



## Whitchurch Weekly

School News

15th Sept  
2023  
Issue 2

Dear Whitchurch Families,

It has been an exciting week here at Whitchurch as we welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children to the school; they have been settling in and getting to know each other. As with all our pupils, we look forward to seeing them grow into happy, independent young people with a range of talents and interests.

We also welcomed Ofsted to Whitchurch for our inspection this week. I would like to say thank you to all of you for your support; it was lovely to see such positive feedback in the surveys and the children were exceptional - we should all be proud of them. In the short space of time I have been at the school, I can already tell that there is a great team at Whitchurch and I am pleased to be a part of it. Further information will follow when the report is published.

This week our Year 6 children visited the Imperial War Museum in South London to bring their learning about World War II to life. Enrichment is an important part of our offer here at Whitchurch and we look forward to providing rich learning experiences for all our children throughout the year.

A reminder that I will be holding Tea & Talk sessions throughout the term, starting next Thursday at 9am. More details can be found in this newsletter - please book your place at one of these sessions by emailing the school office.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Mr Joseph Pine  
Headteacher

National  
Fitness Day  
2023 next  
Wednesday

Tea & Talk  
session on  
Thursday at  
9am

4BS and 4SF  
visit to National  
Maritime  
Museum next  
Thursday

Year 3  
Stone Age  
Workshop  
next Friday



## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th September	National Fitness Day 2023
Thursday 21st September	4BS and 4SF visit to The National Maritime Museum
Friday 22nd September	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
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
Thursday 12th October	Rev. Matthew Stone visiting Year 2 (1pm-3pm)
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 18th October	Year 6 Holocaust visitor
Friday 20th October	Soloists Music Concert

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

# STARS of the Week



Well done to our stars of the week, who have been selected for excellent work and demonstrating our school values

This week's Infant Stars

- 1ST** Ruqqayah
- 1BP** Jude
- 1SM** Avira
- 1CL** Sofia
  
- 2HD** Aaliyah
- 2KB** Rebeca
- 2SA** Dinara
- 2AR** Tiana
  
- 3NL** Feder
- 3MS** Ayumi
- 3LA** Niam
- 3SM** Samuel

Respect  
Responsibility  
Resilience  
Honesty  
Generosity  
Aspiration

This week's Junior Stars

- 4BS** Zakaria
- 4CM** Karishma
- 4XL** Rian
- 4SF** Ronald
  
- 5PA** Shahdad
- 5SK** Ghadder
- 5SC** Rezwan
- 5ET** Angad
  
- 6HH** Abu
- 6AS** Hamza
- 6EH** Kira
- 6MO** Jiya

## Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM &amp; PM</b> 81.57%			
<b>Reception</b>	<b>RRA</b> 85.08%	<b>RNW</b> 97.35%	<b>RPS</b> 95.45%	<b>RRV</b> 97.22%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1CL</b> 96.33%	<b>1BP</b> 94.48%	<b>1ST</b> 97.14%	<b>1SM</b> 93.33%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2AR</b> 96.55%	<b>2HD</b> 97%	<b>2KB</b> 99.33%	<b>2SA</b> 83.33%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3LA</b> 95.52%	<b>3MS</b> 97.67%	<b>3NL</b> 98%	<b>3SM</b> 96.3%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4CM</b> 95.2%	<b>4SF</b> 92.22%	<b>4XL</b> 98.28%	<b>4BS</b> 95.5%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5ET</b> 100%	<b>5PA</b> 93.79%	<b>5SC</b> 99.29%	<b>5SK</b> 97.93%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6AS</b> 95.93%	<b>6EH</b> 94.83%	<b>6HH</b> 98.67%	<b>6MO</b> 97.87%

This week's Attendance Stars are **5ET!**

Whole School **95.75%**



## Notices

### Morning Drop Off

A reminder that only parents/carers of children in Nursery and Reception (as well as children with additional needs) should be coming onto the playground in the mornings.



### Communicating Concerns

Parents are reminded to email any concerns or complaints regarding the school to [office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)

We do operate an open door policy but we request parents/carers make an appointment to discuss their concerns. The school enforces a zero tolerance policy to aggressive behaviour towards school staff.

