



Whitchurch  
Weekly

School  
News

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2023  
Issue 11

## Meet the Team!

**Name:** Joseph Pine

New!



**Role:** Headteacher

**About me:** I am originally from Cardiff and mixed Welsh/Italian. After working in UK schools for 10 years I moved to Thailand where I was Principal of the top private school in the country where six former Prime Ministers were educated. I am married with three year old mixed Indonesian/British twins.

**Hobbies:** When I am not busy with work or parenting I enjoy fitness, exercise and watching Netflix. I also enjoy cooking both Western and Asian cuisine. My favourite band is Maroon 5 and I enjoy reading crime novels and watching police dramas. As a family we enjoy travelling and meeting with family.

**Best part about my role:** Being able to have a positive impact on the lives of so many people. I believe that the education system must reflect the world in which we live and that the role of schools is to prepare students for an unknown future by equipping them with a wide range of transferable skills. I am a qualified Coach and believe that this approach empowers others to be the best version of themselves.

Last  
live Tea & Talk  
session this term  
on Thursday  
at 9am

Year 4 visits  
to St Paul's  
Cathedral next  
Monday and  
Tuesday

Please  
remember to  
book your child's  
lunches for the  
rest of this  
term



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th November	4BS and 4CM visit to St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 28th November	4XL and 4SF visit to St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 5th December	Nursery and Reception - Visiting Planetarium (AM) 3SM and 3LA visit to the Science Museum
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1 visit to Stanmore Baptist Church Winter Music Concert (5pm)
Thursday 7th December	3NL and 3MS visit to the Science Museum
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Monday 11th December	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Thursday 14th December	FoW Winter Fair (5pm-7pm)
Monday 18th December	Reception Christmas Carols (9.15am)
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Concerts 1ST, 1CL, 2KB, 2SA, 3NL and 3LA (9.15am) 4CM, 4BS, 5PA, 5SC, 6AS and 6HH (2.30pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Carol Concerts 1BP, 1SM, 2HD, 2AR, 3SM and 3MS (9.15am) 4SF, 4XL, 5ET, 5SK, 6MO and 6EH (2.30pm)



23rd January - 1SM  
30th January - 2HD  
6th February - 3MS  
5th March - 2AR  
12th March - 3SM  
19th March - 1CL  
23rd April - Lions  
30th April - Tigers  
7th May - Leopards  
14th May - Jaguars  
21st May - Nursery

### Infant Class Assemblies

Tuesdays  
9.05am

## Class Assemblies

8th February - 6MO  
7th March - 5ET  
21st March - 4SF  
11th July - Year 6

### Junior Class Assemblies

Thursdays  
at 9.05am

5SC class  
assembly to be  
rescheduled

# STARS of the Week



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

**RRA Tigers** Rosalie & Ria  
**RNW Leopards** Paris & Iousa  
**RRV Lions** Viaan & Siya  
**RPS Jaguars** Timeea & Rishil

