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### DATES

#### March

**Tues 10th**—NHS Vision and Hearing check at 9.30 (Reception)  
**Fri 13th** - FoWs Non Uniform Day (Please bring a chocolate donation)

**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 Holiday

#### 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

**Wed 15th**—FoWs Dressdown Day, £1 optional donation

**Fri 17th**— 9:15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Term Dates Available on School Website

2026 –2027 —[Click here](#)

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

Y2 & Y3 Tattenhall Residential -Tues 30th June—Wed 1st July

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

## Breaking Barriers: The Trailblazing Life of Nancy Astor, the First Woman in the British Parliament

In assembly, the children have been learning about Nancy Astor, the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons in 1919, who bravely overcame the prejudice and hostility of her time to serve as MP for Plymouth Sutton for more than 25 years. She faced open sexism from many colleagues, yet persisted with determination and confidence, paving the way for generations of women to follow her into Parliament. We explained to the children that this legacy of trailblazing women continued all the way to our own school community: Michelle Donelan, who attended Whitley Village School also went on to become an MP — serving as the Member of Parliament for Chippenham from 2015 to 2024. By learning about these inspirational female leaders, the children have seen how courage and perseverance can open doors for others and change history.



Nancy Astor (19 May 1879 – 2 May 1964)

### Golden Ticket Winners



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**BIG WALK AND WHEEL**  
16 - 27 March 2026

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

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 16 - 27 March.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

**WHITLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL**  
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**NON UNIFORM DAY**  
FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH 2026

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# RMS TITANIC HISTORY PROJECT



## BIRCH CLASS

Birch Class have become fully engrossed in their history topic all about the Titanic.

We would usually have a trip to the Maritime Museum in Liverpool, but unfortunately it is currently closed for refurbishment.

Mrs Downey has included some links to other exhibitions that might be interesting if you are planning a trip to Liverpool to learn more about the Titanic.

<https://liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/new-titanic-display-opens-at-liverpool-cathedral/>

<https://www.titanicliverpool.com/#book> (Running until 10th March 2026)

**Traveling further ...**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitestarheritage/titanic-exhibition-london-2026/e-mqmpcy>

### Arriving To School On Time

We proudly open the school gate at **8:35am** to ensure children have time to settle in, and socialise with their friends before the school day begins. Children who arrive on time benefit from these valuable moments and are also able to start their learning promptly just after **8:45am**. Please endeavour to allow enough time for your journey to school so that your child arrives punctually — and so you can enjoy a few minutes of conversation with our wonderful parent community.

### 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](mailto: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



### 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

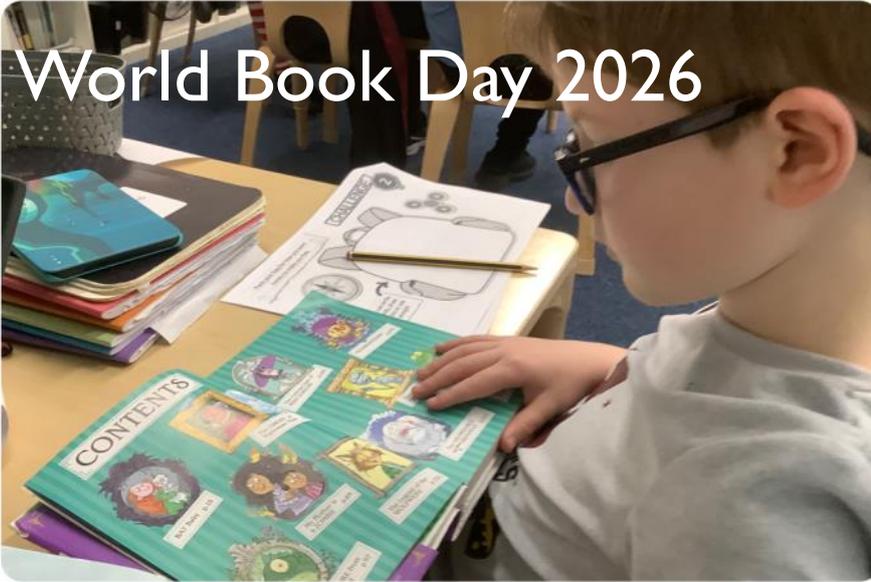
Non logo PE kit all items £1.50

School book bag £4

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# World Book Day 2026



Whitley Village School



The children had a wonderful day filled with excitement and imagination as they arrived in their fantastic costumes and comfortable pyjamas, bringing their favourite book characters to life. The whole school was buzzing with enthusiasm during our book swap, with pupils eager to discover a new story and share their recommendations with friends. One of the highlights of the day was joining a live lesson with other schools across the UK, giving the children a chance to learn alongside pupils nationwide and celebrate their love of reading together. Throughout the day, they enjoyed a range of fun, creative, reading-themed activities, all designed to spark curiosity and nurture a lifelong love of books.

A huge thank you to Miss Baines for leading such an engaging and joyful event, and to all our parents and carers whose support helped make the day truly special.



## **A Burst of Colour: Oak Class Marks the Hindu Festival of Holi**

On an unseasonably warm spring day, Oak Class joyfully celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi, the vibrant *Festival of Colours*. During Holi, people traditionally throw brightly coloured powders to celebrate the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil, a practice widely recognised as a hallmark of the festival. Oak Class joined in this joyful tradition by playfully tossing clouds of colourful powder into the air and onto one another.