



Whitchurch  
Weekly

School  
News

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## Meet the Team!

**Name:** Elena Leutfeld



**Role:** Director of Music

**About me:** Originally from Athens, I was raised in a family of teachers - both my parents were headteachers, and my extended family included primary school teachers and specialists. My journey to London began with postgraduate studies, and fifteen years ago, after a brief stay in Greece, I moved to England permanently. Since then, I have worked as a Music teacher in reputable independent schools in both London and Cambridgeshire. I am married with two boys, one in Year 10 and the other in Year 4.

**Hobbies and interests:** I love living in London and enjoy attending concerts, musicals and exhibitions, as well as the occasional night out at Ronnie Scott's in Soho. I also enjoy family movie nights during half-terms and spending Summers in Greece, dancing traditional Greek dances with family and friends and enjoying the blue sea!

**Best part about my role:** The most rewarding aspect of my role is influencing the quality of Music education for children. Observing young minds embrace the value and beauty of music and expressing themselves through this form of art is truly rewarding. My genuine passion lies in conducting choirs, an aspect of my work that I find extremely fulfilling.

Get creative for  
our Festive Bake  
Off Competition  
(entries due  
next Thursday  
morning)

FoW Winter Fair  
next Thursday  
evening  
5pm-7pm

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



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th December

Year 6 Bikeability Week

Thursday 14th December

Nursery Christmas Celebration Day:  
AM Nursery (10am-11am) and PM Nursery (2pm-3pm)  
FoW Winter Fair (5pm-7pm)

Friday 15th December

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Presentation  
for parents/carers (2.30pm)

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)

Spring  
event dates  
coming soon

Last day of  
Autumn term  
Thursday 21st  
December



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

Respect  
Responsibility  
Resilience  
Honesty  
Generosity  
Aspiration

This week's Infant Stars

- RRA Tigers** Aarya
- RNW Leopards** Ethel
- RRV Lions** Alaia
- RPS Jaguars** Jiyaan
  
- 1ST** Celina
- 1BP** Dunya
- 1SM** Adam
- 1CL** Jeremy
  
- 2HD** Emma
- 2KB** Aylan
- 2SA** Uma
- 2AR** Tatiana
  
- 3NL** Divyanka
- 3MS** Dheven
- 3LA** Fehintola
- 3SM** Whole Class

This week's Junior Stars

- 4BS** Hitarth
- 4CM** Hamdan
- 4XL** Alex
- 4SF** Beren
  
- 5PA** Ema
- 5SK** Isai
- 5SC** Stefania
- 5ET** Ioana
  
- 6HH** Ananya
- 6AS** Hamza
- 6EH** Valentina
- 6MO** Hamza

## Class Attendance this week

Nursery	AM 90.43%		PM 76.54%	
Reception	RRA 86.21	RNW 92.67	RPS 92.07	RRV 90%
Year 1	1CL 98%	1BP 96%	1ST 98.28%	1SM 98%
Year 2	2AR 97.14%	2HD 94.67%	2KB 91%	2SA 93.33%
Year 3	3LA 95.17%	3MS 92.67%	3NL 97.33%	3SM 97.33%
Year 4	4CM 97.69%	4SF 94.07%	4XL 98.93%	4BS 95.56%
Year 5	5ET 96.55%	5PA 95.52%	5SC 94.67%	5SK 97.86%
Year 6	6AS 89.26%	6EH 88%	6HH 92%	6MO 97.5%

This week's Attendance Stars are **4XL!**

Whole School **94.29%**

## Notices

### FoW Winter Fair Support Needed



#### Tombola Donations

Do you have any unopened good quality items/gifts that can make someone else's Christmas? If so, we would love to have these for our ever so popular Tombola stall! Please donate these to either the main reception or reach out to any of our lovely FOW members!

#### FoW's Little Helpers

We need our amazing community! Please help us and spare some time at our Winter Fair on Thursday. We would love your support to help us make this event as wonderful and festive as possible. Whether it's to help set up or even manage one of our stalls on the day, whatever you can help with would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up here: [www.volunteersignup.org/AQHYY](http://www.volunteersignup.org/AQHYY)



### Whitchurch Festive Bake Off Competition



We are holding a festive bake competition. Children should bring bake entries to school on **Thursday 14th December**. These will be on sale at our Winter Fair and prizes will be awarded for the best entries. Please see **page 9** for more information.



## 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 on **Thursday 14th December, 2pm-3pm (virtual session)**.

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

### FoW AGM



Thanks to those of you who attended the AGM this week, where we were delighted to share our successes over the last two years with you.

