



# Whitehall News

Summer 1 Week 4 2025

## Message from the Headteacher

Well done to everyone who has been involved in SATs this week.

The children have worked extremely hard all year and have been supported by the whole of the Year 6 team, including Mrs Blyth and Ms Crawley, as well as other adults, to ensure that they were in the best position possible. We know our children work hard and persevere and, regardless of the outcomes, we could not be any more pleased with how the children have approached the tests and how supportive and helpful they have been towards each other.

Year 6 is always filled with many key milestones in a child's life and we now look forward to readying ourselves for their residential to The Hive which will take place in June.

## School logo

We know many of you may have heard whispers of a new school logo as we worked with and consulted the children at every step of the process.

We are very pleased to share with you the logo we have decided to go with. As always, we have consulted with the children and listened to what they would like to see being representative of the school. The children were very sure of what they wanted and set a tough brief for the design team. They wanted something that was slick, cool and looked high end (!).

They were very clear they wanted something contemporary and something that did not denote we were like a standard primary school- in fact they wanted the word primary removed from the signage. So we present to you...



As part of this redesign, we also have a new strap line, too, although this is not at a stage where we can present this to you in a shiny format.

### **Innovative Minds ~ Global Hearts**

Our vision and mission statement will remain the same;

*Whitehall is a warm and inclusive school where we are resilient, unafraid of the possibilities for the future, and excited by what may come.*

They were the blueprint for tightening up our offer here at Whitehall so these will be familiar to you as well as our three values. Schools tend to relook at and relaunch their vision and values every 5/6 years and we are at that point in our journey now, too.

## School uniform

As part of these changes, we are changing a few elements of our school uniform. We will now move to a plain white t-shirt and a sweatshirt/ cardigan in ink to reflect the colour of the logo. This will also bring us in line with our white t-shirts for PE.

To support our families with this transition, all children will be given a free t-shirt on **Wednesday 18th June** which they can wear to school from that point onwards and wear to the exhibition. For the rest of this academic year, the children can choose between the blue t-shirts and their new white ones. Please **do not buy any new** uniforms for this year.

The same will apply for school jumpers. We are pleased to also **gift each child a new school jumper** which will be available for them to wear from the beginning of next term. The new jumpers will be given out at the end of this academic year so that they will still fit and can be worn in the new school year. We will make sure all children are given a size too big deliberately for September and beyond.

We are working with a charity to make sure any uniform you may not use is used responsibly, although those jumpers can still be worn at home and we know that some children may still be in the burgundy jumpers in the autumn term, too. That is all completely fine. The rest of the school uniform will stay the same.

## Relationship and Sex Education lessons (RSE)

As always, Relationship and Sex Education lessons (RSE) will take place over the course of the second half of the summer term. These are a series (4-5) of discreet lessons from Y1-6. Our focus for these lessons are always that love and trust are the fundamentals of any good and healthy relationships and the biology of change and human development. Our resources are from the nationally recognised, and renowned, CORAM SCARF programme. This is also the PHSCE canon we use which always reflects a values based approach and is centred on equality and protected characteristics.

We always give advance notice to parents to help you know these are taking place and in case you needed to pick up any conversations at home. We deliberately have the lessons across the school on Thursday afternoons so that you know when these are taking place. All content is always age appropriate and children are asked to not share content with siblings as everything is carefully mapped out and specific to each particular year group. We have previously offered workshops before, but know many of you are familiar with statutory regulations; however, we wanted to offer them again should parents want to discuss any aspects they were uncertain of. We are happy to offer a session on **Friday 23rd May at 10:00am** with Ms Crawley.

Please note, there have been no changes to what we offer nor teach in school over the last 5 years and all aspects were offered after consultations with parents. This is also from a national programme and is not dictated by the school and follows national guidance and expectations to ensure all children get the same content delivery. At Whitehall, we always stress the values of home being of utmost importance, and, where there are any potential discrepancies, always refer the children to seek clarification or further information from parents and carers. Please note these lessons will start in the second week back after half term.

## Sun Cream

As we head towards the summer months and warmer weather, we regularly talk to children about the importance of being safe. Please support us with this by talking to your child about the importance of sun protection; sending your child into school with a sunhat and by applying a high factor sun cream (at least SPF 15) to your child before sending them to school. We recommend you use an 'all day' variety as staff are unable to reapply sun cream to children during the school day.

## Smart Phones

You may be aware of a growing movement to support families to keep their children free from the use of smartphones as recent research has highlighted the detrimental impact this can have on childhoods and children's mental health and well-being.

A group of parents have asked us ensure you are aware of this movement and would like to support you in knowing more about this and the beneficial impact it can have on your children.

They are looking to host an information session around this, in the near future, so please do keep an eye out for it. In the meantime, there is a link you can access to find about more information.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

## Feast Week and International Food Evening

Next week, in school, will be Feast Week where children will have the opportunity to make and share food together. We will be hosting assemblies from a local food hub, baking bread in the Cobb oven and learning about ways in which the sustainable development goal 'Zero Hunger' can be supported.

A reminder that, as part of Feast week, the PSA will be hosting an International Food Evening on **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025** from **3.30-4.45pm**. We are looking forward to sharing food with each other. A link to the form to indicate what you will bring can be found [here](#). This is a free event for all of our families to partake in and enjoy.

A thank you to the PSA for running this community event. Please see the website for more details

<https://www.whitehallprimary.com/community-links/>

## Whitehall Exhibition

