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DATES

January

Fri 16th—FoVs Break the Rules Day. (School Spider)

Mon 26th—Pianist Iyad Sughayer visiting (performance for parents at 2.45)

February

Mon 16th — Fri 20th—Half Term Holiday

Mon 23rd—First day of Spring Term 2

Term Dates Available on School Website

2025 –2026 —[Click here](#)

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

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 remember to book into the club at least 12 hours in advance. You must have sufficient funds on School Spider to use our Breakfast and After School Club. If you are experiencing any issues with payments, please contact us.



It was wonderful to see the start of another term of enrichment activities, with pupils excited to return to their clubs. Chess Club remains especially popular, offering valuable learning benefits. Chess strengthens problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, while also building patience, concentration, and resilience. It encourages creativity through exploring different strategies and provides a calm, positive space for pupils to connect, share ideas, and grow in confidence together.

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

**GO
ALL
IN.**

During a recent survey of our children, we discovered that many have never visited a public library. This week, Mrs Downey reminded the children about the amazing range of free resources available at their local library. Please consider making a visit so your child can be introduced to the exciting possibilities that exist within these wonderful community spaces.



BREAK THE RULES DAY

Rules to be
broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Wear school shoes
3. No wacky hair-dos
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish

Here's how it
works:

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FRIDAY

16 JANUARY



**50p PER RULE
YOU BREAK—UP TO
A MAXIMUM OF £1,50**

Breaktime fun in the snow

Despite the challenging conditions on Monday, I'm grateful that so many were able to make it into school. It was wonderful to enjoy a great day of learning together, with the added bonus of having fun playing in the snow.





Please encourage any prospective parents to contact us to arrange a visit.

Starting School in 2026?

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Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) Lottery

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Mathematics, 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.

15/11/2025	25	ROLLOVER	
19/11/2025	10	ROLLOVER	
22/11/2025	35	Charlotte Mottram	£50
26/11/2025	40	Rollover	
29/11/2025	46	Rollover	
03/12/2025	1	Rollover	
06/12/2025	40	Rollover	
10/12/2025	38	Rollover	
13/12/2025	59	Mike Ruane	£50
17/12/2025	36	ROLLOVER	
20/12/2025	47	ROLLOVER	
24/12/2025	49	ROLLOVER	
27/12/2025	21	Suzanne Martin	£50
31/12/2025	14	ROLLOVER	
03/01/2026	4	ROLLOVER	
07/01/2026	12	ROLLOVER	

Please consider choosing a spare number

Homework Reminder

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 your 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 1	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 x 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 x 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.



<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

Mathletics

<https://login.mathletics.com/>



<https://ttrockstars.com/>

