



Whitchurch
Weekly

School
News

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Meet the Team!

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Role: Year 6 Class Teacher



About me: I grew up in the Harrow area and come from a family of teachers - both my parents actually taught for many years in schools in Harrow! For two and half years, I lived and worked in Chicago, USA, and really enjoyed the culture and travel opportunities I had - although it got very cold in the winter! I moved back to London in 2019 to get married and start a family. I have one little boy and a little girl on the way soon! (Due early February).

Hobbies and interests: One of my biggest passions is travelling and I love to take any opportunity to visit new places and immerse myself in the culture. I enjoy trying out new foods and do have a bit of a daredevil streak - I've undertaken skydives, bungee jumping and river rapids! As a way to stay fit, I am part of a local netball team and I play as part of an amateur league. I love tap dancing and perform in dancing shows and charity tapathons.

Best part about my role: One of the best parts of teaching is that fact that no one day is the same. Teaching is such a creative environment and we have the chance to learn and try out so many new experiences. I enjoy watching children become individuals, find their confidence and learn more about themselves. I love the "lightbulb" moment when they figure out something new and it is such a rewarding feeling to know that you guided them on that journey.

Children have
now brought
home tickets
for their carol
concerts

Winter Music
Concert next
Wednesday
at 5pm

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

Christmas
Jumper Day and
Christmas Lunch
next Friday



Dates for your Diary

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)



Class assemblies resume in the Spring term

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

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

Junior Class Assemblies

Thursdays
at 9.05am



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

- RRA Tigers** Nectarie
- RNW Leopards** Aisha
- RRV Lions** Matais
- RPS Jaguars** Roza

- 1ST** Amirah
- 1BP** Beatrice
- 1SM** Ella
- 1CL** Georgia

- 2HD** Niam
- 2KB** Subhan
- 2SA** Sara
- 2AR** Darius

- 3NL** Rithvi
- 3MS** Wyel
- 3LA** Sami
- 3SM** Rishay

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

- 4BS** Shaurya
- 4CM** Danish
- 4XL** Aanshi
- 4SF** Riu

- 5PA** Gesa
- 5SK** Daria
- 5SC** Name
- 5ET** Joshua

- 6HH** Sam
- 6AS** Chris
- 6EH** Tanvin
- 6MO** Alessia

This week's Junior Stars

Class Attendance this week

Nursery	AM 82.6%		PM 87.5%	
Reception	RRA 90%	RNW 92.3	RPS 93.8%	RRV 93.7%
Year 1	1CL 97.3%	1BP 100%	1ST 93.8%	1SM 94.7%
Year 2	2AR 93.6%	2HD 97%	2KB 90.3%	2SA 95%
Year 3	3LA 97.2%	3MS 92.7%	3NL 98.3%	3SM 94.7%
Year 4	4CM 97.7%	4SF 97%	4XL 96.8%	4BS 93.7%
Year 5	5ET 99.7%	5PA 95.9%	5SC 93.3%	5SK 92.5%
Year 6	6AS 94.8%	6EH 93%	6HH 95.3%	6MO 99.3%

This week's Attendance Stars are **1BP!**

Whole School **94.9%**

Notices

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.



Indulge in some festive food and drinks with us!

Mr Thompson-Lawrie

Please note that Mr. Thompson-Lawrie will be on parental leave effective from 4th to 20th December 2023. If you have any enquiries linked to the responsibilities Mr. Thompson-Lawrie holds then please contact the school office.



Tea & Talk

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

The final date for Tea & Talk this term is: **Thurs 14th December, 2pm-3pm (virtual)**

To reserve your place please email: office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



Monthly Tea & Talk will start in January onwards

Balls

Please note that children should not be bringing balls into school for break times.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day are taking place next **Friday 8th December.**

Please ensure you have booked a meal on ParentPay by Sunday 3rd December so the kitchen is able to cook the right number of meals. The Christmas lunch takes a lot of preparation and is a grand event so the numbers being catered for need to be accurate.

We are unable to change the meal choice on ParentPay so please book the meat option for Roast Turkey & Stuffing and the vegetarian option for the Roasted Vegetable Wellington. Please also note there will be a slight change to the menu next week, where the Wednesday and Friday meals will be swapped.





Year Group Highlights

Three Billy Goats Gruff

This week Nursery have been learning the story of Three Billy Goats Gruff. We built our own bridge in the outdoor area to develop our gross motor skills. In Maths we have been learning about size and ordered the three billy goats into size order (small, medium and large).