### Driving and Car Parking

Please remember to be responsible and considerate of each other when driving and parking on the school site. If you have any issues please use one of the following contacts:

Parking enforcement: [parking.enforcement@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:parking.enforcement@harrow.gov.uk)  
Local Councillor, Ameet Jogia: [ameet.jogia@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:ameet.jogia@harrow.gov.uk)  
Local MP, Bob Blackman: [bob.blackman.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:bob.blackman.mp@parliament.uk)



### Tea & Talk Sessions

Parents and carers are invited to attend Tea & Talk with Mr Pine. Come along for a cup of tea and a chat or join in online, share your questions and hear about his vision for Whitchurch.

Sessions will take place on **alternate Thursdays at 9am, starting 21st September**. Please email the school office to reserve your place: [office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)

**In Person**  
21st Sept  
19th Oct  
16th Nov

**Virtual**  
5th Oct  
2nd Nov  
30th Nov





## Year Group Highlights

### Stay and Play Sessions

This week we welcomed Nursery to school for stay and play sessions. It was lots of fun getting to know everyone and taking part in fun activities!



Nursery

### Settling In

In Reception we have had a great start to our learning journey. We explored our learning environment and came up with rules for our class charters. We also enjoyed the story 'The Colour Monster' and discussed the monster's feelings.



Reception

## Year 1

### Toys Past and Present

In History this week, Year 1 have been exploring toys from the past. We enjoyed seeing a variety of old toys and worked together to sort these into past and present, discussing how they are different.



### Place Value

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been exploring place value of two-digit numbers. We used place value charts and number counters to help us with partitioning these values.



Year 2

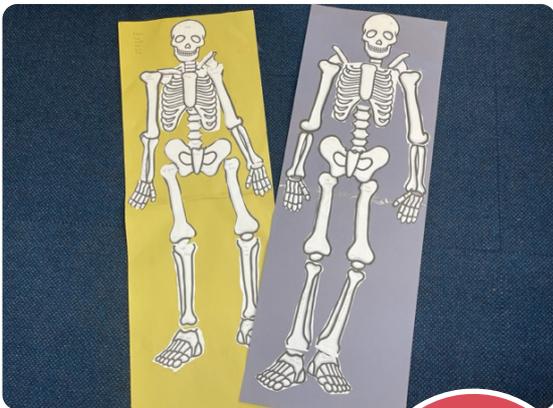


## Year 3

## Year Group Highlights

### Human Skeletons

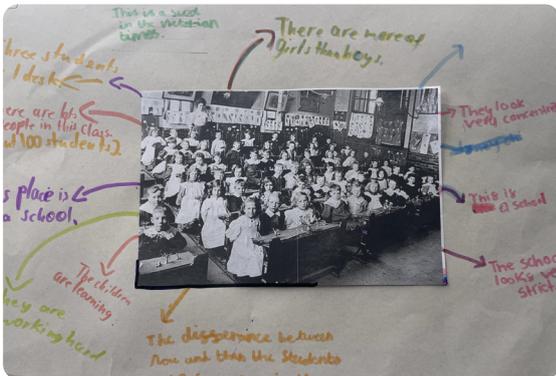
This week in Science, Year 3 have started to learn about the human skeleton as part of our new topic 'Skeletons and Muscles'. We enjoyed working together to label and build our own life size skeletons.



## Year 5

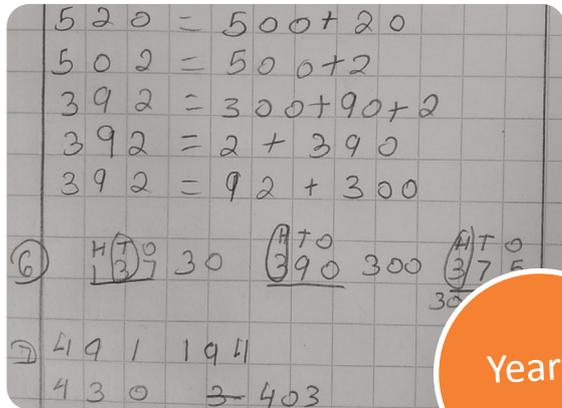
### Street Child

This week in English, Year 5 began reading the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We have been exploring what Britain was like in the Victorian era, particularly for children like Jim Jarvis - the protagonist in our story.



