



Curriculum News

What a week!

What an exciting week it has been. Year 4 spent Tuesday and Wednesday at their new middle schools. They met their new teachers, spent time with their new class and made lots of new friends. Reception to Year 3 children 'moved up' on Wednesday too. They came in their new doors, met their teachers, lined up at playtime and came to assembly as if they were already in their next class. Plus, Y3 had a great arts visit to Valley Gardens, Y2 won an interschool athletics competition and Nursery had their summer beach trip. All fantastic!

Robinwood

The excitement didn't stop there for Year 4. They set off at 7:45am this morning on their way to the much awaited residential trip to Robinwood.



They arrived on time and walked through the picturesque countryside to the Centre. Each group has already completed their first activity such as Canoeing, Crate Challenge, Quest, Archery, Night line and Zip Wire.

We can't wait to welcome them back on Sunday and hear all about the fun.

Thank you to our fantastic 'Friends of Whitley Lodge PTA' volunteers. Last week's Summer Fair alone raised an incredible **£3602!** This is an incredible amount of money which will hugely benefit all children at Whitley Lodge. We are so grateful to everyone involved in the organisation as well as to those who support the PTA events across the year.



Parent/Carer Contact Sheet

To ensure that we have the most updated contact details for families, we ask that you complete the contact sheet each year. Children in R-Y3 will bring these home today. Please complete all the details and return it to school by **Friday 10 July**. If you did not receive it, please contact the school office to request another copy. Thank you.

Staffing News

In September, we are welcoming new staff members to our school.



Miss Roberts joins Purple class as full time class teacher. As she has spent the year completing her teacher training with us, Miss Roberts already has the advantage of knowing the school staff and children well. She has taught in Reception this year so will be very familiar with many of those joining Purple class too.

Miss Cochrane has been part of the staff team for many years as one of our Lunchtime Supervisors. After completing her Teaching Assistant qualification and volunteering across school this year, she was successfully appointed as full time teaching assistant. Miss Cochrane will be based predominantly in Blue class but will also be supporting in all key stages throughout school.



Mrs Townsend will join Key Stage Two as a parttime Teaching Assistant in Orange Class. Mrs Townsend has a wealth of experience supporting children in a number of our local First schools. She already knows many of our children as she also runs the 'Saturday Fun Club' based at school on the weekend.

All new staff members joined us on 'move-up' morning this week.

Diary Dates 2026

3.7.26-5.7.26 Robinwood

6.7.26 New to KS1 meeting

10.7.26 Reception Joint class assembly @9am

16.7.26 Y4 Leaver's Assembly @9am

17.7.26 Last day of term

New Academic Year 2026-2027

1.9.26 Training Day

23.10.26 Training Day

26.10.26-30.10.26 Half Term

18.12.26 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday

4.1.27 Training Day

15.2.27-19.2.27 Half Term

26.3.27-9.4.27 Easter Break

3.5.27 May Bank Holiday

28.5.27 Training Day

31.5.27-4.6.27 Half Term

20.7.27 Last day for pupils

21.7.27 Training Day

The next newsletter is out on
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