



**Whitehead**  
Primary School  
& Nursery Unit

September 2024

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

**I can't believe that another year is finishing. Once again, I would like to thank you for your incredible support throughout the year and I trust that you will have a wonderful summer with family and friends. In the August newsletter (sent out last week) you received information regarding starting back. In this newsletter I have outlined some key dates for September and some further information regarding 'After School Activities'.**

#### Key Dates for September

Thursday 29 August	Child Protection Training & PTA AGM @ 7.30pm
Thursday 12 Sept	Y1 Induction Evening @ 7.30pm Nursery Induction Evening @ 8.00pm
Thursday 19 Sept	Y6 & Y7 Curriculum Evening @ 7.30pm Y4 & Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 8.00pm Y2 & Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 8.30pm
Tuesday 24 Sept	Child Protection Training @ 1.00pm

#### Induction & Curriculum Evenings

These evenings will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, to receive an outline of the curriculum for the year and to gain an understanding of what homework will entail. **I would really encourage you to attend.**

#### Child Protection Training & PTA AGM

A key aspect of life in WPSNU is our partnership with parents. We would be very keen for you to be involved in school; going on trips, taking children to sporting events, etc. **In order for this to happen you are required to complete the Child Protection Training & also be Police Checked.** The training will take place on Thursday 29 August @ 7.30pm and again on Tuesday 24 September @ 1.00pm.

#### PTA AGM

Our PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 29 August at 8.15pm following Child Protection Training. We would love you to become involved in PTA who organise events which the children really enjoy and which raise additional funds for the school. Funds which will become ever more important given the ongoing cuts in education.

#### Confirmed Holiday List 2024/25

Please see below the confirmed holiday list for 2024/25. **THERE WERE NO CHANGES** from the draft holiday list published earlier in the year. **As always, I would encourage you to avoid booking holidays during term time.**

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## Start Times for 2024/25

### Punctuality

All children should plan to arrive to school between 8.45 and 8.55am. It is absolutely vital that all children are in school, in the classroom by 8.55am. **CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 8.55AM WILL BE MARKED AS LATE.**

- The parents of those children who are regularly late in September will be contacted by their child's teacher.
- Should lateness persist teachers will discuss this with parents at Parent/Teacher Consultations in October.
- Should the issue not be resolved I will be in contact with parents.
- Continued, persistent lateness throughout the school year will be recorded on a child's report.

**I fully understand that everyone can be late on occasions however persistent lateness really does impact on how your child performs and achieves on a daily basis, affecting their overall progress.**

## Finish Times 2024/25

**The finish times are unchanged from last year.**

Y1 & Y2	1.45 pm (Monday – Friday)
Y3	2.45 pm (Monday & Tuesday), 1.45 pm (Wednesday – Friday)
Y4	2.45 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday), 1.45 pm (Wednesday)
Y5 – Y7	2.50 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday), 1.50 pm (Wednesday)

### After School Activities – Tuesday & Thursday

After school activities (taken by our teachers & CAs) will take place on a Tuesday & Thursday, on the dates outlined below:

Tuesday 17 & Thursday 19 September

Tuesday 24 & Thursday 26 September

Tuesday 1 & Thursday 3 October

Tuesday 8 & Thursday 10 October

Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 October

Tuesday 5 & Thursday 7 November

Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 November

Tuesday 19 & Thursday 21 November

There will be a small charge of 50p per session for our own after school activities which will allow us to purchase and replenish the equipment necessary for the activities. Each activity will run for 8 sessions this term costing £4 per activity. Parents will be able to sign up on School Money for our own afternoon school activities from Tuesday 27 August – Tuesday 10 September.

### After School Activities – Private Companies

Private companies will offer after school activities on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

**Monday** – Burns Soccer (Y1-Y4) & Burns Hockey (Y1-Y4).

**Tuesday** – Junglenastix (Y1-Y3)

**Wednesday** – Jujitsu (Y2 – Y7), Irish Dancing (Y1 – Y7) & Coding Club (Y1 – Y7)

**Friday** – Burns Basketball (Y1 – Y7) & Burns Lego (Y1 – Y7)

**Further details for signing up will be sent out in August when we return to school.**



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## HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2024-25

**FINAL**

SCHOOL BEGINS	SCHOOL CLOSES	HOLIDAY (dates are inclusive)
Monday, 26 August 2024	Friday, 25 October 2024	<b>Halloween Half Term</b> Monday, 28 October - Friday, 1 November 2024 (4 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 4 November 2024	Friday, 20 December 2024 No school dinners	<b>Christmas</b> Monday, 23 December 2024 – Friday, 3 January 2025 (10 days)
Monday, 6 January 2025	Friday, 7 February 2025	<b>Winter Half Term</b> Monday, 10 February – Friday, 14 February 2025 (4 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 17 February 2025	Friday, 11 April 2025 No school dinners	<b>Easter</b> Monday, 14 April – Friday 25 April 2025 (9 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 28 April 2025	Friday, 2 May 2025	<b>May Day</b> Monday, 5 May 2025 (1 day)
Tuesday, 6 May 2025	Friday, 23 May 2025	<b>Spring Half Term</b> Monday, 26 May – Friday, 30 May 2025 (2 days + 1 report writing day + 2 staff training days)
Monday, 2 June 2025	Monday, 30 June 2025 No school dinners	<b>Summer Holiday 2025</b>