

About me: I was born in Watford and have lived and grown up locally. My dad is from Sweden and I have made it my goal for 2024 to learn Swedish! Before training to become a teacher I studied Drama and Theatre at Royal Holloway University of London... it must be why I am sometimes rather dramatic (just ask my class and team!) I have a cavapoo called Freddie - he is 6 years old and my shadow. I love dogs and have grown up with an Old English Sheepdog, a Westie and a Saluki!

Hobbies and interests: I love, love, love to travel! My favourite thing to do during the holidays is to hop on a plane with my family or friends to discover somewhere new and preferably hot! This year I am heading to New York, Ibiza and Cape Verde. With my Drama background I love to go to the theatre - both locally and in London - and already I cannot wait to sink my teeth into our Year 6 production this Summer!

Best part about my role: For me, the best part about my role is that no two days are the same, but every day I have fun! I love coming into work in the morning and being greeted with bright smiles and working with my amazing team to teach the brilliant children of Whitchurch. When I joined the school two years ago I was welcomed by everyone with open arms - we have such an incredible school community that I am very proud to be part of!

2AR and 5ET class assemblies next week World Book Day on Thursday is a dress up day Please remember that playground gates are now open between 8.35am and 8.55am Please remember to book your child's lunches via ParentPay

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 6th March

Thursday 7th March

Monday 11th March

Wednesday 13th March

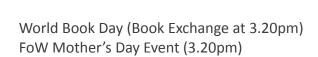
Friday 15th March

Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th March

Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st March

Friday 22nd March





5SK and 5ET visit to The British Museum

5PA and 5SC visit to The British Museum

(12pm-3.30pm)

Schools Counselling Partnership Coffee Morning (9am) Soloists Spring Concert (4pm)

2AR visit to Florence Nightingale Museum

Year 6 Residential Visit to Danbury Essex Outdoors

HMS String Festival at Harrow Arts Centre 2KB visit to Florence Nightingale Museum

2SA visit to Florence Nightingale Museum

2HD visit to Florence Nightingale Museum

Spring term 28th March



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

RRA Tigers Isai RNW Leopards Hassan RRV Lions Kiera RPS Jaguars Gabriel

> 1ST Whole Class 1BP Aisha 1SM Joseph 1CL Bela

This week's

Infant Stars

2HD Reeva 2KB Rebeca & Navya 2SA Kiyana 2AR Akira

3NL Siyana 3MS Hussain & Viha 3LA Ionut 3SM Niam Respect Responsibility Resilience Honesty Generosity Aspiration 4BS Viyaan 4CM Filip 4XL Ali 4SF Sahil

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5PA Toby 5SK Nazmin 5SC Sidra K 5ET Peehu

6HH Zaki 6AS Renad 6EH Levi 6MO Lucas This week's Junior Stars

> This week's Attendance Stars are **1CL!**

Whole School 95.84%

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Class Attendance this week

Nursery	AM 83.33%		PM 73.56%	
Reception	RRA 86.21%	RNW 93.67%	RPS 91.72%	RRV 93%
Year 1	1CL 100%	1BP 99%	1ST 96.67%	1SM 95.52%
Year 2	2AR 94.48%	2HD 97.67%	2KB 96.33%	2SA 96.13%
Year 3	3LA 95.33%	3MS 97.93%	3NL 96%	3SM 97.3%
Year 4	4CM 98.85%	4SF 97.78%	4XL 98.57%	4BS 95.93%
Year 5	5ET 98.28%	5PA 99%	5SC 95.86%	5SK 96.67%
Year 6	6AS 93.33%	6EH 97.67%	6HH 97.59%	6MO 98.57%

News and Notices

Friends of Whitchurch Mothers' Day Event

Friends of Whitchurch will be holding a special event for Mothers' Day on **Thursday 7th March at 3.20pm** in the playground (at the same time as the Book Exchange for World Book Day).

Come along and buy a gift for your mum or another special person in your life - such as an aunt, grandma, sister or cousin!

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

A reminder that World Book Day will be a dress-up day so children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

As we will be holding a book exchange in the playground at the end of the day, please can your child bring in used books (in good condition) for this event.



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Gifts £1

to £3

We raised **£165.73** for the sale of the 'My Voice Matters' bands during Children's Mental Health Week

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Mothers'

Day is on Sunday 10th March

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The Elms Holiday Activity Camp

The Elms are holding an activity camp for children aged 5-12 in the Easter holidays from **Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April, 9am-4pm.**

This event is **£34 per child per day.** Early Bird discounts are available if booking by Friday 22nd March. 20% sibling discounts are available when they attend on the same days.

Activities include sports, art and crafts, games and much more. Children should wear comfortable clothing and bring a snack, packed lunch and drink in a refillable container for the day.

Booking hotline: 020 8954 8787 / Book online: www.theelms.co.uk

For more details please see the flyer on the **Support for Families** page of our website: www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/support-for-families

Year Group Highlights

Space and the Moon

This week, Nursery have been learning about Space and the Moon. We enjoyed the story 'The Way Back Home' and made our own mini books, sequencing the events of the story in the correct order. Meanwhile, in Maths, we counted mini moons up to 5 using tweezers!



Year 1

Dental Health

This week Year 1 were visited by a dentist who explained how important it is to keep our teeth clean! We learnt all about how many times we should brush them as well as what we should and should not eat. We asked some questions to the dentist and learnt all about his job!



