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DATES

October

Fri 9th - Cheshire Police Halloween/Bonfire visit

Fri 16th - Friends of Whitley AGM 2.15pm @ School

- **NO STAY AND LEARN DUE TO STAFF TRAINING**

Wed 14th - Parent / Guardian Evenings, Classes 1, 2 & 3

Thurs 15th - Parent / Guardian Evenings, Classes 1, 2 & 3

Fri 23rd - Last day of Autumn 1 Term

Halloween Craft session with FOWs, 3.30–4.15pm

November

Mon 2nd - School opens for 2nd half of the Autumn Term

Weds 4th - Whole school Diwali workshop

Fri 13th - NHS Flu Immunisations - details to follow

- Stay and Learn for Year 1 and Reception

Fri 27th - Colour Raffle for FOWs

December

Weds 2nd - Christingle Service @ St. Lukes, 6.30pm

Thu 10th - Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm

Wed 16th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Fri 18th - Last day of the Autumn Term

January 2027

Thursday 7th - Whole school Pantomime trip to Parr Hall

Weds 27th - Young Voices Concert (Year 3-6 who have attended the weekly club)

Term Dates Available on School Website for both
2026–2027 and 2027-2028 —[Click here](#)

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

Points to Remember No. 6 9.10.26

Road Safety

This week our Junior Road Safety Officers have been busy making a difference to our community. They have enquired about hiring a '20 is plenty' banner from Cheshire West and Chester Council which will be displayed for a couple of weeks to draw attention to the speed limit.

We kindly ask all drivers to take extra care when travelling down Village Lane and surrounding areas. Many of our families walk these routes, and it's vital that vehicles reduce their speed significantly when approaching pedestrians. Your attention and caution can make a real difference in keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding and support.

As always, if you have any concerns, regarding highways, please don't hesitate to contact Cheshire West and Chester highways. In addition to this, Simon Donnally will be visiting the local area during the morning drop off to address any of your concerns.



Seasonal Reminder

Please bring a coat to school!

The transition into autumn is marked by increasingly changeable weather conditions, with the shift from cool mornings to warmer afternoons being particularly noticeable. In light of these fluctuating temperatures, we kindly request that you ensure your child brings a suitable coat to school each day. Furthermore, it is imperative that all items of clothing are clearly named. Unnamed items are extremely difficult to track down, which hinders our efforts to return lost property. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Medical and Dental Appointments

If your child has a medical or dental appointment during the school day, please inform the school office as soon as possible and provide evidence of the appointment. This will enable us to record the correct attendance code and ensure that our attendance records remain accurate. Where possible, we ask that routine appointments are arranged outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning.

School Holiday Dates 2026/27

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■ School Holidays
■ Bank Holidays
■ Inset Days

Police Community Support Officer Visit

We were delighted this week to meet our PCSO, who talked to the children about staying safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night. The children received some important advice and practical tips to help them stay safe while still having fun during these exciting celebrations. They learned about road safety when trick-or-treating, the importance of staying with trusted adults, and how to enjoy fireworks safely. We would like to thank our PCSO for taking the time to visit and share these valuable messages with the children.



Black History Month

Children have taken part in a live lesson from Picture News all about Black History Month. The 2026 theme for Black History Month is 'Honouring Our Communities'. The theme looks beyond well-known figures to celebrate the everyday people who have shaped and supported Black lives and experiences, highlighting those who have volunteered, mentored and offered community leadership to make a difference.



Applications for Reception 2027

If your child is due to start school in September 2027, applications for Reception places are now open. Please apply via your local authority. If you know anyone living fairly locally who might be interested in joining our wonderful school community, please encourage them to get in touch — we'd love to welcome them for a visit! Contact us to arrange a one-to-one tour, or ask any questions.

Key dates

1st September 2026: Applications open
 15th January 2027: Closing date for applications
 16th April 2027: Notification of offers



Please [click here](#) to access September's Parent Carer Forum update. This issue is packed with PCF news & updates, Autumn activities & provision, signposting for parent carers, consultations for you to share your voice and a local Livewell Update.

Secondary School Places September 2027

Parents and carers of Year 6 children are reminded that applications for secondary school places must be submitted by Saturday 31st October 2026.

Please ensure you complete your application online through your local authority website and list your preferred schools in order of preference. Applying on time gives your child the best chance of being considered for their chosen schools.

If you need any support with the application process, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Please log in to your School Spider account to purchase a ticket for the Halloween craft event run by FOWS.

As always, a HUGE thank you to FOWS for organising such fun events for our pupils and raising the funds to support the variety of enrichment activities and endeavours that we provide at Whitley. We appreciate the support all our families show to this great cause.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT SCHOOL EVENT



23rd October



3.15 to 4.15



£4 per child

Each child will receive
a cupcake and drink!

