WHITEHALL

Summer 2 Week 4

Message from the Headteacher

A massive congratulations to everyone who took part in the exhibition we held this year called One. We were incredibly proud of the children, as always, who performed beautifully and did everything with such enthusiasm and dedication to explaining and educating others within school and the wider school community as well. We managed to raise a whopping £3000 for the charity, War Child, which serves to support children who have faced conflict for any number of reasons.

One of the biggest things we are proud of in our school is our dedication to standing up for those who do not have a voice and to advocate for others. It is a very core part of our school and we know you, as parents, choose our school because we offer the children the opportunity to explore values that we hope our children carry forth, from school, into the wider scope of life. We were incredibly proud to team up with War Child and hope we can play a part by, and not just re raising money, but acknowledging the trauma and unfairness of children caught up in war, as well as families and groups who have no way to fight against the injustices they face.

The rest of this newsletter contains lots of information. Key dates of what is coming up for the rest of this academic year and all key dates for all of next year. We ask you to make note of these; particularly when school holidays are as term time leave is still playing a significant role in our overall attendance percentages for us as a school.

We are incredibly proud of the diverse community we serve, and our pupils will have a chance very soon to have they say at a wider Waltham Forest level. Many of you know that the school sits on many different boards and uses its knowledge to ensure all children, regards to where they are, are served fairly and with justice.

SEND
We know we have a large SEND cohort and we are incredibly proud of the staff who work in our school who serve those children and their families. We know that so many of our children are, at times, placed in settings which are not suited to their needs and that of what mainstream schooling can offer. I wanted to use this newsletter, before the end of the year , to pay tribute to all of our staff, from leaders to teachers, to support staff who work with so many children, across the whole spectrum of need, who, at times, work knowing they are putting themselves at risk.

We know we have a reputation for inclusive practice, regardless of any child's starting point (we know that all children are challenged and supported to achieve their very best) but sometimes this work can be taken for granted. I wanted to take the time to thank staff who work so hard with some children who show such extremes of behaviour, and who need to be in specialist settings, but for whom we have cared for, for years and years, as parents and institutions have come to the realisation that some children need a specialised environmnet. The degree of needs staff need to facilitate is extraordinary. I wanted to publicly thank them for taking such good care of children who would, in any other school, have been excluded, out of education, or been at home whilst waiting to be placed, for years, in an appropriate setting. Thank you all, for all you do.

Music lessons

We are proud to offer a vibrant and enriching music curriculum for all our children. As part of our whole-school music provision, the children learn the recorder in Years 2, 3, 5 and 6, and the ukulele in Year 4. This builds confidence, creativity and a love of music as they progress through the school.

In addition, Waltham Forest Music Service (WFMS) provides the opportunity for children to take part in 1:1 or small group music lessons during the school day (at an additional cost). This is a great way for children to develop their skills further and discover new talents.

WFMS are currently able to offer guitar and piano lessons at Whitehall.

If you think your child would enjoy taking part, please speak to a member of the office team or contact us via our office@ email address to find out more.

Sports' Days

Wednesday 1st July	*Thursday 2nd July*
Reception and Nursery: 9:15-10:15	Y3 and 4: 9:15-10:30
Y1 and 2 10:30-11:30	Y5 and 6: 10:45- 11:45

Contacting us

If your child is unwell, please call the school office before 9:00am, where possible, and provide the reason for their absence on: 0208 529 3813.

This information is important as it forms part of our attendance records. As you will be aware, monitoring attendance is an important part of how we keep children safe.

For communication with class teachers, phase leaders, or the SEND team, including notifying us of a different person collecting your child, please use our communications email address: communications@whitehall.waltham.sch.uk

For admin matters, such as ParentPay, After School Care, Breakfast Club, or other office-related enquiries, please contact us via our office email address: office@whitehall.waltham.sch.uk

Using the correct email addresses helps ensure that messages reach the appropriate members of staff promptly.

Message from the PSA- Summer Fete

The Whitehall PSA Summer Fete will take place on Friday 3rd July from 3:30pm.
To ensure the fete can go ahead successfully, we are in need of volunteers. If you are able to help, please complete this form: https://forms.office.com/r/HN832jwyPm

From Monday to Wednesday next week during morning drop-off, the PSA will also be:

- Collecting teddies (for the teddy tombola)
- Accepting good quality school uniform
- Selling raffle tickets for the summer fete (winners will be drawn at the fete)

Thank you for your support!

