



Whitchurch
Weekly

School
News

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2023
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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Whitchurch Families,

The Christmas season is finally upon us as we reach the end of a successful Autumn term. Our carol concerts this week have certainly got us into the festive spirit and the children sang so beautifully - a reflection of the strength of our Music programme.

It has been a pleasure getting to know the pupils and families during my first term here at Whitchurch, particularly through assemblies and Tea & Talk sessions; thank you all for your encouragement, support and suggestions for improvements. I do hope more and more parents and carers will join me in the Spring term as we start to roll out some exciting new projects - watch this space!

Meanwhile, our Ofsted inspection and report earlier this term has provided validation that Whitchurch is a good school with many successes, which we can all be proud of and celebrate. I would like to thank all the Whitchurch staff, pupils and families who make this possible every day.

Finally, a shout out of appreciation to Friends of Whitchurch for their ongoing support this term. The Winter Fair last week has demonstrated the strength of our community and I feel proud to be leading a school with such a strong family feel to it.

Wishing you all a relaxing, festive break - see you in 2024!

Mr Joseph Pine
Headteacher

Please book
your child's school
meals by Sunday
7th January (via
ParentPay)

Children
back to school
on Monday
8th January
(gates open at
8.40am)

Good luck
and farewell to
Mrs Stachurska, our
inspirational librarian,
who has shared a love
of reading with all our
children and will be
missed!

Good luck
and farewell to
Yogi (Early Birds &
Night Owls) - the
children will really
miss you!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th January	4XL and 4SF African Art Workshop
Tuesday 9th January	4BS and 4CM African Art Workshop
Tuesday 16th January	Year 2 visit to Belmont United Synagogue
Monday 22nd January	5SK and 5ET Science Museum Trip
Thursday 25th January	1ST and 1BP visit to Windsor Castle
Friday 26th January	5PA and 5SC Science Museum Trip 1SM and 1CL visit to Windsor Castle
Tuesday 30th January	6HH and 6AS visit to Natural History Museum HMS Guitar Festival
Wednesday 31st January	6MO and 6EH visit to Natural History Museum
Tuesday 6th February	Year 5 Theatre Visit to Bentley Wood
Wednesday 7th February	Soloists Music Concert (9.15am)

Spring term
begins on
Monday 8th
January 2024

Staff Training
Day Friday 9th
February
(no children
in school)



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

1st February - 5SC
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** Emma
- RNW Leopards** Levi
- RRV Lions** Bianca
- RPS Jaguars** Stasio

- 1ST** Devansh
- 1BP** Joshua
- 1SM** Eva
- 1CL** Azzan

- 2HD** Whole Class
- 2KB** Matteo
- 2SA** Rihaan
- 2AR** Whole Class

- 3NL** Ariana
- 3MS** Omar
- 3LA** Sahar
- 3SM** Hassan

This week's
Junior Stars

- 4BS** Hashir
- 4CM** Yousif
- 4XL** Prisha
- 4SF** Benjamin

- 5PA** Anisha
- 5SK** Meera
- 5SC** Nkiruka
- 5ET** Shivya

- 6HH** Aarna
- 6AS** Hamza
- 6EH** Sophia
- 6MO** Eric & Malana

Congratulations to Raisa (4SF) for coming second in the Redbridge Christmas Indoor LTA Grade 3 Open/Junior Tennis Championships!

Spring 'Tea & Talk'

Tea & Talk sessions with Mr Pine will continue in January and take place **monthly**.

These will take the form of 'Question & Answer' sessions. Dates to be announced soon.





Year Group Highlights

Christmas

This week in Nursery the children have been writing letters to Santa and making Christmas wish lists, using our scissor skills to cut around pictures. We had fun at our Nursery Christmas party with party food and enjoyed dancing, singing and playing party games!

Nursery



Christmas

This week in Reception we made Christmas cards and learnt how to write messages inside. We explored how people celebrate Christmas all around the world and the different traditions. We also created wonderful self portraits!

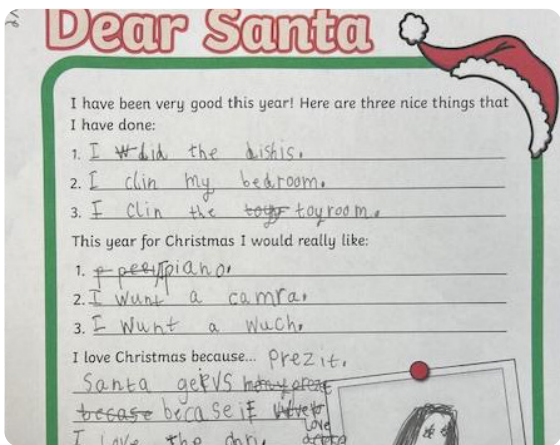
Reception



Year 1

Letters to Santa

This week Year 1 have had a very festive week! We wrote a letter to Santa and told him all about the kind things we have been doing this year. We also listed all of the things we would like for Christmas.



