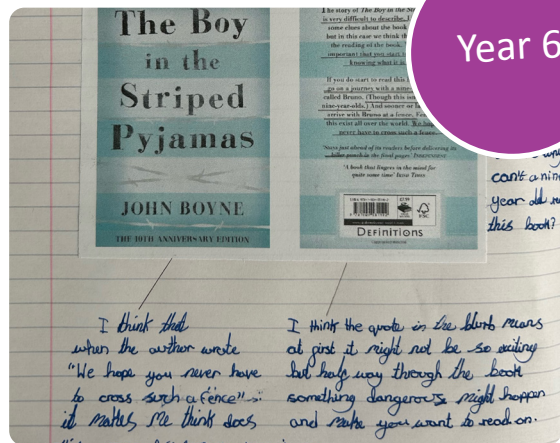


# Year 4

## The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

This week we started reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. We analysed the front cover and blurb looking for clues about the book and made predictions based on this information.

# Year 6



## Reading

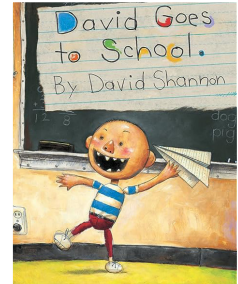


### Reading Corner

The libraries are ready and bursting with many new books to be enjoyed in this academic year. Have a look at our latest recommendations:

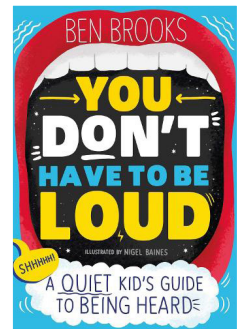
#### 'David Goes to School' by David Shannon

A back to school classic which will make you realise that either you are a David or you know at least one! David's teacher has her hands full. From running in the halls to chewing gum in class, David's high-energy antics fill each school day with trouble - and are sure to bring a smile to even the best-behaved reader. Aimed at infants but suitable for all!



#### 'You Don't Have to be Loud: A Quiet Kid's Guide to Being Heard' by Ben Brooks

A positive and confidence-boosting look at what it means to be quiet - and why we should love and embrace it as part of ourselves! This engaging book gives quieter children the tools they need to help them to find their voice. Full of fun and interesting tips and tricks, this is an amazing asset for shy people everywhere. Recommended for older juniors.



Mrs Stachurska  
School Librarian

## Summer Reading Challenge

### The Summer Reading Challenge is entering Extra Time!



As the new school year starts the Summer Reading Challenge at Harrow libraries is entering Extra Time! They have extended the finish date to **Saturday 16th September** giving all readers an extra week to complete the Challenge after the long summer holidays.

Finish the six-book *Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge* at Harrow libraries to receive a mini frisbee (whilst stocks last), medal, certificate and be entered into our exclusive prize draw to win one of 10 sets of family (and friends) tickets for an amazing tour of Wembley Stadium.

[www.harrow.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/libraries)  
[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



## Instrumental Lessons and Music Ensembles

I hope you have all enjoyed a nice Summer holiday. A reminder that the instrumental lessons will resume next week. The music timetables are already on display on the school's music board. They have also have been shared with all classroom teachers and will be sent out to parents via School Spider by the end of this week.

If you wish to sign up for instrumental lessons please contact the music office as soon as possible. There are only a few spaces left for some instruments and they will be allocated on first come first served basis.

The rehearsals for Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Wind Band, Rock Band and Junior and Senior Choirs will commence the week after. Auditions for the choirs will take place this and next week and the children and class teachers will be notified.

Please note that the Senior Choir (Years 5 and 6) rehearsals have moved to Friday after school this year. An invite to join the ensembles will be sent out to selected pupils via School Spider by the end of next week. Children that were already members of the ensembles or choirs last year can join in automatically and no selection process is needed.



**Mrs Leutfeld**  
**Director of Music**

## Thames Path Challenge

As you are aware the John Lyons funding that we receive is going to be significantly reduced in the next couple of years which means we need to increase our fundraising efforts to ensure that you are not having to pay more for the service.

This weekend we have a team of 30 headteachers, teachers, parents, young people and therapeutic leads walking between 25-100 km along the Thames Path to raise these much needed funds.

Please support them in this challenge by donating as much as you can afford - no amount is too small: <https://gofund.me/dcb004d0>



# Autumn Menu



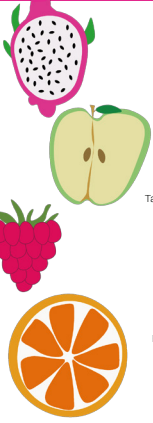
Salad bar, bread and milk are available daily

## WHITCHURCH MENU

### WEEK 1

WEEK 1 - 4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12

- MONDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Fruity Mousse
- TUESDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Minced Beef & Onion Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Cheese & Onion Lattice, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)  
**DESSERT**  
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Apple Crumble Cake
- THURSDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Turkey Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)  
**DESSERT**  
 Melting Moment Cookie
- FRIDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Fish Fillet with Chips & Mushy Peas  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Custard



### WEEK 2

WEEK 2 - 11/9, 21/9, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12

- MONDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Carrot Cookie
- TUESDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Tandoori Chicken Shwarma, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetable Nuggets, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Neapolitan Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)  
**DESSERT**  
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Jam & Coconut Sponge
- THURSDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)  
**DESSERT**  
 Tempting Triangle Biscuit
- FRIDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Chips & Baked Beans (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard

### WEEK 3

WEEK 3 - 18/9, 9/10, 6/11, 27/11, 18/12

- MONDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Chicken Curry (Halal), Pilau Rice, Naan Bread & Peas  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Cheese Sub, Herby Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Flapjack
- TUESDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Chicken Tikka Burrito Stack, Potato Wedges & Side Salad  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Falafel Wrap, Potato Wedges & Side Salad (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)  
**DESSERT**  
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Chicken Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetarian Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Jelly & Fruit
- THURSDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Cajun Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Vegetable Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)  
**DESSERT**  
 Orange Drizzle Cake
- FRIDAY**  
**MEAT**  
 Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans  
**VEGETARIAN**  
 Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche, Chips & Baked Beans (V)  
**VEGAN**  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
**DESSERT**  
 Raspberry Oat Slice & Custard



Allergen Information: Menu descriptions may not list every individual ingredient. We are aware of the presence of allergens requiring labelling, so please ask a member of the catering team should you require any more details. Vegetarian options are indicated by the symbol (V).







## Useful Contacts

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If you have concerns about your child's safety or behaviour, please contact a member of our leadership team

If you have any general or learning related enquiries, please speak to the class teacher

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## School Term Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1st Wednesday 6 September to Friday 20 October  
Half Term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October  
Autumn 2nd Monday 30 October to Thursday 21 December

Staff Training Days Monday 4 September, Tuesday 5 September,  
Monday 13 November (no children in school)

### Spring Term 2024

Spring 1st Monday 8 January to Thursday 8 February  
Half Term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February  
Spring 2nd Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Staff Training Days Friday 9 February (no children in school)

Holidays during term time are **not** permitted

### Summer Term 2024

Summer 1st Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May  
Half Term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May  
Summer 2nd Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 24 July

Staff Training Days Monday 3 June (no children in school)

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Term dates are posted on the school website