In our presentation, we proposed to you, 'The Community', to appoint an additional 8 members to join our team, making us a team of 20. As per point 6 in our constitution, we hereby give two weeks' notice effective until 18th December 2023. If the proposed change is not challenged, the Trustees will thereafter appoint its 8 new members to join, effective from January 2024.



## Year Group Highlights

### Visiting Planetarium

This week Nursery enjoyed the visiting planetarium this week. We were amazed by the stars. We have been getting into the Christmas spirit and enjoyed decorating our class tree. For our creative development we decorated our own tasty gingerbread men and women!

### Nursery



### Space

This week Reception have been on a journey to infinity and beyond! We had a visit from the planetarium where we enjoyed learning space facts and exploring different planets and their properties.

### Reception



### Year 1

### Church Visit

This week, Year 1 went on an exciting trip to Stanmore Baptist Church to learn more about the Christmas story as part of our RE topic. We enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate as we sang some Christmas songs!



### Year 2

### 3D Shapes

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been naming and identifying properties of 3D shapes. We went on a shape walk around the school to explore various shapes and used key vocabulary such faces, vertices and edges.



Year 3

Year Group  
Highlights



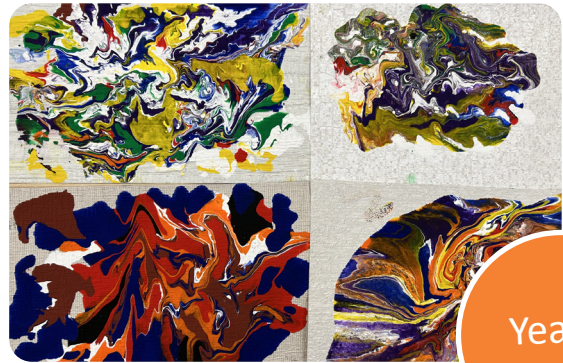
### The Science Museum

This week, Year 3 visited The Science Museum as enrichment for our Science topic about Forces. We explored The Wonder Lab where we had the opportunity explore different forces; we also attended a workshop to learn more about forces and watch live experiments.



### Frank Bowling

In Art, Year 4 have been learning about artist Frank Bowling. We have created map outlines on tracing paper and have explored his 'tilting canvas' technique on paper to create an interesting effect.

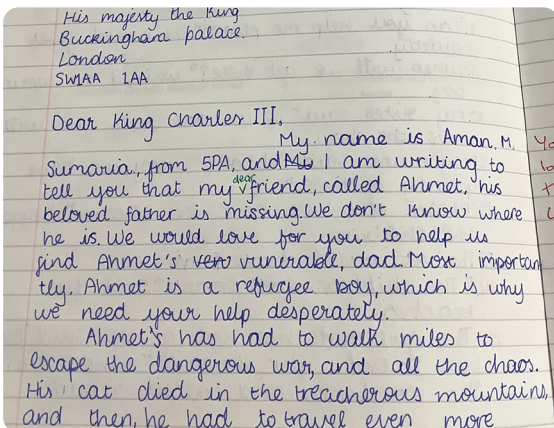


Year 4

Year 5

### Letter to the King

In English this week, Year 5 have written a formal letter to the King. We used persuasive language to convince him to help us in our mission of finding the father of a refugee child in our class.



### Football Skills

In PE this week, Year 6 have been choosing appropriate defensive techniques for different situations on the football field. As such, we are continually developing our teamwork and communication.



Year 6



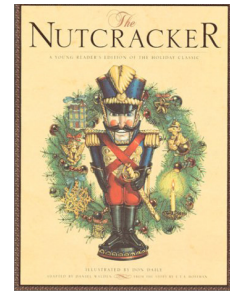
## Book Recommendations

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

### 'The Nutcracker' by E.T.A. Hoffmann

Hoffman's magical story that inspired Tchaikovsky's famed festive ballet, The Nutcracker sees Clara's favourite Christmas gift come alive and whisk her into the extraordinary Kingdom of Dolls.

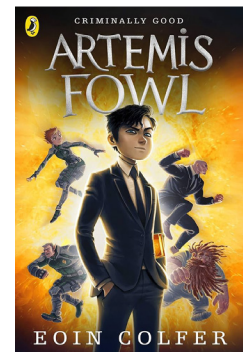
The gift of a handsomely decorated, enigmatic nutcracker sets the stage for a Christmas like no other: there will be legends of ancient curses, battles with the dreaded Mouse King and a visit to the wonderful Kingdom of Dolls. E.T.A. Hoffmann's irresistible tale of magic and mystery continues to be the perfect encapsulation of a child's wonder at Christmas. Suitable for all ages.