**1ST** Amos  
**1BP** Yahya  
**1SM** Elyas  
**1CL** Krrish

**2HD** Aiman  
**2KB** Abbas  
**2SA** Kevin  
**2AR** Aarshay

**3NL** Ishaan  
**3MS** Sophia  
**3LA** Roshanee  
**3SM** Hasnaat

**4BS** Nora  
**4CM** Kimia  
**4XL** Jayden  
**4SF** Elizabeth

**5PA** Faith  
**5SK** Eshal  
**5SC** Avni & Param  
**5ET** Arzo

**6HH** Maya  
**6AS** Mohid  
**6EH** Kellyiec  
**6MO** Emily

Respect  
 Responsibility  
 Resilience  
 Honesty  
 Generosity  
 Aspiration

This week's Infant Stars

This week's Junior Stars

## Class Attendance this week

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM</b> 70.9%		<b>PM</b> 87.5%	
<b>Reception</b>	<b>RRA</b> 91.7%	<b>RNW</b> 95.9%	<b>RPS</b> 84.1%	<b>RRV</b> 93.3%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1CL</b> 88.7%	<b>1BP</b> 94%	<b>1ST</b> 96.2%	<b>1SM</b> 92.7%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2AR</b> 90.3%	<b>2HD</b> 94%	<b>2KB</b> 92.3%	<b>2SA</b> 97.1%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3LA</b> 96.2%	<b>3MS</b> 98.3%	<b>3NL</b> 99.3%	<b>3SM</b> 96%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4CM</b> 97.3%	<b>4SF</b> 97.8%	<b>4XL</b> 98.2%	<b>4BS</b> 93%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5ET</b> 96.2%	<b>5PA</b> 97.9%	<b>5SC</b> 97.7%	<b>5SK</b> 94.3%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6AS</b> 90%	<b>6EH</b> 87.3%	<b>6HH</b> 97.3%	<b>6MO</b> 95%

This week's Attendance Stars are **3NL!**

Whole School **94%**

## Notices

### Christmas Gift Designs



If you have submitted your child's Christmas gift designs to Xmas4Schools, you will have received an email and message from them to inform you that their amazing designs have been uploaded to their system.

These are now ready for you to purchase a choice of gifts with. Please follow the Instructions provided in the messages and remember to use the correct order codes provided.

All purchases MUST be ordered within 5 days of when you received the email/message and the last order date is **Monday 27th November**. Your gifts will then be prepared and issued to you before the Christmas break.

### Friends of Whitchurch AGM

You are invited to come and join Friends of Whitchurch at their Annual General Meeting on **Monday 4th December at 6.30pm** to find out more about their work.

- About FoW
- Our Mission
- How do we carry out our mission?
- Who are our community?
- What is our common goal?

Indulge in some festive food and drinks with us!



### Tea & Talk

Parents and carers are invited to attend Tea & Talk with Mr Pine to hear about his vision for Whitchurch.

The final dates for Tea & Talk this term are:  
**Thurs 30th November, 9am-10am (live)**  
**Thurs 14th December, 2pm-3pm (virtual)**

To reserve your place please email:  
[office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)



Monthly Tea & Talk will start in January onwards

### Poppy Appeal

We have raised a total amount of **£263.45** for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

### Singing Lessons

Singing lessons will be offered at Whitchurch for pupils in Years 3 to 6 starting next term. Harrow Music Service has confirmed the availability of a vocal teacher who will provide 30 minute lessons weekly. Parents and carers interested in signing up can opt for either paired or group lessons.

For further details, please email  
[music@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:music@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)

Year Group  
Highlights

**The Gruffalo**

This week Nursery have enjoyed the story 'The Gruffalo'. We had a go at making our own gruffalo crumble by cutting apples, measuring amounts and mixing ingredients together. We then wrote invitations for our Gruffalo crumble party!

Nursery



Year 1

**Beegu**

In English this week, Year 1 have read a lovely story called 'Beegu', an alien that has been lost on Planet Earth! We created our own story map and used some ambitious adjectives to describe how Beegu was feeling.



**Night  
Monkey Day Monkey**

This week Reception have enjoyed the story 'Night Monkey Day Monkey' and we explored nocturnal and diurnal animals. We discussed our routines and wrote about things we do during the day and during the night.

Reception



Year 2

**Kenya**

This week, as part of our topic Africa, Year 2 have been preparing and writing a travel brochure all about Kenya. We used persuasive techniques such as the power of three and rhetorical questions.



