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DATES

May

Mon 25th—Fri 29th— Half term Holiday

June

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

Tues 9th— Min-Y-Don Meeting Year 6 parents. 3.25pm in Class 3

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

Mon 13th Sports Day at 1.30pm start

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



The late Queen is often said to have remarked that she disliked learning grammar as a schoolgirl. However, grammar and spelling are important components of the National Curriculum, and we are committed to helping children develop confidence in these areas.

To support this, we use a platform called Rollama. This enables both children and staff to monitor progress, while making the learning of grammar fun, interactive, and engaging.

Our children have become so proficient that some learners are now ranked in the top 5% of global users of the platform, demonstrating exceptional knowledge and skills in this area.



A Message from the Children's Commissioner – Have Your Say!

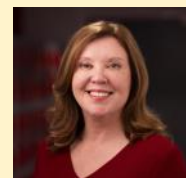
The Children's Commissioner is inviting all children and young people to take part in an important national survey called *The Big Future*.

Your child can share their views here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

This is a fantastic opportunity, particularly for our Year 6 pupils who have recently completed their SATs, to reflect on their time at primary school and think about their hopes for the future.

The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background and every part of the country. By taking part, children can share what they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe makes a good childhood today.



Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner

Min-Y-Don Parent Meeting

Tuesday 9th of June at 3.25pm in Class 3



A big thank you to our Year 6 parents for ensuring that this year's residential visit to Min-y-Don has been paid for in full.

The remote location and spectacular views make this an incredibly memorable experience for the children. The centre staff are very nurturing, and our staff team will also accompany the children on all activities, which is something we are very much looking forward to.

We will be holding a meeting after half term to go through the kit list, view the accommodation, and learn more about the week. There will also be an opportunity to complete the necessary paperwork.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, the paperwork will be sent home with your child, and a copy of the presentation will be emailed to all Year 6 parents.

Health & Safety Notice - Play Sand Update

We are happy to report that we have received a certificate of conformity for our play sand and are also pleased to confirm that it is sourced very locally.

If you have any play sand at home, you may wish to check with the manufacturer to ensure it is safe.

Further information can be found in this Guardian article from April:

Dozens of toys recalled in the UK after asbestos found in play sand [\[theguardian.com\]](https://www.theguardian.com)

Exciting New Playground Equipment Inspires Play and Creativity

You will have noticed the arrival of additional playground equipment, carefully selected to enhance children's experiences during playtime. These resources are designed to encourage active, imaginative play while supporting the development of cooperation, communication, and creativity. Through shared activities, children are given opportunities to collaborate, problem-solve, and build positive relationships with their peers. We are delighted to see how enthusiastically the equipment is already being used, with pupils demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and creativity in their play. We believe these improvements will further enrich breaktimes and contribute positively to our children's social development and overall wellbeing at school.





WANTED!

Crafters needed for a local artisan market in aid of Friends of Whitley School. The event is on Saturday 4th July. Tables cost £20 + a small donation from any profits you make. please contact Teresa on 07738991014 or email fusedglassbyteresa@outlook.com

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After School Clubs

If you are unsure whether an after-school club is running, please contact the school office either by email or telephone. We will be able to confirm arrangements so that you can either make use of our After School Club provision or collect your child as usual.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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

16/05/2026	20	ROLLOVER	
20/05/2026	31	Elizabeth Janes	£50



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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ALL DONATIONS WELCOME

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that, following our recent round of recruitment, we have appointed a new Teaching Assistant for Class 3.

Mrs Randles brings with her extensive experience in education and holds Qualified Teacher Status. She has a warm and approachable personality, and we are confident that she will fit in very well with our school's culture and values.

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