Nursery



Starry Night

This week in Art, linking to our topic 'Day and Night', Reception explored the work of artist Vincent Van Gogh. We looked at the painting 'Starry Night' and had a go at creating our own masterpieces using swirls and spirals!









Reception



Year 1

Weather Symbols

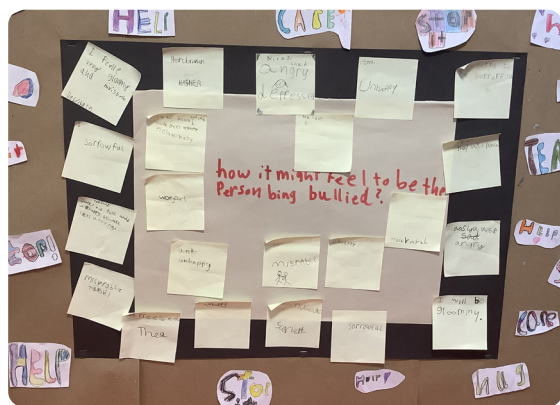
This week in Science, Year 1 have been looking at weather symbols and have been recording the weather every day! We also looked at the temperature each day and noticed how cold it has been getting throughout the week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 rain	 sunny		
Temperature: (5°C)	Temperature: (4°C)	Temperature: (1°C)	Temperature:
Weather Symbols			
 sunny and cloudy	 sunny	 rain	 snow
 cloudy			

Year 2

Anti-Bullying

This week in PSHE, Year 2 have been discussing the topic of Bullying. We role-played scenarios to consider what is right and wrong, how to stand up for ourselves and how to help others if they are being bullied.



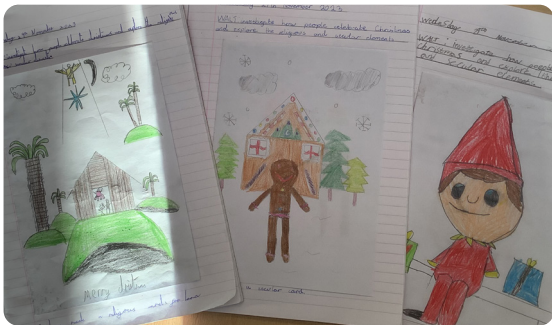


Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Christmas Cards

This week in R.E., Year 3 explored the differences between religious and secular Christmas cards. We described how Christian Christmas cards show the true religious meaning of Christmas and created our own cards featuring the various images and symbols often used.



St Paul's Cathedral

This week, Year 4 visited St Paul's Cathedral to learn more about the story of Christmas. We enjoyed a guided tour and climbed lots of steps to see the wonderful views from the Whispering Gallery and Stone Gallery.

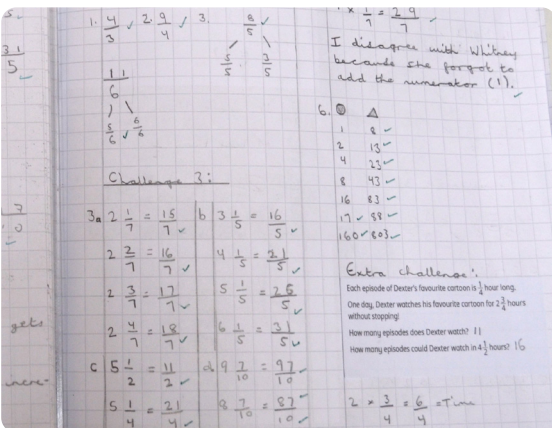


Year 4

Year 5

Fractions

In Maths this week, Year 5 have been exploring fractions. We have learnt how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. We used whole models and bar models to help us.



Library Sessions

In Year 6 we thoroughly enjoy quiet library lessons each week. It is the ideal opportunity for us to read for pleasure and to lose ourselves in the latest fictional world we are exploring!

Year 6





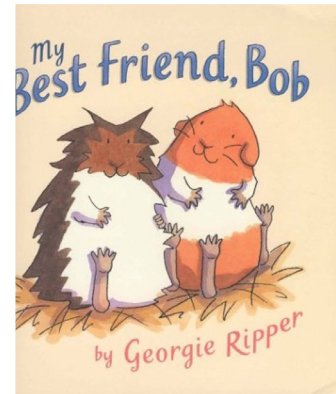
Book Recommendations

This week the library recommend the following reading books for you to enjoy at home!