WHITEHALL ALL STAR GAMES

29TH JUNE - 3RD JULY

Events

29.06 - Assembly and Expert Karate Advice with Sensei Fresco

01.07 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

02.07 - KS2 Sports Day

During the week

Year Group Games

Team up with your partner year group and experience a variety of sports that promote collaboration, perseverance, and the courage to embrace new challenges. Celebrating sport, character, and community - play, learn, and thrive together!

P4C discussions

Is happiness part of being healthy?

GET YOUR GAME ON!

Key Dates

Autumn 2026	
	Event
2nd September	INSET- school closed to children
3rd -4th September	Children return to school (R-Y6) Nursery visits
7th September	Nursery starts
8th- 10th September	KS1 Meet class teachers (8th) Lower KS2 (9TH) Upper KS2 (10TH)
1st October	Prospective Reception Parent Tour
9th October	Maple Class Assembly @ 9:10
WB:12th October	Family Maths Week
16th October	Acer Class Assembly @ 9:10
WB: 19th October	Art Symposium
23rd October	Juniper Class Assembly @ 9.10 End of half term
26th -30th October	Half Term
2nd November	Autumn 2 start back
5th November	Prospective Reception Parent Tour
8th November	Diwali
WB 9th November	Shakespearian Gala
13th November	Shakespeare Performance to school 3:30
13th November	Rowan Class assembly
20th November	Children in Need
20th November	Olive Class Assembly @ 9:10
24th November	Parent Consultations
26th November	Prospective Reception tour Parent Consultations
8th - 9th December	Reception Christmas Performance 9:15am Ash (8th) Cedar (9th)
10th December	Nursery Performance 11am and 2pm
16th December	Christmas Lunch, Craft and Jumper Day
17th December	Christmas Parties
18th December	End of Term – 2pm
21ST December- 1ST January	School Holidays

Spring 2027	
Date	**Event**
4th January	Children return to school for Spring term
15th January	Silver Birch Class Assembly @ 9:10
22nd January	Hazel Class Assembly @ 9:10
25th January	Restyle-Recycle
29th January	Hawthorn Class Assembly @ 9:10
5th February	Sycamore Class Assembly @ 9:10
6th February	Lunar New Year
8th February	Ramadan starts
WB 8th February	STEAM Week (Family Maths)
9th February	Safer Internet Day
12th February	End of half term
15th February to 19th February	Half Term
22nd February	School starts back Spring 2
26th February	Willow Class Assembly @ 9:10
1st March	Literary Week
4th March	World Book Day
10th March	Eid ul- Fitr (possibly)
18th March	Y6 SATs Meeting @4pm
19th March	Red Nose Day
23rd March	Parent Consultations
24th March	Parent Consultations
25th March	End of Term – 2pm

Summer Term 2027	
	Event
29th March – 09th April 12th April	Easter Holidays Start of Summer Term (Children in school)
22nd April	Earth Day
23rd April	Aspen Assembly @ 9:10
26th April	Futures
3rd May	Bank Holiday Monday- school closed
WB: 3th May	Deaf Awareness Week
7th May	Beech Class Assembly @ 9:10
10th May	SATS week
17th-21st May	KS1 SATs and assessment week
17th May	EID (possibly)
24th May	FEAST
27th May	International Food Evening
28th May	End of half term
31st May-04th June	Half term
7th June	Children return to school
24th June	Exhibition
27th June	World Day against Child Labour
30th July	EYFS/KS1 Sports' Day
1st July	KS2 Sports' Day
2nd July	Summer Fete (possibly)
6th July	Reception and Nursery parents' meeting
6th July	Reserve EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
7th July	Y6 Leavers Play to school
7th July	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
8th July	Y6 Performance to Parents
9th July	Meet the Teacher Reports to Parents
12th July	Y6 Leavers Party
15th July	Parties PM
16th July	Year 6 Assembly and Last day of term – 2pm
19th July	INSET- school closed to children
20th July	INSET- school closed to children
21st July	INSET- school closed to children
22nd July 2026	INSET- school closed to children