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### DATES

#### January

**Mon 26th**—Pianist Iyad Sughayer visiting (Postponed)

#### February

**Wed 11th**—Deadline for Y4 residential payments

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

**Mon 23rd**—School closed for Inset Day

**Tues 24th**—School opens for pupils

#### March

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

**Wed 25th**—London Residential Day 2

#### April

**Thurs 2nd—Fri 17th**—Easter Break

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

#### May

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

**Mon 11th - Thurs 14th**—Year 6 SATS Week

**Mon 25th—Fri 29th**—Half term Holidays

#### June

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

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

**Tue 30th—Wed 1st**—Y2 & Y3 Residential to Tattenhall

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 Residential

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

### Road Safety Reminder – Village Lane

The Police did visit Village Lane last week to monitor the ongoing concerns about speeding. However, as many of you will have noticed, some drivers are still in a hurry and are using Village Lane as a shortcut to avoid the temporary traffic lights on the A49. Please take extra care when walking in this area. We strongly encourage everyone—especially children—to wear something bright or reflective to help ensure they can be seen easily by drivers.



### Pianist Iyad Sughayer

#### Visit Postponed



We had been very much looking forward to welcoming Iyad Sughayer to Whitley to lead a series of piano workshops with the children. Unfortunately, due to unexpected issues with the delivery of his piano, we have had to postpone the visit.

### Autumn Attendance Data

Our attendance during the Autumn term was 97.2%, compared to the national figure of 94.8%. This is a fantastic achievement, and I'd like to begin by thanking all our Whitley families who continue to support strong school attendance. Your commitment makes an enormous difference and ensures your children can make the most of everything our school has to offer.

We know that pupils who attend regularly tend to enjoy better wellbeing, make stronger progress in their learning, and feel more confident and settled in school life. Excellent attendance really does give children the best possible chance to thrive – in the classroom, in their friendships, and in their future opportunities beyond Whitley.

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## Y4 London Residential 2026



This week, Mrs Broom and I met to add the final touches to our London 2026 Residential Visit plans, and we are delighted with how things are coming together. The trip promises to be an exciting and memorable experience for our Year 4 children, offering them a chance to explore the capital city, broaden their horizons, and build independence in a safe and engaging environment.

We will shortly be announcing the date of our parent information meeting, where families will be able to hear more about our carefully planned itinerary. This meeting will also give parents the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about why this residential is such a valuable experience for our pupils.

A reminder that the final payment for the London residential is due on **Wednesday 11th February**.

### 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 [litlhayjay@gmail.com](mailto:litlhayjay@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

### Weaverham Music Festival Update

This week, we were informed that Weaverham High School has made the decision to change the dates of the Weaverham Music Festival. Our London Residential had been carefully planned around the original festival dates, and unfortunately, the newly announced dates now clash with our trip.

This means that we will not be able to take part in the Music Festival this year.

However, we want to reassure families that Whitley children are very fortunate—our pupils in Years 4 to 6 typically have the opportunity to attend the festival three times during their time with us, unlike children from many other schools who attend fewer times. We are already looking forward to returning in 2027.

In the meantime, our pupils will still enjoy plenty of exciting performance opportunities. We will be taking part in the Rose Queen celebrations this summer, as well as the always-popular Young Voices event.

Thank you for your understanding, and rest assured we remain committed to providing our children with rich and memorable musical experiences.

