

Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the penultimate newsletter before the end of the year and we have had so much going on.



It was lovely to see so many of you at our Summer Fair on Friday and a special thank you to all those individuals who helped out by donating their time, prizes, gifts and food. The fair cannot take place without such help and it was a great success.

It was particularly enjoyable for me to see our school community coming together on that day as I will now be on a leave of absence for medical reasons for the remainder of the summer term.

I would like to wish you all a fantastic summer in advance.

I am sad to be missing the end of term but thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bringan

Reminders

**Nursery last day of term—
Wednesday 19th July 2023**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Last day of school Thursday
20th July 2023.**

Class/Year Group	Finish Time
Spruce and Larch	12:00pm
Cedar and Birch	12:10pm
Year 1	12:15pm
Year 2	12:20pm

Staggered finish times

Transition

The children all had the opportunity to visit their new teachers and classrooms this week. This included Year Two children visiting Year Three for the morning.

We had a very successful transition day especially as new reception children visited the school. Parents stayed for a Welcome to Reception meeting where we had the best turnout yet!

Next week, there are further transition arrangements. Details can be found on the letter you received with your child's new class and teacher on and at the back of this newsletter under 'Diary Dates'.

Recent Communication

- New to Reception meetings
- Reception Welcome Meeting
- Healthy Week and Sport's Day for all year groups
- School reports
- Transition Letter - All year groups

School Reports and Feedback

All parents should now have received your child's end of year report.

Please return the report feedback form and the parent questionnaire by **20th July 2023**



We will be saying farewell to a number of staff at the end of this academic year. Miss Payne and Miss Ukey will be leaving to pursue other careers and Miss Walsh has secured a teacher position teaching older children.

We would like to thank all three staff members for their hard work and commitment during their time at Whitehall!

Year 2 Graduation

Our Year 2's are approaching the end of their time here with us and will soon be moving to Junior school. Families of Year 2 children are invited to attend their graduation celebrations. These will take place in our school hall from **2:00pm** as follows:

Thursday 13th July : Flamingo Class

Friday 14th July : Peacock Class

Monday 17th July: Kingfisher Class

Tuesday 18th July : Toucan Class

A letter with further information was sent home with children today. Please check book bags and return the reply slips as soon as possible,

New Classes for September 2023

Thank you for your continued support as children complete transition activities to prepare them for the next stage of their learning journey ready for September.

A number of parents have asked about the process the school takes to decide which class a child is in. Staff take a number of aspects into consideration including the following:

Barriers to learning and any additional needs so that classes are evenly spread	Friendship groups including asking the children who they would like to be with	Number of children in the year group
Gender		Attainment levels

Starting Junior School

If your child is starting a Junior school in September that is **not Whitehall Junior School**, please visit the main school office as soon as possible. We need you to complete a leavers form to ensure your child's file is sent to their new school.

Nursery applications

There is still time to apply for a place in our Nursery. If you or anyone you know would like to apply, please collect an application form from the main school office.

Trip News

Over the last few weeks children have had the opportunity to visit a range of places across London.

The children have greatly enjoyed their visits to Odds Farm, The Science Museum and Legoland.

Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who helped with the trips and to the children for their beautiful behaviour. You made us all very proud.

Diary Dates

These dates are subject to change. Separate information will be sent out for each event.

Day	Date	Month	Activity	Other information
Monday	10th	July	Transition to Year Two meeting	All parents in Year One welcome to attend 9am—9:30am
Tuesday	11th	July	Transition to Year One meeting	All parents in Reception are welcome to attend 9am—9:30am
Tuesday	11th	July	Transition Day	All year groups
Wednesday	12th	July	Pedestrian Training	Flamingo and Peacock
Thursday	13th	July	Pedestrian Training	Kingfisher and Toucan
Thursday	13th	July	Larch class assembly	Assembly will begin at 9:05am
Thursday	13th	July	Flamingo Graduation	2pm in the school hall
Friday	14th	July	Peacock Graduation	2pm in the school hall
Friday	14th	July	Coffee Morning	8:55 onwards
Monday	17th	July	Kingfisher Graduation	2pm in the school hall
Tuesday	18th	July	Toucan Graduation	2pm in the school hall
Wednesday	19th	July	Nursery Graduation	Details will be shared
Thursday	20th	July	Last Day of School	Earlier collection time

Please find next year's term dates on the next page.

A link to our attendance policy can be found here: [Attendance Policy](#)





School Terms and Holidays

September 2023 - July 2024

AUTUMN TERM - 2023

Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 4th September 2023
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Half Term Holiday	Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October 2023
Term starts for the children	Monday 30th October 2023
Term Ends	Wednesday 20th December 2023
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Thursday 21st December 2023

SPRING TERM - 2024

Term starts for the children	Monday 8th January 2024
Half Term Holiday	Mon 12th - Fri 16th February 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 19th February 2024
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 20th February 2024
Term Ends	Thursday 28th March 2024

SUMMER TERM - 2024

Term starts for the children	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 6th May 2024
Term ends for the children	Friday 24th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024
Term starts for the children	Monday 3rd June 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 1st July 2024
Term Ends	Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Wednesday 24th July 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 2nd September 2024