



Whitchurch  
Weekly

School  
News

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Dear Whitchurch Families,

Whilst the Autumn season is upon us, we are enjoying a spell of warmer weather with next week remaining above 20 degrees. This week it was a pleasure to welcome another group of parents and carers to my (virtual) Tea & Talk session. It is my hope to meet all of you over the coming weeks and to share my vision for Whitchurch, so please ensure that you book to attend a session that is convenient for you - more details on page 4. We shall also send out a recording of one of these virtual sessions after the final session in November.

We pride ourselves on good relations with families and want to be as welcoming as possible but I notice that our children are distracted from their learning by parents and carers waiting outside the classroom doors a little too early. Following half term, the playground gates will be open at the amended times of 3.15pm to 3.35pm.

Whitchurch offers a very good wrap around care service for working parents and carers; however it is unfair on those parents and carers paying for Night Owls if others are repeatedly collecting their children from the main reception area. To further improve security we will no longer allow children to remain in the Reception area beyond 3.45pm - any children remaining after this will be moved into the Night Owls programme and parents will be charged by Parent Pay. If you are struggling with child care arrangements or collection please contact me directly to discuss this.

The diverse community at Whitchurch is so special and it will be wonderful to see our community come together at the International Evening next Wednesday evening from 5pm to 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mr Joseph Pine  
Headteacher

1ST and  
4BS class  
assemblies  
next week

5SK visit to the  
Ragged Museum  
next Tuesday

International Day  
and Evening next  
Wednesday  
(non-uniform)



## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th October	5SK visit to The Ragged Museum
Wednesday 11th October	International Day / Evening (5pm-7pm)
Thursday 12th October	Rev. Matthew Stone visiting Year 2 (1pm-3pm)
Monday 16th October	5ET visit to The Ragged Museum
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 18th October	Year 6 Holocaust visitor 3MS and 3LA visit to Temple in Kenton (AM)
Thursday 19th October	5SK visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace 3NL and 3SM visit to Temple in Kenton (AM)
Friday 20th October	5SC visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace Soloists Music Concert
Monday 30th October	5PA and 5ET visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace
Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November	Individual and Sibling Photographs

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

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

### Junior Class Assemblies

Thursdays  
at 9.05am

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** Daniel
- 1BP** Anya
- 1SM** Layla
- 1CL** Moise
  
- 2HD** Ariana
- 2KB** Eloise
- 2SA** Ayrh
- 2AR** Stefania
  
- 3NL** Lara
- 3MS** Yashvi
- 3LA** Luis
- 3SM** Shanaya

Respect  
Responsibility  
Resilience  
Honesty  
Generosity  
Aspiration

This week's Junior Stars

- 4BS** Deumari
- 4CM** Reeva
- 4XL** Reza
- 4SF** Armin
  
- 5PA** Argh
- 5SK** Joseph
- 5SC** Serah
- 5ET** Gabriel
  
- 6HH** Adam
- 6AS** Josh
- 6EH** Annay
- 6MO** Finley

## Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM</b> 95%		<b>PM</b> 94.2%	
<b>Reception</b>	<b>RRA</b> 91.03%	<b>RNW</b> 96.43%	<b>RPS</b> 97.33%	<b>RRV</b> 97%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1CL</b> 98.62%	<b>1BP</b> 97%	<b>1ST</b> 99.23%	<b>1SM</b> 96.67%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2AR</b> 98.28%	<b>2HD</b> 96%	<b>2KB</b> 97.67%	<b>2SA</b> 93.79%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3LA</b> 97%	<b>3MS</b> 94%	<b>3NL</b> 99.33%	<b>3SM</b> 100%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4CM</b> 100%	<b>4SF</b> 98.57%	<b>4XL</b> 95.17%	<b>4BS</b> 99.29%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5ET</b> 96%	<b>5PA</b> 94.48%	<b>5SC</b> 97.24%	<b>5SK</b> 93.45%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6AS</b> 97.31%	<b>6EH</b> 91.72%	<b>6HH</b> 98.33%	<b>6MO</b> 94.48%

This week's Attendance Stars are **3SM** and **4CM**!

Whole School **96.55%**

## Notices

### Nursery Routines

Nursery families, please note a change in collection routines for Nursery AM and Nursery PM, starting from Monday.

**8.30am: Drop off at the side Nursery gate**  
**11.30am: Collect from the side Nursery gate**

**12.30pm: Drop off at the side Nursery gate**  
**3.30pm: Collect from the main entrance gate**



### Newsletter Survey

We would like to find out your views on our newsletter so that we can make it even better for you. Please complete the survey by next Friday via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/xEbVEvsoz2wFCa3f6>



### International Day

International Day next **Wednesday (11th October)** is a non-uniform day. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in culture clothing.

### Food Donations for International Evening

Please hand all food donations to your class teacher on Wednesday at pick up time. All donations must be clearly labelled with all ingredients - strictly **NO NUTS** allowed. We kindly ask that food items are brought in disposable food containers which do not need to be returned.

Look out for more information on donations and competitions from Friends of Whitchurch next week.

## Tea & Talk with Mr Pine (Headteacher)

### Alternate Thursdays at 9am

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.

[office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)



email the school office to reserve your place

**In Person**  
19th Oct  
16th Nov

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



**COOMBS**  
CATERING PARTNERSHIP

# PRE-ORDERING SCHOOLS MEALS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our aim is for your child to receive their chosen school meal each day. For this to happen, could we kindly ask that you pre-order your child's meal on a daily, weekly or termly basis please.