'My Best Friend, Bob' by Georgie Ripper

Brian and Bob are best friends. They do everything together, such as eating peanuts and playing "I spy" - the usual things guinea pigs like to do. But one day Bob is taken away. Will the two best friends ever see each other again?

Suitable for infants.



'Frankie Best Hates Quests' by Chris Smith

Frankie Best is not happy. She's stuck at Grandad's with her annoying little brother Joel for a whole week while her parents swan off to the Arctic.

Things take a turn for the worse when Grandad gets kidnapped by goblins (no, that is not spelt incorrectly) forcing Frankie to embark on a rescue mission across a magical realm filled with strange creatures, dangerous enemies and - worst of all - absolutely no WiFi!

Frankie did have big plans to watch YouTube and eat pot noodles that weekend but it looks like she'll just have to go on an epic mega-dangerous quest instead . . .

Laugh out loud funny from the bestselling author Chris Smith.

Suitable for juniors.

Happy reading!

Mrs M Stachurska
School Librarian



If you have any good quality used reading books at home that you no longer wish to keep, please consider donating them to the school so we can make good use of them!



Tickets £1
for over 16s
(children
free)

Whitchurch Winter Fair

Cash only
event

**Thursday 14th December 2023
5pm-7pm**

Come along for an action packed evening of seasonal fun... including festive food, drinks, gifts and entertainment for all the family!



**Christmas Bake Sale
Delicious Food**



Seasonal Drinks and Tasty Treats

Fun and Games including Tombola

Arts and Crafts Activities

Christmas Shop

Santa's Grotto



Support for
Families



Schools
Counselling
Partnership

Building Stronger Sibling Bonds

If your children are having a hard time together, it's only natural that you try to help them resolve things peacefully. However often this can feel very exhausting for you... and perhaps at times you might worry they will never get along. Studies have shown that couples need five to seven positive interactions to counter-balance one negative interaction. Now this may feel like an impossible task when your children argue six times a day! So why not simply change your goal to helping your children have as many positive interactions as they can?

How can parents and carers help?

Remember that a smile counts as a positive - so these don't all need to be major interactions for them to count! It is also helpful to notice and encourage the activities that get your children playing together and try to avoid interrupting happy play. You can start using 'Special Time' between your children, during which they can spend 10 minutes doing something that makes them laugh, create or move around together. Finally, how about creating a Family Kindness Journal to record acts of kindness with each other and reflect on at the end of each week?

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

Life Skills

This week during life skills we visited the stationery shop. We navigated our way through the school to the non-fiction library to choose items of our choice to buy. We paid the stationery shop assistants and counted our change successfully. Well done to everyone involved!



Miss Tunstall



Nurturing Parenting programme

In January 2024, The Family Learning Hub will be hosting a 10 week free online course for parents and carers, offering positive, practical and fun ways of guiding children to manage their feelings and behaviour.

Morning course: Tuesdays
Starting 16th January, 9.45am to 11.45am



THE FAMILY
LEARNING HUB
GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER

Evening course: Wednesdays
Starting 17th January 2024, 7pm to 9pm

Please email asha@familylearninghub.com to book your place (limited places available).

Week 1	Introducing the Nurturing Programme
Week 2	Praise and Criticism The Question of Discipline Time Out to Calm Down
Week 3	Family Rules Rewards and Penalties
Week 4	Personal Power and Self-esteem Choices and Consequences
Week 5	Feelings....and What We Do With Them Communicating Clearly: Using "I" statements
Week 6	Kinds of Touch Nurturing Ourselves
Week 7	Ages and Stages in Child Development Helping Children Grow Up Stress in Children The Effects of Labelling
Week 8	Issues Around Relationships Helping Children Stay Safe
Week 9	Behaviour to Ignore Problems Solving and Negotiating Strategies Revisited
Week 10	The Family Nurturing Account Continuing the Family Journey

Visit the **Support for Families** page of the school website (in the Parents & Community section) for useful activities and resources

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

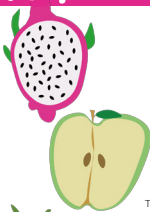
- MEAT**
Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage
- VEGETARIAN**
Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage (V)
- VEGAN**
Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad
- DESSERT**
Apple Crumble Cake

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



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**
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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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

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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