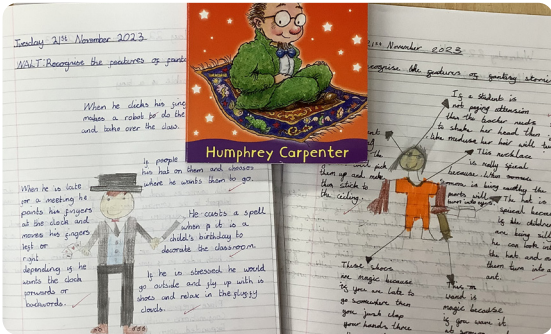


# Year 3

# Year Group Highlights

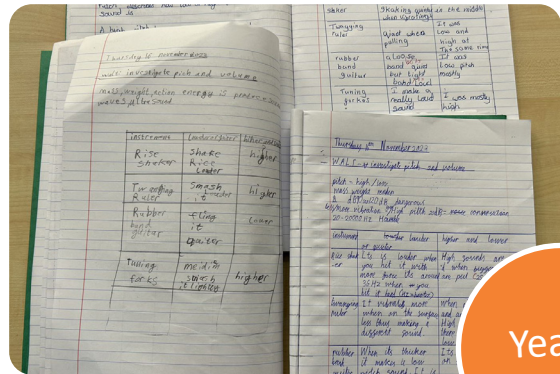
## Mr Majeka

In English, Year 3 have started reading the story Mr Majeika. Inspired by the wonderful tale, we came up with our very own magical teachers and wrote about some of their own magical powers and abilities. Wouldn't it be great to have a teacher that could fly on a magic carpet?



## Pitch and Volume

In Science, Year 4 are learning all about Sound. This week we have explored the pitch and volume of various instruments and recorded our observations in a table of what happens when we vary these.

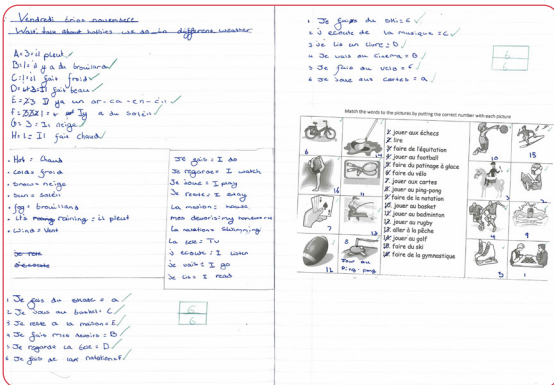


# Year 4

# Year 5

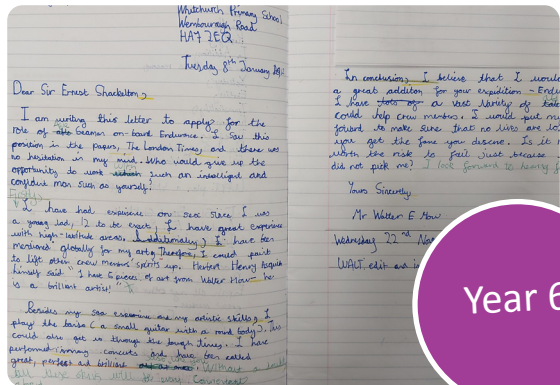
## French

In French, Year 5 have covered the topics of weather and hobbies so that we can talk about hobbies we enjoy doing in different weathers. We also learned about the different countries in Europe and nationalities.



## Formal Letters

This week in English, Year 6 have been writing a formal letter of application to Ernest Shackleton to be part of his Endurance crew. First of all we researched the types of jobs available on board in 'Shackleton's Journey'.



# Year 6



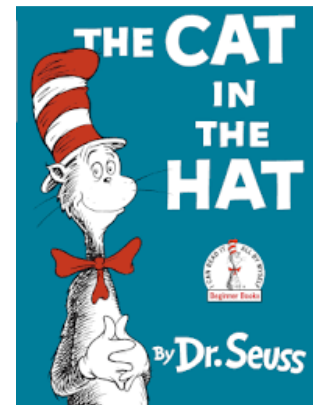
## Book Recommendations

### 'The Cat in the Hat' by Dr Seuss

'The sun did not shine. It was too wet to play..'

So begins this favourite story from classic children's author Dr Seuss. When Sally and her brother are left alone on a rainy day, they think they are in for a dull time - but then the Cat in the Hat steps onto the mat, bringing with him madness and mayhem. Children will love the rhyming text, bold illustrations, and most of all the naughty Cat himself.

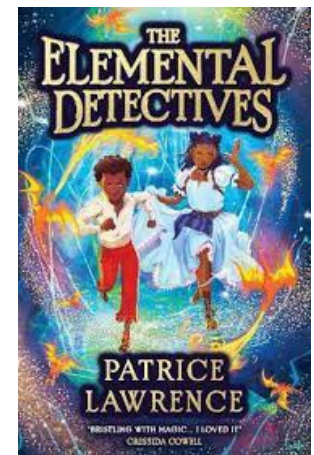
Suitable for infants and juniors.



