WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

CHILDREN IN NEED 2025

Our school will be taking part in the BBC's national *Children in Need* campaign on **Friday 14th November**.

Children will be asked to pay a voluntary donation of £1 each to come to school wearing either something spotty/yellow, a superhero costume or come to school in non-uniform. There will be a special prize for the best dressed in each year group!



An information poster has already been sent out to you regarding the many events taking place that week such as the sponsored event `Challenge Yourself to 25', cupcake sale, Pudsey colouring competition and the non-uniform day. A copy of the poster is also on the back page of this newsletter.



The money raised will be donated to the national charity which supports disadvantaged children across the UK. Please support us in making this event a success.
For more information, please visit the website:
www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

LOST PROPERTY



We have accumulated 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 trays near the school hall.

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

WEEKLY DASHES FOR PARENTS

It has been great to see many of you spending time in your child's classroom on a weekly basis. This will enable you to engage in the day's opening activity and have an opportunity to speak with the class teacher if required.

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

Mondays: Year 3 & 6
Tuesdays: Reception & Year 4
Wednesdays: Year 2 & Year 5
Thursdays: Year 1
Fridays: Nursery Stay & Play Session

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

OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS

We will be holding an `Open Day' for parents in November where we will be extending the Weekly Dash session. This will take place w/c Monday 24th November and will be from 8.35 - 9.15am.

Monday 24th November – Open Day for **Year 3 & 6** (8.35 - 9.15am)
Tuesday 25th November – Open Day for **Year 4** (8.35 - 9.15am)
Wednesday 26th November – Open day for **Y2 & Y5** (8.35 - 9.15am)
Thursday 27th November – Open Day for **Year 1** (8.35 - 9.15am)

Parents will have the opportunity to come into their child's classroom and look at their child's work books. The class teacher will be available to talk to the parents.

The School Gates will be locked at 9.20am on the above days to enable parents to leave the school site with members of the Senior Leadership Team on the school playground.

The Reception and Nursery will be holding a Winter Stay & Play during that week and parents have already been notified of this. The Reception session is on Tuesday 25th November and the Nursery session is on Friday 28th November.

We look forward to seeing you at the above events!

ODD SOCKS DAY

We are holding an `Odd Socks Day' on **Monday 10th November** as part of Anti-Bullying Week.
Just come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique – **no** donations needed!

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We are urging you to be mindful and courteous to other drivers, residents and pedestrians and please ensure you are parking safely and legally at all times. Parking on the pavement, on zig zags and blocking the entrance/exits are endangering the safety of everyone.

We need to work together to make the area around the school as safe as possible for everybody.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair is on **Thursday 4th December** at **3.30pm**.

There will be lots of Christmas stalls, games and refreshments in the hall, dining hall and surrounding classrooms.

Further information about the Christmas Fair will follow.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair!



ECO News – November 2025

The ECO – Warriors attended the fabulous, "ECO Roadshow" this week at Sir Jonathan North College with myself and Mrs Pankhania. They were joined by the ECO – Warriors from other local Primary Schools and spent the day working with the children from Linden Primary School. The children amazed all the adults with their excellent behavior and ECO knowledge.

During the first part of the day the children took part in a "Bioblitz". This is something you can do at home too! They had 30 minutes to go outside and identify as many living things as they could. They had an inventory of plants and animals which they used enthusiastically. They found lots of snails and learnt about the beautiful plants.







We then spent some time learning about our oceans and how plastic is having a devastating effect on the plants and marine life. The children took part in a quiz and were very surprised at some of the answers which showed us just how serious a problem plastic is. We learnt what we could do about it and how to make a difference and went out on a litter pick. This is something you can do as a family too! The children worked hard to pick up every bit of plastic they could find and were horrified at how much there was. They are thinking about ways of how we can reduce single plastic use in school. Watch this space!

For our last workshop we worked with Linden Primary School thinking of how to promote, “Walk to School”. This is something we are already so good at doing and this month we have even got into the top 10 (No 6) of the leaderboards! The children also learnt about the benefits of cycling and how to be safe on your bicycle.





We had an incredible day! One that we will remember forever and we are looking forward to continuing to make a real difference in school.

Miss Bahadur (Eco Lead)

Eco-Schools

SPORTS NEWS



Girls only Clubs

Here at Whitehall, we are delighted to have launched a Girls only after school club running on a Thursday:
Year 6 Girls Cricket Club run by our partners from Leicestershire County Cricket Club
Year 5 Girls Netball Club run by Mr Ruparelia.