Vegetables

This week, Reception continued to explore our focus book 'The Enormous Turnip'. We identified how and where vegetables grow, including root vegetables under the soil. We also drew our own vegetable gardens with delicious looking vegetables!

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Year 2

Florence Nightingale

This week in History, Year 2 were transported back in time to 1854 when Florence Nightingale arrived at Scutari hospital during the Crimean war. We wrote some questions to ask Florence Nightingale about her journey and what she discovered when she arrived.



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Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Plants

This week for our topic 'Diving into Nature', Year 3 visited Canons Park to learn more about different types of plants. We identified how plants thrive in different locations and considered the requirements they need for growth.



Year 5

Greek Myths

In History and English, Year 5 have been exploring Greek Mythology. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about Hercules and his triumphs, as well as the tales of Perseus and Medusa. We look forward to learning more about Ancient Greece through the art of storytelling.



Electricity

As enrichment for Science this week, Year 4 visited the Science Museum to learn more about electricity and inventions. In the Energy Hall we looked at steam power and how it has improved over time. We also explored household items in the Secret Life of the Home exhibition.

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Ratio and Proportion

This week in Maths, Year 6 have been learning how to solve problems involving ratio and proportion. We used our times table and division facts to adjust the quantities in recipes based on different contexts.



Year 6



Conflict is a part of every human relationship, which means that arguments between adults may sometimes come up in front of children. When they hear angry yelling, studies have shown that their stress hormones shoot up and can take some time to diminish. Naturally, since a child's parent or carer is their source of security, they feel scared when they seem out of control. Their fear can often turn into anxiety or misbehaviour and some children may think that yelling is the grown-up way of resolving conflict.

How parents and carers can help

It is great for children to see healthy and respectful disagreements between adults. Therefore, try to model listening to the other person's needs without making them feel they are wrong. What is even more healthy is for the child to see you repair and reconnect quickly. It is a good idea to come up with a code word or signal with your partner in advance, so that when one of you starts to feel particularly triggered, you know to take a pause and continue later, away from the children.

Reach Out

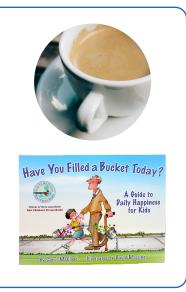
Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Tom for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, he is available on **Wednesdays at 9am-10am.** You can contact Tom on **07799 028 461** or email **tom@schoolscounsellingpartnership.co.uk**

Coffee Morning

Our Therapeutic Lead Tom from Schools Counselling Partnership will be running a coffee morning on Wednesday 13th March at 9am.

All parents and carers are invited to take part in wellbeing activities based around the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' in a non-judgmental safe space.

Tea and coffee will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!



Top tips for supporting children who are experiencing bullying

Almost half (40%) of school children in the UK have been bullied within the past 12 months - with 21% of them experiencing negative changes to their behaviour, including avoiding going to school. In 15% of those cases, the victim's behaviour suffers to the extent that they are ultimately excluded themselves.

Understanding and honest conversation can be an immense benefit to children who have become the target of bullying - but it is such a delicate subject that it can often be hard for trusted adults to know where (or how) to start.

Please refer to the poster attached to this newsletter for practical tips on supporting a child who is experiencing bullying.

For other useful links please see the Online Safety page of our website: www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/online-safety

Reading Corner: Year 1

'Bug Hotel' by Libby Walden (illustrated by Clover Robin)

'Bug Hotel' is a brilliant large format, shaped book showing homemade habitats where creepycrawlies of all kinds can find a place to stay. Young readers will discover how a bug hotel can create a sustainable, safe environment for insects and minibeasts - and also how to make the garden more welcoming to them.

Year 1 have enjoyed lifting the flaps and finding out facts about their favourite garden insects - linking to their topic 'Diving into Nature'. They have been planning to create their own engaging flap book for a minibeast of their choice, with information about its habitat and diet.

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#WakeUpWednesday





Football and Cricket

It has been a busy week for the Whitchurch sporting calendar as we have been taking part in events at some of the best sports grounds.

Football

Our Year 5 and 6 Girls Football team played at Watford FC training ground in a tournament where they showed great resilience and teamwork. This was a thoroughly enjoyable day and such a great experience - a highlight was spotting a few Watford FC players whilst we were at the venue.

At The Hive, the home to Barnet FC, the Girls' Football team took part in their second challenge this week by playing in the league's Finals Day. They showed great enthusiasm towards showcasing their football skills and what they had learnt the previous day at Watford FC training ground. A great performance girls - well done!



Cricket

Our Cricket team travelled to the famous Lord's Cricket Ground in St John's Wood to play the semi-finals of the CKC Indoor Cricket Tournament. After playing a morning of some great but intense cricket, the team have made it to the final - demonstrating great team work, resilience and aspiration. Congratulation to the Cricket team - we are so proud of you!

Miss Wong and Miss Byrne



Inclusion

Life Skills - Directions and Navigation

This week during Life Skills we continued to focus on directions and navigation. We followed directions placed on the floor and enjoyed taking a route more independently!

Miss Tunstall





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Useful Contacts

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Year 5 Leader (Mrs K Portou) kportou@whitchurchps.co.uk

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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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Family Liaison (Mrs N Chikhlia) nchikhlia@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk

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School Office

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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 Half Term Summer 2nd	Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 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





2024-2025 Term Dates can be viewed on the school website www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/term-dates

