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## Points to Remember No. 17 16.1.26

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### DATES

#### January

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

#### February

**Mon 16th — Fri 20th**—Half Term Holiday

**Mon 23rd**—School closed Inset Day

**Tues 24th**—School opens for pupils

#### March

**Tues 24th** London Y4 Residential Day 1

**Wed 25th** Lonson Residential Day 2

#### April

**Thurs 2nd Fri 17th** Easter Break

**Mon 20th** First day of the Summer term

#### May

**Mon 4th May** - School closed—Bank holiday

**Mon 11th -Thurs May 14th**, (Year 6 Sats Week)

**Mon —25th—29th** Half term Holidays

#### June

**Mon 1st** Y4 Multiplication tables check start (2-weeks window)

**Mon 8th** Start of Y1 Phonics screening check

#### July

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**

### Pantomime Visit

Our whole-school visit to the pantomime *Beauty and the Beast* at Parr Hall, Warrington, was a great success, and the children clearly enjoyed the experience. This production was a change from the type of performances we normally attend, but it was lovely for the children to experience a traditional pantomime, complete with laughter, silliness, and audience participation.

All of the children were extremely well behaved and sensible throughout the visit, and they represented the school wonderfully.



### Speeding Traffic on Village Lane

As you may be aware, there have been significant delays each morning on the A49. These delays are causing long traffic queues, and as a result, some members of the public have begun using Village Lane as a shortcut to try to save time. Unfortunately, some of these drivers have been observed travelling at excessive speeds and ignoring the 20 mph speed limit.

We have contacted the police to make them aware of the situation and to request their support in ensuring compliance with the speed limit. The roadworks on the A49 are expected to last for approximately 12 weeks.



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### Fencing at Whitley: Building Skills, Confidence, and Discipline

When I first arrived at Whitley, I was somewhat alarmed by the idea of primary school children participating in fencing! However, it has proven to be a truly valuable enrichment activity. Through fencing, children develop a blend of physical skill and personal discipline. The sport enhances coordination, balance, and agility, while also encouraging quick thinking and strategic decision-making. Because fencers must show control and respect for their opponents, fencing also promotes good manners, safety awareness, and emotional self-management.



### 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](mailto:littlhayjay@gmail.com)

#### Lottery Winners

We have lots of spare numbers so please consider supporting this initiative.

22/11/2025	35	Charlotte Mottram	£50
13/12/2025	59	Mike Ruane	£50
27/12/2025	21	Suzanne Martin	£50

### Big Garden Birdwatch

23-25 January 2026

What is Big Garden Birdwatch?

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

[Click here](#)

### Whitley Rose Queen Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday, Jan 18, 2026 from 2 pm to 4 pm

[Whitley Village Hall Higher Whitley, England](#)

Book Ticket [Here](#)