### Place Value

This week in Maths, Year 4 have been learning all about the place value of each digit and how numbers can be shown in different ways. We also explored how numbers can be placed on a number line.



## Year 4

### World War II

This week Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum as enrichment for our History topic about World War II. We had the opportunity to learn all about World War II and handle some artefacts including a soldier's helmet and a child's gas mask.



## Year 6

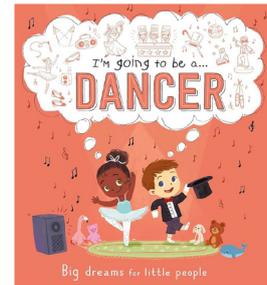


## Reading Corner

This week the library recommends the following books about hopes and dreams:

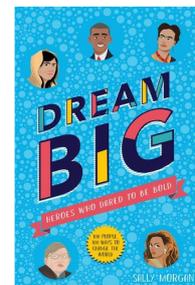
### 'I'm Going to be a Dancer' (Big Dreams for Little People series)

Little Ones Dream Big. They may look like they're just spinning in circles or playing dress up, but really, they're the lead dancer in a world-famous ballet, or break-dancing on prime-time television. Learn a little about what dancers do, and spark a passion that lasts a lifetime. Recommended for infants.



### 'Dream Big. Heroes Who Dared to be Bold' by Sally Morgan

Be fierce, be bold, be inspired! Meet 100 fearless people of all ages who have spoken out and changed lives for the better. With a call to action for each profile - something YOU can do to make your dreams come true. Recommended for juniors.



## Summer Reading Challenge

Please remember to collect your child's certificate from your local library upon completion of the challenge. All participating families will be entered into a prize draw to win one of ten sets of tickets for an exclusive tour of Wembley Stadium!

Mrs M Stachurska  
School Librarian



## Life Skills

In the coming weeks we are looking forward to lots more enriching life skills projects. We will participate in food skills as well as money management, personal care and our social skills groups. Watch this space for updates!

Miss Tunstall

## Nurturing Parenting Programme

Coffee morning: **Thursday 21st September**  
10-week programme begins:  
**Thursday 28th September**

To sign up please visit the following link:  
[www.webenrol.com/learnharrow](http://www.webenrol.com/learnharrow)  
(go to Parenting > The Nurturing Parenting Programme)



## Schools Counselling Partnership: A Space to Talk

As we welcome a new year sometimes its good to have a little reminder, many of you will already know about SCP and the services they offer to our school. Tom is the Therapeutic Lead and he is here to support your child(ren), you and also our staff:

### Children

**The Space:** Every Wednesday, Tom offers a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may be struggling with. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to in order to feel better or to better understand their emotions.

If you would NOT like your child to make use of this service, please notify the school as soon as possible.

**1:1 counselling:** We have one other counsellor who works with specific children who may benefit from more regular support, using therapeutic play and the creative arts.

### Parents/Carers

**Every Wednesday at 9-10am, Tom** holds a safe and confidential space to meet with parents/ carers who would like some support. He is here to help you to either think through some of your concerns with one of your children, or to support you with a personal struggle, such as grief or loss, for example.

If you would like to make an appointment you can call/text Tom on **07799 028 461** or email him at [tom@schools counsellingpartnership.co.uk](mailto:tom@schools counsellingpartnership.co.uk)



Schools  
Counselling  
Partnership

# Autumn Menu



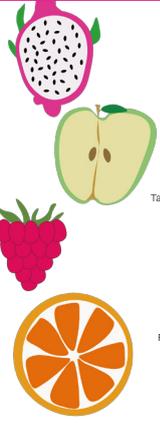
Salad bar, bread and milk are available daily

## 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

### School Office

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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)

### 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

Holidays during term time are **not** permitted

Term dates are posted on the school website

