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#### Points to Remember

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#### **DATES**

#### November

Fri 14th—Non Uniform day (See page 2)

#### December

Wed—3rd Christingle Service at St Lukes Church (See page 3)
Wed 10th—NHS Flu Immunisations - Please complete consent
Thu 11th—Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm
Wed 17th—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Fri 19th-Last day of the Autumn Term

#### January

Mon 5th—First day of the Spring Term

Term Dates Available on School Website

2025 –2026 —<u>Click here</u>

Please ensure holidays are booked outside of term times because we teach new content every single day.

#### 2026 Residentials

Y2 & Y3 Tattenhall Residential -Tues 30th June—Wed 1st July Y4 London Residential - Tues 24th—Wed 25th March Y6 Min-Y-Don Residential - Mon 6th—Friday 10th July Details to follow

#### Parent Carer Meetings

Here are the key dates for each class:
•Reception & Year 6: March 4th 2026
•Years 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5: June 17th & 18th 2026

Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to



#### **Supporting Every Child's Progress in Writing**

The progress of every child is incredibly important to us, and it's what drives our commitment to making the school the very best it can be.

To support this, we've been working closely with consultants from The Literacy Company to review the children's writing. This collaboration is helping us to refine and adjust our provision, ensuring that we maximise progress and provide the highest quality learning experience for all pupils.

## Stay Connected: Our School Social Media Updates Are Moving to Facebook

VouTube Subscribe to our YouTube

We'll soon be stepping away from X and sharing all our updates exclusively on Facebook, where we receive far greater engagement from our school community. We'd love for you to **follow our page** and invite grandparents and other relatives to do the same — it's a wonderful way for them to stay connected and see the fantastic things happening at our school. While you're there, please consider leaving us a review to help others discover what makes our school so special.



## Whitley Village Primary School

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FACEBOOK

### Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) Lottery

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Mathletics, coaches for trips, furniture etc.

It costs just £8 a month for 2 draws per week. If your number pops up, you win £25. If there was no winner the week before you win If you would like a number and to help support school,

Please contact Hayley Woodward on 07740043151 or

littlhayjay@gmail.com

#### **Lottery Winners**

We have lots of spare numbers so please consider supporting

this initiative.

04/10/2025	42	Rollover	
08/10/2025	51	Rollover	
11/10/2025	53	Rollover	
15/10/2025	52	Rollover	
18/10/2025	19	Rollover	
22/10/2025	9	Rollover	
25/10/2025	55	Rollover	
29/10/2025	32	Rollover	
01/11/2025	29	Rollover	
05/11/2025	16	Rollover	

#### Variation in Amount of Independent Reading (Readers and Words per Year)

Percentile for amount of reading	Minutes of Reading per Day	Words read per year
98	67	4,733,000
90	33	2,357,000
80	25	1,697,000
70	17	1,168,000
60	13	722,000
50	9	601,000
40	6	421,000
30	4	251,000
20	2	134,000
10	1	51,000
2	0	8,000

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting each classroom and listening to children read. It was wonderful to see their progress and growing confidence. Please continue reading each night at home — regular practice helps build fluency, which in turn reduces cognitive load and allows children to enjoy reading more deeply. As their reading becomes more automatic, they'll become smarter and more curious learners. The table above shows the incredible impact that just a few extra minutes of daily reading can have. Let's keep up the momentum!



# FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER NON-UNIFORM DAY





### **Starting School in 2026?**

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## Christingle Service Wednesday 3rd December

St Luke's Church (Whitley) are holding their Christingle service on

#### Wednesday 3rd December at 6.30pm

The local church has invited families to attend with their children. If you plan to come along, please can your child wear their school uniform. The children attending will perform two songs. Please bring a warm coat!

A Christingle service is a part of the yearly advent traditions over the Christmas period for some of those in the Church. The candles in the Christingles are lit to spread light.

Those who attend the service traditionally collect coins in a small candle container or envelope. There is no compulsion to do this and it is purely voluntary.





#### Please continue to partner with us and help make this term even better for your child

#### **Spellings**

Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed each week. Spellings will be practised in spelling lessons each week and it would be beneficial for children to supplement this learning using Spelling Shed at home. Personalised spelling lists for Reception —Y6 will also be available to access each week on the Spelling Shed website through your child's login. We expect children to log into spelling shed at least three times per week. Spelling Shed allows us to carefully track your child's progress and ensure they maximise the opportunity to develop this aspect of their learning. Research suggests that the App has a very positive impact on the improvement of spelling.

#### Reading

We would encourage parents/carers to **read with your child as often as possible at home**. We expect this to be a **minimum of four times per week**. Reading books will continue to be sent home next term along with the blue reading record. Please keep a record of the reading taking place at home as much as you possibly can. Children will either be given a phonetically decodable book or an Accelerated Reader book, the level of which will be in the form of a range of numbers. Children who are on the Accelerated Reader scheme will be able to complete quizzes which assess their comprehension skills each time they complete their book. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to speak to tour child's class teacher, before or after school.

#### **Maths**

'Mathletics' is a website based maths resource and the activities are linked to the national curriculum objectives for your child's year group. You will have received your child's username and password inside their reading diary. For children in Year 2 and above, we will set additional tasks on Times Table Rock Stars.

	Reading	Spelling Shed	Mathletics	Times Tables Rock Stars
Reception	At least 4 times per week  Read words in Yellow word book and record.	Login into spelling shed at least three times per week and complete the assignments. Spelling Shed activities will be set once we have started to teach phonics.	Complete a  Mathletics task (one task)	
Year I	At least 4 times per week	Login into spelling shed at least three times per week and complete the assignments.	Complete a  Mathletics task (one task)	
Year 2	At least 4 times per week	Login into spelling shed at least three times per week and complete the assignments (easy, medium and hard).	Complete a  Mathletics task (two tasks)	Recall and use multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers. At least once per week.
Year 3	At least 4 times per week	Login into spelling shed at least three times per week and complete the assignments (easy, medium and hard).	Complete a  Mathletics task (two tasks)	Recall and use the multiplication facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. At least once per week.
Year 4	At least 4 times per week	Login into spelling shed at least three times per week and complete the assignments (easy, medium and hard).	Complete a  Mathletics task  (two tasks)	Recall and use multiplication facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. At least once per week.  (Y4 Government Multiplication Check in Summer Term)
Year 5	At least 4 times per week	Login into spelling shed at least three times per week and complete the assignments (easy, medium and hard).	Complete a  Mathletics task  (two tasks)	Revision of all multiplication and division facts up to $12 \times 12$ . At least once per week.
Year 6	At least 4 times per week	Login into spelling shed at least three times per week and complete the assignments (easy, medium and hard).	Complete a  Mathletics task  (two tasks)	Revision of all multiplication and division facts up to $12 \times 12$ . At least once per week.

For children in Years 4—6 they will also have a longer task set on a half termly basis. This will link to a topic studied in class.







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