The Girls are having such a fantastic experience and we look to provide more opportunities for Girls across all Year Groups throughout the Academic Year.

Year 5 /6 Boys Football

On Wednesday 29th October our Year 5 and 6 boys Football team travelled to Judgemeadow for their next round of matches. The boys got two draws against Thurnby Mead and Coleman Primary before suffering a defeat to St Josephs.
Nevertheless, the boys have been placed in Division 1 and will play their next round of matches on the 19th November 2025.

Upcoming Sports Events: November:
Wednesday 19th November: Year 5/6 Boys Football League at Judgemeadow

Friday 21st November: Leicester Riders Development Night with Year 6 at the Mattioli Arena

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

Year 6 Playground Leaders

The Year 6 playground leaders have been very busy, and the programme is now in its second month.

The children continue to give up part of their lunchtimes to engage, support and lead fun, exciting and enriching sporting and play activities to children lower down the school. We look forward to working with you throughout the Year.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find an outline of some of the extra-curricular activities we have available within the school for our pupils during the 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	4	Miss Derry
Rugby Club	Tuesday 12.00-12.30pm	5	Active Sports
Graphic Novel Club	Tuesday 12.30-1.00pm	6	Miss Gill
Scooter Skills Club	Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	KS1	Active Sports
Badminton	Wednesday 12.00-12.30pm	4	Mrs Trivedi
Magical Maths	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	KS1 & KS2	Ms Adam
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
Nerf Wars Club	Friday 12.00-12.30pm	1/2	Active Sports
Graphic Novel Club	Friday 12.30-1.00pm	5	Miss Gill
Basketball	Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm	6	Mr Ruparelia
Fencing Club	Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm	5/6	Active Sports

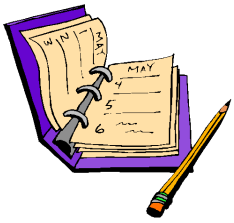
WORLD HOMELESS DAY

We held a non-uniform day on **Friday 10th October** where we raised **£419.** Thank you for your generosity in supporting **Help The Homeless Leicester.** Further details about the charity can be found on their website: www.hthleicester.co.uk

ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Well done to the following classes for winning the attendance certificates during September and October!

w/c 29th September: Class 13 Dolphins (100%) Class 7 Toucans (100%) Class 5 Eagles (100%)
w/c 6th October: Class 14 Seahorses (100%) Class 10 Polar Bears (99.0%) Class 9 Chameleons (99.0%) Class 6 Kestrels (99.0%)
w/c 13th October: Class 10 Polar Bears (97.5%) Class 3 Leopards (97.5%)
w/c 27th October: Class 17 Foxes (98.8%) Class 10 Polar Bears (98.3%)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c Anti-bullying Week: Monday 10th November
Monday 10th November: Odd Socks Day
Friday 14th November: Children in Need day
Friday 14th November: Class 13 Dolphins Class Assembly (9.05am)
Friday 21st November: Class 15 Starfish Class Assembly (9.05am)
Monday 24th November: Year 3 & 6 Open Day for Parents (8.35 -9.15am)
Tuesday 25th November: Year 4 Open Day for Parents (8.35 – 9.15am)
Tuesday 25th November: Reception Winter Stay and Play for Parents (am)
Wednesday 26th November: Year 2 & 5 Open Day for Parents (8.35 -9.15am)
Thursday 27th November: Year 1 Open Day for Parents (8.35 -9.15am)
Friday 28th November: Nursery Winter Stay and Play for Parents (am)
Friday 28th December: Year 6 Class Assembly (9.05am)
Thursday 4th December: Christmas Fair from 3.30pm
Friday 6th December: Class 13 Dolphins Class Assembly

Visit our school Website: **www.whitehallprimary.co.uk**

TOGETHER, WE CAN *RAISE MONEY!*



For BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – Supporting Children's Mental Health

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

1. Sponsored Event – Challenge Yourself to 25!

10th - 14th November

Jog, walk, run or dance your way to 5K steps a day for 5 days!

Cupcake Sale – Pre Order Only

Thursday 13th November

Cupcakes are 50p each.

Pudsey Colouring Competition

10th-14th November Enter the competition for 30p.
All entries due by 14th November

Non-Uniform Day – Voluntary £1 Donotion

Friday 14th November Dress in spots, yellow, or as a Superhero! Prize for best dressed in each year group!

BBC Children in Need