Year 2

Moving Mechanisms

This week in Design Technology, Year 2 designed, made and evaluated a Christmas card with a moving mechanism. We used wheels, sliders and pivots to make it interactive.





Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Moving Monsters

In DT this week, after a few weeks of exploring, planning and designing, Year 3 were finally able to decorate and put together our pneumatic monsters. We used a range of materials such as syringes and balloons to make our monsters move. What do you think of our designs?



Autumn Art

This week in Art, Year 4 have been finishing paintings of Autumn trees. We applied the skills and techniques we have learnt including the use of various brush strokes and mark making tools to add detail.



Year 4

Year 5

Celebrating Differences

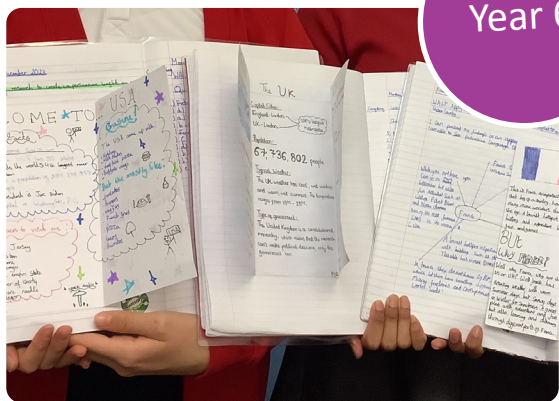
In PSHE this term, Year 5 have been exploring our cultural differences. We explored the diversity of cultures, races and faiths in our class and created posters to represent the facts we have learnt.



Persuasive Leaflets

This week in English and Geography, Year 6 have designed a leaflet to persuade people to visit either France, the UK or the USA. We have applied all the knowledge and skills we have learnt this term to do this independently.

Year 6





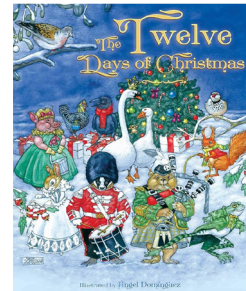
Book Recommendations

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

'12 Days of Christmas' by Angel Dominguez

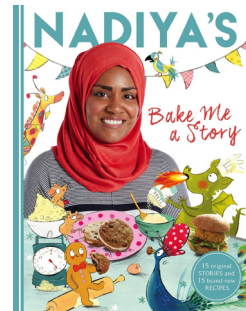
"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree." The melody is almost instantly recognisable to most people.

Featured in this beautiful edition are vintage style illustrations by award-winning illustrator Ángel Domínguez, which enhance the joy and merriment of this Christmas classic. Share this charming tradition as a family in the days preceding the arrival of good ol' St. Nick!



'Nadiya's Bake Me a Festive Story' by Nadiya Hussain

Join Great British Bake Off sensation Nadiya Hussain for scrumptious stories and delicious bakes that all the family can enjoy. A unique combination of storybook and cookbook, with all recipes and stories devised and written by Nadiya herself, Nadiya's Bake Me a Story brings families into the kitchen to spend time together.



Combining playful photography of Nadiya and her children with vibrant illustrations by Clair Rossiter, this is the perfect addition to every kitchen!

Mrs M Stachurska
Librarian



Triple P Discussion Group: Brilliant Parents

Brilliant Parents online workshops are running in January - please see the [Support for Families](#) page of our website to register for a place.

- Managing fighting and aggression (Monday 15th January)
- Hassle free shopping (16th January)
- Developing good bedtime routines (Friday 19th January)
- Dealing with disobedience (Monday 22nd January)



Sport



Gymnastics

We are thrilled to share our outstanding participation in the recent Harrow Gymnastics Competition involving our Year 5 and 6 pupils, Miss Thomas and Mrs Wong. Our dedicated team of young gymnasts showcased incredible talent, discipline and determination during the event.

We are particularly proud to announce that one of our shining stars from Year 5 emerged victorious, securing a well-deserved triumph in the competition. This achievement not only highlights her individual skill and hard work but also reflects our commitment to excellence.

Congratulations to all participants and thanks to everyone involved, including our supportive parents and carers. We look forward to more opportunities to celebrate the achievements of our talented pupils in the future.



