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DATES

March

Tues 24th—Year 1-5 reports sent out to parents

Tues 24th—London Y4 Residential Day 1

Wed 25th—London Y4 Residential Day 2

Fri 27th—6-7.30pm, Rose King / Queen Selection Evening, Village Hall

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

Sat 13th—Rose Queen Event (meet at school at 1pm and depart at 1.30)

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

Parent Carer Meetings

Here are the key dates for each class:

- Years 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5: June 17th & 18th 2026



The Whitley Rose Queen Fete first took place in June 1947 and has continued almost every year since. This year's fete will be held on **Saturday 13th June**, with the traditional parade leaving Whitley Village School at 1.30pm. Led by a Silver Band, the procession includes school children, pre-schoolers and local groups, all making their way to Whitley Village Hall field. There, the new Rose Queen and King will be crowned, followed by an afternoon of family entertainment, including games, displays, stalls and refreshments. The children will also perform two songs, and we hope you can join us for this much-loved village event.

The organising committee are also delighted to introduce a new addition this year: a Rose King. The Rose King and Queen Selection Evening will take place on **Friday 27th March**, from **6.00pm to 7.30pm** at the Village Hall. The event is open to all children at the school and those connected with the village.

Broadening Horizons: Inspiring Careers Through Maritime Careers Insights



As part of our celebrations for National Careers Week and our commitment to introducing learners to the wide range of future career possibilities, some of our children had the opportunity to hear from three professionals working in the maritime sector. Experiences like these are vital in helping us bring our vision to life—supporting our young people to grow into adults who will go on to change the world.

These sessions plant the seeds of future dreams and aspirations, helping children recognise from an early age that working hard and engaging fully in their learning creates more choices when they grow up. It also creates a real world relevancy to what we study in school.

We look forward to offering more inspiring career talks throughout the year to continue expanding our learners' understanding of the world and the opportunities within it.

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FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH 2026
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- 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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Key Stage 2 Assessments 2026

Key stage 2 tests

The statutory key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026.

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3

Multiplication tables check (for Year 4)

Schools must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 1 June 2026.

Phonics screening check (for Year 1)

Schools must administer the phonics screening check within the 1-week period from Monday 8 June 2026.

We kindly ask that you do not take any days off during this period.

BIG WALK AND WHEEL
16 - 27 March 2026

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust Headline sponsor SCHWALBE

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

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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.

11/02/2026	52	ROLLOVER
14/02/2026	14	Rollover
18/02/2026	33	Rollover
21/02/2026	19	Rollover
25/02/2026	27	Rollover
28/02/2026	23	G. Osbourne
04/03/2026	45	Rollover
07/03/2026	19	Rollover
11/03/2026	14	Rollover

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators DEVELOPING HEALTHY SLEEP PATTERNS

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping – potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system. Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthily.

1 MINDFUL TECH USE

Encourage a balanced approach to screen time. While phones, laptops, tablets and so on can serve as a helpful means of stress relief, it's advisable to minimise their use right before bed. These devices can keep the mind racing long after they're switched off, impacting how easily and how well a person can sleep.

2 EFFECTIVE SLEEP PRACTICES

Offer practical advice on reinforcing certain habits that have a positive influence on sleeping patterns. Children could start keeping a diary which they add to each evening, for example – or they could use up excess energy by exercising during the day.

3 HYDRATION HABITS

Underline the importance of drinking plenty of water throughout the day, while limiting drinks close to bedtime to prevent disruptions during the night: it's a lot harder to switch off if you keep needing to get out of bed for the toilet. Avoiding caffeinated drinks later in the day also allows the body and brain to slow down naturally, without any chemicals firing them back up.

4 CONSISTENT BEDTIME SCHEDULE

Assist children in developing consistent bedtime routines that tell the body it's time to wind down, promoting a more relaxed state. Establish specific activities for young ones right before going to bed – such as brushing their teeth – to set up an association between that action and falling asleep.

5 OPTIMAL SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Ensure that the bedroom is comfortable, dark and free from distractions, fostering an ideal space for quality rest. The room's temperature should also be suitable for sleeping – that is, not too hot and not too cold – while rooms should be kept as tidy and free of clutter as possible.

6 RELAXING EVENING ACTIVITIES

Recommend activities that have a calming effect on the mind – such as reading or gentle stretching – in the lead up to bedtime, to prepare the mind for a peaceful night's sleep. Doing something quiet, relaxing and low intensity signals to the brain that it's time to rest and makes falling asleep much easier.

7 PRIORITISING ADEQUATE SLEEP

Emphasise the crucial role of sleep in maintaining physical and emotional wellbeing. It's especially important to sustain a healthy sleep pattern during challenging and intensive periods in our lives: during the exam season for children and young people, for instance.

8 NUTRITIONAL BALANCE

Highlight the significance of a healthy, balanced diet – and its role in establishing a more consistent sleep pattern. Try to lean towards preparing meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables, served in reasonable portion sizes: not only is this a lot healthier, but it also reduces the chances of feeling too full to be comfortable in bed.

9 PARENTAL SUPPORT

Parents and carers, of course, are uniquely situated to support their children in establishing and maintaining healthy sleeping habits. Parents can review their own sleep habits (incorporating anything from this list that they don't do already) to model a balanced bedtime routine and reinforce the importance of self-care.

10 MILITARY SLEEP METHOD

Look up 'the military sleep method': it's a technique for falling asleep quickly, which incorporates deep breathing exercises. You could encourage children to try it or even use it yourself. While it can take a good deal of practice to perfect, eventually it will start to feel natural – and the results are often extremely impressive!

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of the Social Enterprise UK: 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at a large secondary school.



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