



Curriculum News

Halloween Disco

Wednesday 22 October



We are thrilled to invite children to our Halloween Disco.

Reception & KS1 (Y1/Y2) 3:30pm-4:30pm
KS2 (Y3/Y4) 4:45pm-5:45pm

Fancy dress is optional. Reception & KS1 need to be collected from their classroom as usual then come into their designated classroom door, from the yard, with their supporting adults to change.

Reception & Yellow come to Yellow Class
Purple & Blue come to Purple Class

They will then exit via the yard and come round to the main entrance for the disco. Tickets are £5 for one child and £8 for two or more. This includes entry, a drink, hot dog or pizza and two tuck shop items. Please note that tickets are only available to be purchased from the school office **prior** to the disco. This will avoid long queues so the children get maximum time for the fun and games.

Tickets will be on sale at the school office from Monday.



Buddies

Year 4 are really looking forward to meeting their

Reception buddies for the first time on Friday 17 October.

This will be a fun filled Halloween themed afternoon, making moving skeletons, sharing stories and joining in with drawing club. This is the first of many opportunities throughout the year, for buddies to catch up and complete a variety of activities together. Year 4 will always look out for their Reception buddies in school too.

Parent Evenings

Tuesday 7 October and Thursday 9 October. These meetings are face to face appointments in school.

The [online booking system](#) is live on our school website.

Pupil Council Y1–Y4



On Wednesday the children had an assembly to launch this year's Pupil Council election.

Each class elects two councillors. Anyone can stand for election.

Councillors attend monthly council meetings at which ideas, issues and concerns raised at class meetings, are shared and discussed.

The councillors report back to their class. View and suggestions are passed onto the school's Leadership Team and Governors.

If your child would like to stand for election, they need to write their own short manifesto. This can be written as a speech or a few short bullet points describing their own views and what they would like to achieve by being a Pupil Councillor. They will then present these to their class and after that an election will take place.

The deadline for submitting manifestos is Tuesday 7 October. The new pupil councillors will be announced on Wednesday 15 October.

New to Reception 2026 Tours

Our Reception Tours started this week. All families who have children starting Reception in September 2026, are warmly welcome to attend one of our tours around school and to visit our Reception classrooms.

This is an opportunity to meet Mrs Palmer, Headteacher and Mrs Watters, Early Years Leader and to find out more about the wonderful experiences on offer in Reception and beyond at Whitley Lodge First School.

Tours take approximately 30 minutes and start at 9:00am.

Tuesday 14 October

Wednesday 5 November

Thursday 20 November

To book a tour, please complete the [online booking form](#) on our school website.

Diary Dates

2025

22.10.25 Halloween Disco

27.10.25-31.10.25
Half term

21.11.25 Red Class
Assembly @9am

8.12.25 KS1 Christmas
Performance 1 @ 2pm

9.12.25 KS1 Christmas
Performance 2 @ 9am

10.12.25 Reception
Christmas Show @9am

11.12.25 KS2 Christmas
Performance 1:30pm

12.12.25 Nursery
AM Stay & Play @9am
PM Stay & Play @1pm

19.12.25 Pupils break up
for Christmas holiday

Diary Dates 2026

5.1.26 Training Day

**30.1.26 Blue Class
Assembly @9am**

13.2.26 Orange Class
Assembly @9am

16.2.26-20.2.26 Half Term

20.3.26 Green Class
Assembly @9am

3.4.26-17.4.26 Easter
Break

**8.5.26 Purple Class
Assembly @9am**

25.5.26-29.5.26 Half Term

19.06.26 Training Day

**26.6.26 Yellow Class
Assembly @9am**

10.7.26 Reception
Assembly @9am

16.7.26 Y4 Leaver's
Assembly @9am

17.7.26 Last day of term

The next newsletter is out on
Friday 17 October 2025