



Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Friday 9th January 2026



Happy New Year! It was so lovely to see the children looking smart and 'school ready' for 2026. We are all looking forward to a great term of learning. On the back of this newsletter are the spring term dates. This is NOT a definitive list as staff are still firming up dates for visitors and visits and Year Group Leaders will send dates out on their newsletters, but I hope that it helps you with some forward planning. I apologise in advance if any dates change for reasons beyond our control and any changes will be communicated to you as soon as possible (on the website, in newsletters and via studybugs if we have a correct mobile number or email address for you). Welcome back.

Punctuality and attendance

The school opens at 8:45am. Any child who arrives after **9:00am** is late for school and **must be brought to the office by a parent or carer where the lateness can be noted**. Children should be collected promptly at 3:15pm by an adult who is known to us. If anyone different is going to collect your child please let us know. We will not let a child leave school with an adult we do not know. If your child is absent from school please record this on Studybugs or inform the office as soon as possible. Where possible we ask that you make medical appointments for your child outside of the school day. It is important for children to maximise their time in school so that they have the best outcomes. If your child is unwell and you are unsure if you should send them to school please follow this useful link for NHS advice about common childhood illnesses <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Contact details

If you have changed any of your contact details over the holidays, please let the school office know so we can update our records. It is really important that we have an emergency contact number should we be unable to contact the primary parent/carer.

PE kits

On PE days the children are expected to wear their PE kits to school. They should still wear their school sweatshirt or jumper over their PE t-shirt. Now that the weather is colder, a pair of plain black jogging bottoms would be preferable to shorts. Please do not send your child in with non-uniform track suits.

Parent Consultation Meetings

These are taking place on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March. There is an expectation that parents attend Parents' Evening. Parents' Evening is an opportunity to look at your child's work and for staff to share with you how your child is doing.

World Book Week

On **Monday 2nd March**, to start Book Week, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their favourite Pyjamas. A school Book Fair will be held in the Hall before and after school the week commencing 9th of March. More details will follow.

Birthdays

Due to the high number of food allergies in our school, we will only give out party bags, which contain **non-food** items. Our preference would be a book donation for the class to share to celebrate a child's birthday. We ask that parents do not give out party bags with food in them on the school playground.

Parent Gym

This term the school is running a six week Parent Gym program. Parent Gym looks to support parents in building effective communication pathways with their children, boosting children's confidence, with a balance between closeness and developing independence, helping establish fair and consistent home routines and creating strong family bonds in a supportive and nurturing environment.

If you are interested in joining the Parent Gym program and want to find out a bit more information a leaflet and letter have been shared via StudyBugs, you can also contact Mrs Latter (Nurture TA) via the school office or email her at parentgym@pegasusacademytrust.org.

Date	Event
Monday 12th January	Reception-Professor Bubbleworks visit
Monday 12th January	Year 1 RedStart Financial Workshop (Green class)
Tuesday 13th January	Parent Gym Taster session
Tuesday 13th January	Year 1 RedStart Financial Workshop (Yellow class)
Thursday 15th January	Year 1 RedStart Financial Workshop (Jade class)
Friday 16th January	PAT Sports Poetry competition
Monday 19th January	Year 2 RedStart Financial Workshop (Lilac class)
Tuesday 20th January	Year 2 RedStart Financial Workshop (Indigo class)
Thursday 22nd January	Year 2 RedStart Financial Workshop (Purple class)
Friday January 23rd	Year 1 Toy Drama Workshop
Monday 26th January	Reception- height and weight check
Friday 6th February	Museum Day (opportunity for parents to see their children's work)
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10th February	Year 2-Trip to the Mosque for Indigo class
Thursday 12th February	Year 2-Trip to the Mosque for Lilac and Purple class
Friday 13th February	Last day of half term
Monday 23rd February	First day of half term
Thursday 26th February	Year 2-Trip to London-Purple and Lilac class
Friday 27th February	Year 2-Trip to London-Indigo class
WC Monday 2nd March	Book Week
Monday 2nd March	World Book Week Dress Up Day at Whitehorse
Tuesday 3rd March	Read with your child session (2:30pm)
Thursday 5th March	Whole School WBD Author visit (James Sellick)
WC Monday 9th March	Book Fair in the School Hall
Monday the 9th and Tuesday 10th March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10th March	Nursery Pet visitor
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day-wear as much red as possible (£1 donation)
Friday 27th March	Last day of term
Monday 13th April	First day of half term

Please put me up on your fridge!