WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

CHARITY SUPPORT

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

On Friday 19th September we held *Jeans for Genes Day* and raised **£350.00** where pupils could attend school wearing jeans if possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us raise money for this charity.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

In support of WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

From w/c 22nd September we took part in a range of events for the charity Macmillan Cancer Support eg biscuit sale, Just Dance at lunchtimes and a non-uniform day on Friday 26th September!

We raised an amazing amount of **£900.00.**

Thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity that helped us raise so much money for this charity.
A special mention to Mrs Pankhania who organised the events and the School Council for all their help.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



I would like to thank everybody in our school community for their most generous donations of food for our Harvest Festival Assembly held on Friday 3rd October. The front of the stage was filled with food which was donated to the Centre Project for the homeless in Leicester.
Thank you once again for your incredible generosity.

WEEKLY DASHES FOR PARENTS

It has been great to see many of you spending time in your child's classroom on a weekly basis. Every weekly dash session has a specific focus designed to highlight an important aspect of school life. We look forward to sharing these with you and hope you find them both informative and useful.

The `Weekly Dashes' for the individual year groups take place on the following days **8.35 - 8.45am:**

Reception: Every Tuesday
Year 1: Every Thursday
Year 2: Every Wednesday
Year 3: Every Monday
Year 4: Every Tuesday
Year 5: Every Wednesday
Year 6: Every Monday

It is really important that parents leave their child's classroom by 8.45am on these sessions so that the lessons can commence.

NB: The Nursery has a `Stay and Play' session every Friday from 8.30am.

YEAR 6 DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reminder: Year 6 Parents Deadline for secondary school applications.
The deadline for applications to be received to the admissions' department is **Friday 31st October 2025.**
All applications received after this date are treated as late and will be dealt with after those received on time and you are less likely to be offered a place at your preferred schools.
Please contact school admissions on 0116 4541009 if you have any problems.

LOST PROPERTY



We are starting to accumulate lots of lost property, including coats/jackets.
If your child has lost items of clothing, please do pay a visit to check the lost property grey trays outside the school hall.

Please ensure that you label items which will enable us to return them to their rightful owner.

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome Back to the School Games Event

On Friday, 12th September, we took 10 students from Years 3 and 4 to a Multi-Sport Event led by Sports Leaders from the local community. The event saw the children participating in a range of activities, including rugby, capture the flag, paired archery, and many more.

The pupils were enthusiastic and eager to try every activity.

Yusuf from the Iguanas class said, “Today has been so much fun—I wish I could do it all over again!”

As a school, we are very proud of all the students who attended and the ‘give it a go’ attitude they showed throughout the day. They are a credit to our school and represented Whitehall brilliantly.



Year 5/6 Boys Football League

On Wednesday 24th September, it was Matchday 1 of the Boys Football League at Judgemeadow. The boys were eager to get the league underway. They showed great determination and fight while playing an attractive style of football. Most importantly, they displayed fantastic sportsmanship, team working and camaraderie.
We are super proud of the boys and we look forward to their next round of matches in October.

Results as follows:
Whitehall 0 v Coleman 3 Thurnby Mead 0 v Whitehall 0 Whitehall 1 v Avanti Fields 1

Year 5/6 Girls Football League

On Wednesday 1st October, it was Matchday 1 of the Girls Football League at Judgemeadow. The girls were full of excitement ahead of their first round of games. The girls displayed some fantastic football, organisation, communication, teamworking, sportsmanship and togetherness. Most importantly, each and every one of those girls were positive throughout and enjoyed their time competing against other schools.

We are incredibly proud of the girls and are looking forward to their next round of matches later this month.

Results as follows:

Spinney Hill 1 v Whitehall 1 **Whitehall 4 v Coleman 0** **St Barnabas 0 v Whitehall 1**

Upcoming Events at Whitehall:

Thursday 16th October: Year 4 Cricket Engagement Day with Leicestershire County Cricket Club

Wednesday 29th October: Year 5/6 Boys Football League at Judgemeadow

Friday 21st November: Year 6 Leicester Riders Development Night at Mattoli Woods Arena

Wednesday 26th November: Year 5/6 Girls Football League at Judgemeadow

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find an outline of some of the extra-curricular activities we will have during autumn term 2:

Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader
Young Voices	Monday 3.15 – 4.00pm	KS2	Miss Stevens & Mrs Berraoui
Boys Football	Monday 3.15 - 4.00pm	5/6	Mr Ruparelia
Girls Football	Monday 3.15 – 4.00pm	5/6	Mr Weston
Bench Ball	Tuesday 12.00–12.30pm	3	Miss Derry
Rugby Club	Tuesday 12.00-12.30pm	5	Active Sports
Scooter Skills Club	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	KS1	Active Sports
Badminton	Wednesday 12.00-12.30pm	4	Mrs Trivedi
Team Building Club	Thursday 12.00-12.30pm	3/4	Mr Ruparelia
Ultimate Frisbee Club	Thursday 12.00-12.30pm	3/4	Active Sports
Girls Netball	Thursday 3.15 - 4.00pm	5	Mr Ruparelia
Zorbing Club	Thursday 3.15 - 4.00pm	3/4	Active Sports
Girls Cricket	Thursday 3.15 – 4.00pm	6	Leicestershire County Cricket Club
Lazer Tag Club	Friday 12.00-12.30pm	1/2	Active Sports
Basketball	Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm	6	Mr Ruparelia
Fencing Club	Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm	5/6	Active Sports



Year 6 Playground Leaders:

Whitehall Primary are delighted to launch once again our Year 6 Playground Leaders Programme.
We have 42 very enthusiastic Young Leaders who are giving up their lunchtimes to provide sporting activities and recreational games to the rest of our young children.
The Year 6 children are working really hard to provide as much fun and engagement and we look forward to seeing them develop as Sport Leaders throughout the Academic Year.

ECO NEWS

The new ECO – Warriors were appointed at the beginning of the term and have been incredibly busy ever since. To become a Warrior the candidates had to write a speech that they delivered to their class explaining why they wanted to be an ECO – Warrior. There was then a vote in their class and the new ECO – Warrior was chosen. Congratulations to our new Warriors, you are already doing a fantastic job and making a huge difference!

The ECO Warriors began their vital role by helping myself deliver two assemblies about Fairtrade and why it is such an important topic for us to be talking about. They learnt that Fairtrade is not the only organisation out there that ensures the farmers are getting a fair price for their goods. We discovered other organisations like the Rainforest Alliance, Fair for Life and The World Fairtrade Organisation. Have fun looking for these logos when you are out shopping.

The ECO – Warriors have been helping the children put their waste in the correct bins in the dining hall and have been rewarding children who are finishing their lunch and bringing an ECO – friendly packed lunch to school with stickers. This is making a positive difference to how much food the children are wasting. Remember to always look at the menu before you make your lunch choice so you are choosing a lunch you like!

Walk to School begins this week! To earn a badge the children need to walk, bike, scooter or park and stride to school at least once a week. The children will be learning from their ECO – Warrior how this will help with pollution and also how this helps with keeping them fit and healthy. We look forward to seeing how many children change how they get to school!

ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Well done to the following classes for winning the attendance certificates:

w/c 1st September: Class 18 Badgers (96.0%) Class 6 Kestrels (99.3%)
Class 2 Pumas (99.3%)

w/c 8th September: Class 18 Badgers (100.0%) Class 4 Ospreys (98.6%)

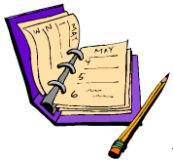
w/c 15th September:Class 16 Hedgehogs (99.6%) Class 6 Kestrels (99.7%)

w/c 22nd September: Class 14 Seahorses (99%) Class 12 Penguins (99%)
Class 6 Kestrels (99%)

Our overall school attendance since the start of the new academic year is **96.1%.**
The attendance has been highly positive since the start of the new academic year and I would like to thank parents for ensuring and helping to sustain this.

WORLD HOMELESS DAY

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 10th October** with a voluntary donation of £1.
The charity we will be supporting is called **Help The Homeless Leicester.** Further details about the charity can be found on their website: www.hthleicester.co.uk



SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11th October: Non-Uniform Day (Support World Homeless Day)
Friday 7th November: Year 2 Seahorses Class Assembly at 9.05am
Friday 14th November: Children in Need Day
Friday 14th November: Year 2 Dolphins Class Assembly at 9.05am
Friday 21st November: Year 2 Starfish Class Assembly at 9.05am
Friday 28th November: Year 6 Assembly at 9.05am

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Our school will be closing on **Thursday 16th October** for the Half Term holiday.
School will re-open at on **Monday 27th October**.



DIWALI WISHES



On behalf of the staff and governors of our school, I would like to send best wishes to all the families who will be celebrating Diwali.



TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2024
SCHOOL OPENS: Tuesday 26th August 2025

SCHOOL CLOSES: Thursday 16th October 2025

HALF TERM: Friday 17th October to Friday 24th October 2025

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 27th October 2025

SCHOOL CLOSES: Thursday 18th December 2025

SPRING TERM 2025
SCHOOL OPENS: Tuesday 6th January 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 13th February 2026

HALF TERM: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 23rd February 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 27th March 2026

SUMMER TERM 2025

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 13th April 2026

MAY BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 4th May 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 22nd May 2026

HALF TERM: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 1st June 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 10th July 2026