Miss Thomas (5ET)

FoW Winter Fair

Many thanks to you all for all your support in making our recent Winter Fair an enjoyable event, ending the year with great sense of community spirit and fundraising at its best.



We raised an amazing **£2,300** and had a fantastic evening with lots of smiley faces! Thank you to everyone, especially those staff members and volunteers who are there to support us time and time again!

Bake Off Competition

Huge congratulations to our 3 amazing winners - your bakes were absolutely amazing and your creative talent was incredible!

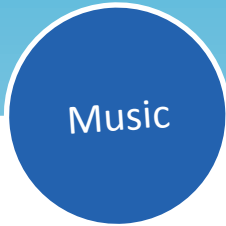
3rd Place - Rian (4XL)

2nd Place - Aaryan (3SM)

1st Place - Zaki (6HH)



Wishing you all a merry Christmas, happy holidays and wonderful new year - see you all in 2024! **Team FoW**



Carol Concerts

This has been a truly festive week as the whole school participated in a series of carol singing concerts. From Reception to Year 6 and after a whole month of practice and rehearsals, the children sang a combination of traditional carols and Christmas songs and proved that Whitchurch can also sing!

With a full audience and so many parents attending, all with a smile and many even with a tear, we can't help but thank you for being so supportive and appreciative of our efforts as a school to create well-educated and refined young people.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas if you celebrate and if not, a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Mrs Leutfeld
Director of Music

	Christmas Songs and Carols	
	<p>Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 9.15am 1ST and 1CL 2KB and 2SA 3LA and 3NL</p>	
	<p>Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 9.15am 1BP and 1SM 2HD and 2AR 3MS and 3SM</p>	

Instrumental Exam Results



Many congratulations to our musicians who successfully passed their graded exams this term, with regular practice and a strong sense of commitment.

Haavisha (6MO) - Grade 3 piano - Distinction
Kalyani (6AS) - Grade 2 piano - Merit

Aaron (6EH) - Grade 2 cello - Merit
Murtaza (6EH) - Grade 2 cello - Pass
Meera (5SK) - Grade 2 piano - Merit

Adrian (5SC) - Grade 1 guitar - Merit

Toby (5PA) - Grade 1 piano - Pass
Saavir (5ET) - Grade 2 piano - Distinction
Mariam (5ET) - Grade 1 piano - Merit
Niah (5ET) - Grade 1 piano - Merit
Sienna (5ET) - Grade 1 piano - Merit
Diyen (5ET) - Initial Grade piano - Merit
Luca (5ET) - Initial Grade piano
Hriday (5ET) - Grade 1 guitar - Pass

Diya (4XL) - Grade 1 piano



Spring Menu



Salad bar and bread are available daily

WHITCHURCH PRIMARY MENU

	WEEK ONE 08/01, 29/01, 26/02, 18/03	WEEK TWO 15/01, 05/02, 04/03, 25/03	WEEK THREE 22/01, 19/02, 11/03
MONDAY MAINS	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Fruity Mousse	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Carrot Cookie	Vegetable Curry, Pilau Rice, Naan Bread & Peas (V) Cheese Sub, Herby Diced Potatoes & Peas (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Flapjack
DESSERT			
TUESDAY MAINS	Minced Beef & Onion Pie (H), Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli Cheese & Onion Lattice, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli (V) Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve) Fruit Tuesday	Tandoori Chicken Shwarma (H), Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn Vegetable Nuggets, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V) Neapolitan Pasta with Side Salad (Ve) Fruit Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Burrito Stack (H), Potato Wedges & Side Salad Falafel Wrap, Potato Wedges & Side Salad (V) Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve) Fruit Tuesday
DESSERT			
WEDNESDAY MAINS	Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole(H), Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Apple Crumble Cake	Roast Turkey (H), Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Jam & Coconut Sponge	Chicken Sausage (H), Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans Vegetarian Cottage Pie, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Jelly & Fruit
DESSERT			
THURSDAY MAINS	Turkey Bolognese (H) with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn (V) Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve) Melting Moment Cookie	Beef Lasagne (H), Garlic Bread & Peas Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas (V) Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve) Cherry Triangle Biscuit	Cajun Chicken (H) & Sweetcorn Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas Vegetable Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas (V) Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve) Orange Drizzle Cake
DESSERT			
FRIDAY MAINS	Fish Fillet with Chips & Mushy Peas Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Chips & Baked Beans (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard	Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans Cheese & Sweetcorn Omelette, Chips & Baked Beans (V) Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad Raspberry Oat Slice & Custard
DESSERT			

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 special options are indicated by the symbol (V).

COOMBS
CATERING PARTNERSHIP





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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

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