### 'The Elemental Detectives' by Patrice Lawrence

Set in London in 1764, The Elemental Detectives tells the story of two children, Jonathan and Marisee, who must work together to discover why the poor people of the city are being struck down by a mysterious sleeping sickness that locks them into their happiest dreams and leaves them unable to wake up. But what, or who, is causing the sickness? And how can it be stopped?

Suitable for junior children.



## Reading Book Donations

If you have good quality children's books which you and your children no longer use, please consider donating them to our school.

With the library well-stocked, we are now trying to give our classroom reading corners a little refresher so children can enjoy a wider range of literature at reading times and play times.

Please only donate books that are in good condition and reasonably undamaged. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Mrs M Stachurska**  
School Librarian



## Schools Counselling Partnership: How to listen so your child will talk

Parents often ask what they can say to get their child to talk. The secret isn't about what you say: it's about how you *listen*. The most important skill in talking with anyone is not lecturing, offering solutions, answering, or teaching. What children need from you is your full attention and empathy: that is what deep listening is.

### How can parents and carers help?

Even children who do not say much want to connect with you, so try to accept it on their terms. Connection does not always look like a deep meaningful conversation: it can be a hug, a high five, a long look in each other's eyes. Children may also feel more comfortable talking while walking down the street or washing the dishes. It is OK for them not to hold eye contact as this may be their way of staying regulated while talking about something that feels difficult for them. When your child expresses his feelings about something, he needs you to listen and acknowledge, rather than jumping in with solutions. This means you may have to manage your own anxiety about the issue, which will allow him to find his own solutions to problems. Most importantly, pay full attention: put your phone down and be present. It will be a gift to both of you.

### Reach Out

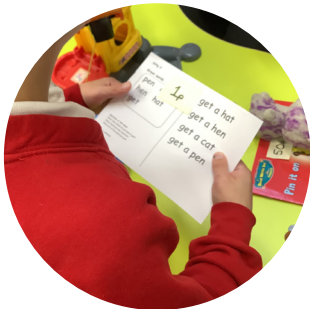
Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Tom for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, he is available on **Wednesdays at 9am-10am**. You can contact Tom on **07799 028 461** or email **tom@schoolscounsellingpartnership.co.uk**



## Life Skills - Spending Money

This week, the life skills group went to 'Elf-ridges'! We purchased different items around the Therapy room using the right amount of coins. We had a wonderful shopping day!

Miss Tunstall







## Triple P Discussion Group: Brilliant Parents

Brilliant Parents are offering more online workshops - please see the flyers on the **Support for Families** page of our website to book a place.

- Managing fighting and aggression (4th December)
- Dealing with disobedience (11th December)
- Developing good bedtime routine (18th December)



## One Plus One Online Relationship Support

One Plus One are offering online relationship courses for parents/carers. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey. Please see the flyer on the **Support for Families** page of our website for more information and to register.

[www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents)



## Harrow Early Support

Please see the Harrow Early Support timetable and SEND related parent workshops on the **Support for Families** page of our website.



## Family Liaison Support

We know times are tricky and some families may be struggling financially.

If you need any support please reach out to Mrs Chikhlia, our Family Liaison Officer:

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



# Autumn Menu



Salad bar and bread 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

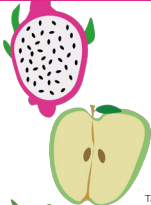
Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V)

##### VEGAN

Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad

##### DESSERT

Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Custard



#### 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

Temping 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).

**COOMBS**  
CATERING PARTNERSHIP





## Useful Contacts

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Year 4 Leader (Mrs B Solanki)

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Year 5 Leader (Mrs K Portou)

[kportou@whitchurchps.co.uk](mailto:kportou@whitchurchps.co.uk)

Year 6 Leader (Miss H Hogberg)

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

Our email addresses are in the process of being updated

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

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

### School Office

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Childcare (Early Birds and Night Owls)

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



## 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