### 'Artemis Fowl' by Eoin Colfer

Determined to restore his family's fortunes and defeat the terrifying, crafty high-tech fairies with his cunning intelligence, Artemis Fowl is the inimitable twelve-year-old criminal mastermind at the heart of Colfer's international bestseller. Poor fairies.

But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. When Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf. Holly isn't armed but she's incredibly dangerous, and pretty annoyed with all the kidnapping. Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back... Suitable for juniors.



## Book Donations

We are delighted with such an overwhelming response to our book donations request. Most classroom reading corners have improved significantly and we are very grateful for your generosity. We shall continue to accept donations for now. Thank you to all our families who have shared books with us.



**Mrs M Stachurska**  
School Librarian

Happy  
Reading!

# Music



## Winter Music Concert

Ninety Whitchurch musicians put together a fabulous music concert this week. Our vocal and instrumental ensembles showcased a wide range of string, wind and percussion instruments, performing in a variety of musical styles. The debut performances of the wind band and rock band were among the highlights of the evening - a treat for all of us!

With such enthusiastic singers and skilful players, we certainly agree with Mr Pine that Music is one of the unique features at Whitchurch and serves as a good example of the benefits of holistic education.

Many congratulations to our musicians - and a big thank you to our Harrow Music Service teachers.

**Mrs Leutfeld**  
Director of Music



**Guitar Ensemble**



**Junior Choir**



**Orchestra**



**Rock Band**



**Senior Choir**



**Wind Band**





# Whitchurch Festive Bake Off Competition

**Drop off bakes on Thursday 14th December**  
(children to bring bakes into school with them)

Our Great Festive Bake Off is back! Have you got what it 'bakes' to create the most festive treat? Get together with your children to plan, bake and create a festive showstopper!

All bakes must be clearly labelled with ingredients

**Strictly NO NUTS**

Please use disposable packaging/containers

Include child's name and class on entries

**Prizes for 3rd, 2nd & 1st place will be selected once all entries are in. All your amazing bakes will be on sale at our Winter Fair during the evening, helping us to raise funds for the school. Prizes will be handed to winners on Friday 15th December!**

**Ready, steady... BAKE!**





Entry cost  
£1 for over 16s  
(children free)

# Whitchurch Winter Fair

We take  
cash and card  
payments

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

Get festive with us! Come and see Santa, Mrs Claus and a cheery little elf. Enjoy fun, games and activities, grab a festive drink or two and some yummy treats, buy a little gift for loved ones and have yourself a merry little time!



**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  
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## Choose Your Battles

All humans resist feeling controlled by someone else - and children are no different. The more they feel 'pushed around' the more they rebel. That's a good thing! Training a child to be obedient means you'll always have to be there to give orders and as they grow up they may find it more difficult to stand up for themselves. Instead, teaching a child self-discipline raises a child who can think for themselves, stand up for what's right and isn't likely to be taken advantage of.

### How can parents and carers help?

Choose your battles. Make sure your child knows you're on his/her side and that they have some choices. When you feel you are entering a power struggle, offer them two choices that you feel OK with. This will allow them to feel they have some control, while you also continue to hold your boundaries. Coach your child rather than trying to control him/her.

### 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

## 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**

**Evening course: Wednesdays**

**Starting 17th January 2024, 7pm to 9pm**

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

## Life Skills - Social Story

In this week's life skills session we put together a social story focusing on our upcoming trip. We discussed our route and all the behaviours expected of us such as good walking and good listening. We also labelled the fruit and vegetables we will be buying in the store when we visit next week!

Miss Tunstall



# Autumn Menu



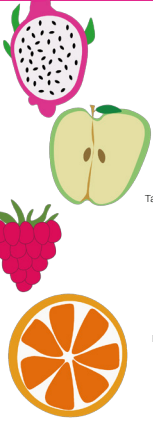
Salad bar and bread are available daily

## 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

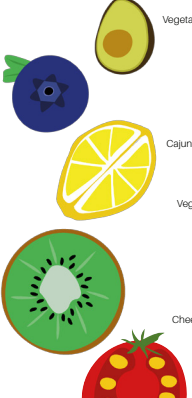
WEEK 2 - 11/9, 21/9, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12

- 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**  
 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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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)

### 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

