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DATES

February

Mon 16th — Fri 20th—Half Term Holiday
Mon 23rd—School closed for Inset Day
Tues 24th—School opens for pupils
Wed 25th— 3:20pm Y4 Parent & Guardian Meeting re: London (Class 3)

March

Wed 4th— Reception & Y6 Parents / Carers evening **Bookings are open via School Spider**
Tues 24th Year 1-5 reports sent out to parents.

Tues 24th—London Y4 Residential Day 1

Wed 25th—London Y4 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

Wed 17th & Thur 18th—Y1—Y5 Parent / Carer evenings

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

July

Mon 6th - Fri 10th—Y6 Residential to Min-y-Don

Mon 13th - Reception & Year 6 Reports sent out

Term Dates Available on School Website

2026 –2027 —[Click here](#)

Please ensure holidays are booked outside of term times because



Mental Health Week

At Whitley, we recognise that a strong sense of belonging is central to children's mental health and wellbeing. Feeling connected—to friends, to school, and to the wider community—helps pupils feel valued, supported, and confident. This is why we place so much importance on creating an environment where every member of our school family, including parents, feels included and able to thrive.

Belonging is a fundamental human need. When children feel secure in their place within the world around them, it can positively influence their emotional wellbeing, learning, relationships, and future aspirations. A genuine sense of belonging helps them feel safe, supported, and ready to contribute to the life of the school.

Throughout Children's Mental Health Week, pupils explored the theme of belonging through assemblies and classroom activities. They reflected on what belonging means, how we can help others feel included, and why kindness and empathy are so important. These conversations encouraged thoughtful discussion and a deeper understanding of how we build a caring school community together.

At Whitley, belonging is lived every day. Sometimes that means addressing friendship issues, encouraging kindness, and reminding one another that our actions affect those around us. Belonging matters—and we never take it for granted.



Fancy Dress Swap



Donate or collect a children's costume for World Book Day at Barnton, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Little Sutton, Wharton or Winsford Libraries
Saturday 31 January to Wednesday 4 March



SECONDHAND UNIFORM FOR SALE

Logo sweatshirt £4

Non logo sweatshirt £2

Logo polo shirt £2

Non logo polo shirt £1.50

Skirt £3

Trousers £3

Fleeces £3

Pinafore dress £4

Logo PE kit all items £3

Non logo PE kit all items £1.50

School book bag £4

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BIG WALK AND WHEEL

16 - 27 March 2026

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We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

*Join in by walking,
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between 16 - 27 March.*

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SAFER INTERNET DAY

Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

Children in both KS1 and KS2 took part in a lesson focused on *Smart tech, safe choices*, exploring how to use AI safely and responsibly. As technology develops, so must the ways we keep children safe online. One of the most effective ways to support children is by understanding what they are doing on the internet—this includes regularly checking browser history, being aware of the websites they visit, and ensuring that social media apps are not installed on their devices, as most platforms have a minimum age requirement of 13. The lesson helped pupils understand how AI works, how to make sensible choices when using smart technologies, and how to recognise when something doesn't feel right online. By building these habits early, children can develop confidence in using technology safely while staying protected in an increasingly digital world.

If you'd like, I can also create a shorter version, a newsletter version, or one tailored for parents.



Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) Lottery

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

07/01/2026	12	ROLLOVER
10/01/2026	9	ROLLOVER
14/01/2026	23	Gill Osbourne £50
17/01/2026	4	ROLLOVER
21/01/2026	19	ROLLOVER
24/01/2026	29	ROLLOVER
28/01/2026	15	ROLLOVER



The children in Mrs Downey's class thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a Curling Competition this week, inspired by their interest in the Winter Olympics.



Reminder - Please Label Your Child's Clothing

Please ensure that all clothing brought to school is clearly labelled with your child's name. We are increasingly finding brand-new items without any identification. This takes up valuable learning time as staff try to locate the rightful owner and, unfortunately, often results in clothing going missing—leading to unnecessary expense for families. Adding a simple name label helps us return items quickly and keeps lost property to a minimum. The cheapest option is to use a pen to put your child's name on the label. Thank you for your support with this.