Currently we are experiencing a high number of non-booked meals which means when the children arrive at the counter for their lunch, they may not get their chosen meal.

This can be upsetting for the children in the dining room, and also the kitchen has to guess the number of children that are expected for lunch.

We have not had any child go without a lunch but, as the meal numbers grow due to their popularity and them all being funded by the Lord Mayor of London, we really need your help to ensure the children do not end up in this situation.

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Coombs Catering Partnership Ltd







## Year Group Highlights

### Little Rabbit Foo Foo

In Nursery this week we have been exploring the story 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo'. We loved this story and were able to join in. We made wonderful rabbit puppets and had a go at matching pairs of rabbits.

Nursery



Year 1

### Eco Garden

This week in Science, Year 1 went to explore the Eco Garden in school. We used our senses to discover a range of natural items including plants, flowers, trees, water and rocks.



### Little Red

This week Reception have been sharing the story 'Little Red'. We enjoyed role playing and retelling the story using props to help us. We also talked about our families and what they do for us - it was fun drawing them too.

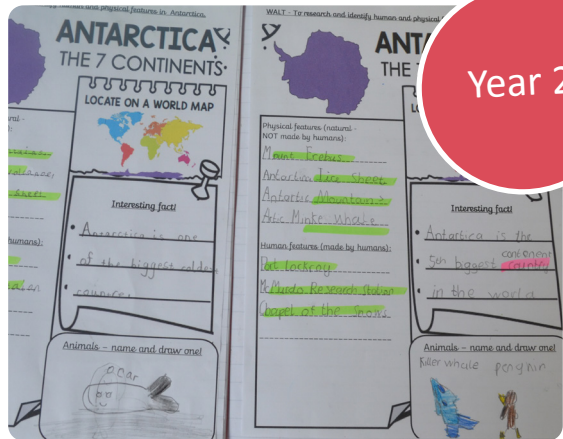
Reception



### Antarctica

In Geography, Year 2 are researching human and physical features of different continents. This week we have learnt all about features of Antarctica including the minke whale and Transantarctic mountains.

Year 2



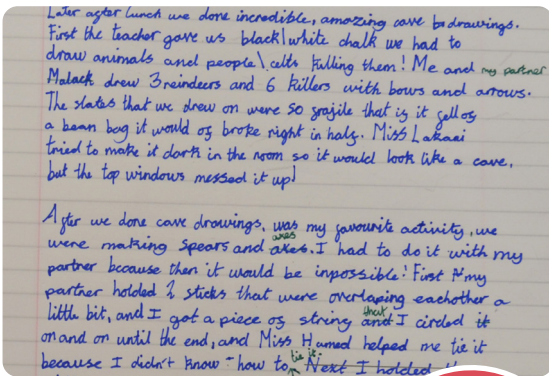


## Year 3

## Year Group Highlights

### Diary Entries

This week in English, Year 3 have been exploring features of diary entries. We have written brilliant emotive accounts of our Stone Age Day last week, featuring highlights such as cave drawings and handling artefacts including bones.



### Dragon Figureheads

In DT, Year 4 have started to make Viking longships. This week we focused on creating amazing dragon figureheads from clay using clay tools. The figurehead was used to intimidate opponents when the Vikings landed in other countries.



## Year 4

## Year 5

### The Ragged Museum

This week some of Year 5 visited The Ragged Museum. We had a mock Victorian lesson where we sat in rows and wrote on chalk boards. We also discovered how Victorians washed their clothes using a drum, washboard and dolly.



### Actions and Consequences

In PSHE this week, Year 6 have been learning that our actions have consequences. We enjoyed taking part in a class debate considering different scenarios relating to our behaviour.

## Year 6





Library



## New Books in the Library

It's that time of year again! As a result of highly successful book fairs we have been able to purchase new books for our fiction and non-fiction libraries. We are excited to announce that the first batch has just arrived and these books will soon be ready for all our pupils to enjoy. Happy reading!

**Mrs M Stachurska**  
School Librarian



Wellbeing

## Schools Counselling Partnership: Nurturing Yourself While Nurturing Your Child



Schools  
Counselling  
Partnership

Self-care is essential for all. Not only to stay patient, but also to keep finding joy and delight that is present every day with your children - even on the difficult ones. Children are happier and will cooperate more when you are joyful, calm and present. When you are feeling stressed, they may believe it is their fault, feel anxious and that they are not good enough. Your big job then, is to make sure you are parenting yourself just as well as you are parenting your child.

### How can you help?

Try to tune into yourself as much as possible throughout the day. Take deep breaths whenever you can, breathing in calm and breathing out stress. When you are feeling irritable, it is important to stop and think about what it is you need right now to stay balanced: can you sit outside for 5mins or put on some music and dance? Have a glass of water? Plan something you can do for yourself later, once they are in bed. You can also find ways to nurture yourself through times in the day that tend to be most difficult. Perhaps you can drink a cup of tea during bedtime stories or start evening routine a little earlier. Finally, being present and slowing down will help you to take in the joy of every moment with your child and will replenish your spirit.

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Tom for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, he is available on **Wednesdays at 9am-10am**. You can contact Tom on **07799028461** or email **tom@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk**



# Autumn Menu



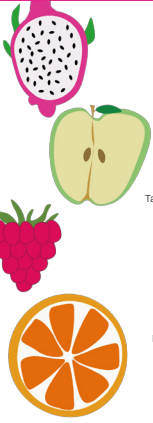
Salad bar, bread and milk are available daily

## 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

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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

