



Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Newsletter Thursday 23rd April 2026



It always surprises me when we arrive at the beginning of the summer term- how quickly time moves along! We have a busy summer ahead with lots of lovely trips booked in and of course Sports Day to look forward to. On the back of this newsletter are the important summer 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).

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.

Exceptional leave attached to a holiday

Please be aware that any leave attached to a holiday is likely to be unauthorised. Families taking such leave may also be subject to PCN fines from the Local Authority. The LA have issued 8 such fines this academic year.

Fines are £80 per parent per child, this doubles within 21 days if unpaid and can ultimately lead to criminal conviction.

Reading is a fundamental life skill that we want children to develop and improve within EYFS and KS1. We ensure that Reading is a priority within our curriculum; not only through Phonics lessons but through our English and Reading lessons. In order to support us with this, we ask that every child reads at home to an adult **every day** i.e. 10 minutes a day. Your child is bringing home a carefully selected Little Wandle book each week. This consolidates the reading that has happened during the week. It is important the children have an opportunity to share this book, in which you can talk to them about the characters, the events in the story, the vocabulary and share their success with reading and phonics knowledge. A time to celebrate! We ask that the **reading diary is completed each day** with a short comment about the reading or the pages that have been read. Your comments can also include any words that the children found challenging. **Please ensure that the reading diary and book are returned to school on a daily basis.** (Parents may be asked to contribute to the cost if a book is lost at home so please help us keep our resources safe).

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.

The 2026-27 academic year begins on Thursday 3rd September.

Ms Hall- Head of School

Welcome Back!

Date	Event
Thursday 23rd April	Year 2: Money Ready financial workshops
Monday 27th April	Reception: Vision Screening
Tuesday 5th May	Year 2: Seaside drama workshops
Wednesday 6th May	Reception: Fire Brigade visit (with a fire engine!)
Thursday 14th May	Whole School: Joe Wicks live work out (Children's Mental Health Week)
WC 18th May	Whole School: Science Week
Friday 22nd May	Whole School: Class Photographs
Tuesday 2nd June	Parent Gym taster session
WC Monday 8th June	Year 1: Phonics Screening Check
WC Monday 8th June	Reception: Zoo Lab visit
Tuesday 9th June	Reception: Blue Class farm visit
Monday 15th June	Year 1: Green, Yellow and Jade Class visit to the Horniman Museum
Tuesday 16th June	New Reception cohort (Sept 2026) Teddy Bear Picnic 2-3pm
Thursday 18th June	Year 2: Lilac and Purple Classes to Dulwich Centre for Wildlife
Thursday 18th June	Reception: Red Class farm visit
Thursday 18th June	Free First Aid and defibrillator training for the community 7-8:30pm (Brigstock Site School Hall) TBC
Monday 22nd June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23rd June	Reception: Orange Class farm visit
Thursday 25th June	Year 2: Indigo class to Dulwich Centre for Wildlife
Tuesday 30th June	Year 2-3 Transition meeting (5-6pm)
Wednesday 1st July	New Reception parent open evening (5-6pm)
Thursday 2nd July	Year 2: Carnival Day
Tuesday 7th July	Year 1: Jade Class Assembly (9:15am)
Wednesday 8th July	Year 1- Green Class Assembly (9:15am)
Thursday 9th July	Year 1- Yellow Class Assembly (9:15am)
Friday 10th July	WHM Summer Fair
Monday 13th July	Class swaps (10am)
Tuesday 14th July	Year 2: Indigo Leavers Assembly (9:10am)
Wednesday 15th July	Year 2: Lilac Leavers Assembly (9:10am)
Wednesday 15th July	Year 2- Disco 3:15-4:30pm
Thursday 16th July	Year 2- Purple Leavers Assembly (9:10am)
Friday 17th July	Last day of half term
Thursday 3rd September	First day of term