

Curriculum News

Reception Parent Workshop

Thursday 24 September @2:30pm

We are delighted with how well the children have settled into White and Turquoise class. They are so calm and happy. We are inviting parents/carers to a workshop that will give tips and suggestions for supporting children on their learning journey. This includes supporting children's early reading and writing skills, phonic sounds and number work. Please come along if you have a child in Reception this year.

European Day of Languages

On **Friday 25 September** we are holding a whole school celebration to mark European Day of Languages. The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform (no donation required) and dress in the colours of their given country's flag.



To support the event, there is a special lunch menu. All children are welcome to join in with this even if they don't usually have a school lunch.

This is free for all children in Reception & Key Stage 1. For Key stage 2, (if not exempt), this can be paid for via ParentPay.

PTA

We are so grateful for the work that Whitley Lodge First School PTA do to support school. We are lucky to have such a thriving group of volunteers whose efforts and ideas provide essential funds for school.

Our next PTA event is the:

Halloween Disco
Wednesday 21 October

Recep & KS1 (Y1/Y2) 3:30pm-4:30pm

KS2 (Y3/Y4) 4:45pm-5:45pm

Ticket information and further details to follow shortly.



Reception Admissions 2027-2028

Application for places in our Reception class of 2027 are open now. Anyone who is interested is invited to meet Mrs Palmer and have an informative tour of school. You can book a tour via the school website [Reception Visit Booking Form - Whitley Lodge First School](#). Please share this link with any friends and family who are interested in Reception places for next September.

Parent Evenings

Parent Evenings are: Tuesday 13 October and Thursday 15 October. These meetings are face to face appointments in school. The online booking system will go live next week. We will send a text and email reminder once it is live.

Pirate Ship

The front yard is open from 8:30am and closes at 3:45pm each day. If children play on the Pirate Ship before and after school, they do so at parent's discretion and responsibility. Please do closely watch your children on the Pirate Ship to ensure that they are safe.

Trees

Please do not allow children to climb trees or play in the bushes on the front yard. This could cause harm to children and the plants are being irreparably damaged.

BookNic

Despite the rain, we were overwhelmed by the number of parents, grandparents & carers that joined us at the BookNic this afternoon. Children shared books and chatted with siblings, family and friends. Thank you to all involved.



Diary Dates 2026-2027

24.9.26 - Reception Parent workshop @ 2:30pm

25.9.26 – European Day of Languages Non-uniform

13.10.26 Parent Evening 1

15.10.26 Parent Evening 2

21.10.26 Halloween Disco for Reception-Y4

23.10.26 Training Day

26.10.26-30.10.26 Half Term

6.11.26 Red Class Assembly @ 9am

18.12.26 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday

4.1.27 Training Day

29.01.27 Blue Class Assembly @ 9am

12.02.27 Orange Class Assembly @ 9am

15.2.27-19.2.27 Half Term

26.02.27 Green Class Assembly @ 9am

26.3.27-9.4.27 Easter Break

3.5.27 May Bank Holiday

21.05.27 Purple Class Assembly @ 9am

28.5.27 Training Day

31.5.27-4.6.27 Half Term

25.06.27 Yellow Class Assembly @ 9am

9.07.27 Reception Joint Class Assembly @ 9am

20.7.27 Last day for pupils

21.7.27 Training Day

The next newsletter is out on Friday 2 October 2025