



Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 4th Sept – Children return to school
- 17th Sept – Forest School begins for Otter and Juniper classes
- 19th Sept – Backwell School Open Evening (Year 6 pupils & families)
- 26th Sept – Nailsea School Open Evening (Year 6 pupils & families)
- 9th – 11th Oct – Year 6 residential
- 25th Oct – INSET day
- 25th Oct – Last day of term
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- 4th Nov – Children return to school
- 20th Dec – Last day of term
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- 6th Jan – INSET day

Reminders

A quick reminder of the remaining INSET days for the year:

- Friday 25th October 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 14th February 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025

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If you need to request a **term time absence** for your child, please do contact the school office who will provide you with the relevant form to complete. Don't forget that the DfE brought in new guidance regarding attendance last term.....

Many thanks.

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A quick reminder that both Hannah More and Grove School are **NUT FREE schools** and children's packed lunches must not include items that could contain nuts. Please be particularly mindful of some types of chocolate, chocolate spread and cereal bars!

Thank you.

Permission to walk home from school – Year 5/6

If your child is in Maple, Rowan, Oak or Spruce class, please do complete the Microsoft form sent via Studybugs, to **give permission for them to walk home from school unaccompanied**. If you did not receive the link via Studybugs, please do contact the office and they will be able to send a link via email.

Many thanks.

Welcome back to school

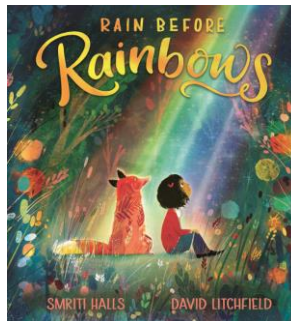
We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed time with family and friends. It has been lovely to see all the children back at school this week, spending time catching up with their friends and familiarising themselves with their new classroom and teachers.

I am really pleased to be at Hannah More and Grove full time from now on, enjoying the opportunity to get to know the children. If you wish to contact me about anything at all, please do email the school office (office@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk) and they will forward your message on to me.

The children are already settling and working hard in their learning, thinking about the three school rules of being 'ready, respectful and safe' and being the best version of themselves they can be.

'Rain Before Rainbows'

Every class across the school will be enjoying this beautiful book by Smriti Halls and David Litchfield over the next couple of weeks. The story follows a girl and her fox companion and is full of messages of hope and positivity.



The study of this text will culminate in a whole school art piece which I have no doubt will be absolutely stunning. We will let you know when it is finished so that you can pop in and admire it!

Starting Secondary School

If your child is now in Year 6, you need to ensure you have applied for their secondary school place by **31st October 2024**. Applications open on 12th September through North Somerset's online application service. Please click the link below (from 12th September), for more information and to make your application: [North Somerset – Apply for a school place.](#)

Moving into Year 3 (Grove Junior School)

If your child is now in Year 2, you need to ensure you have applied for their place in Year 3, in Grove Junior School, by **15th January 2025**. Applications open on 12th September through North Somerset's online application service. Please click the link below (from 12th September), for more information and to make your application: [North Somerset – Apply for a school place.](#)

School Games Award Success

I am delighted to announce that The Whiteoak Academies have been awarded the highest achievement in the School Games Award – gold! This award recognises the commitment and engagement our schools have in PE and sport and maintaining high quality provision in this area.

Huge congratulations to Mrs Weaver and all the staff for their energy and dedication to supporting our pupils' physical development and fitness!



Welcome to the Whiteoak team

We welcome three new members of staff to the Whiteoak teaching team this term – Mr Ashmore is the Lead Teacher in our new speech and language resource base ('Whiteoak Woodlands'); Mrs Tindall is joining Mrs Weaver in Otters and will be teaching the class on a Monday; and Mrs Jewell will be teaching Hedgehog class in Year 1 on a Monday as Miss Fiore is unable to return to school at the present time. I know you will join me in wishing them all the best in their new roles at our schools.

Forest School

I am delighted to say that we will be starting our Forest School sessions again this term, with Otter and Juniper Class taking the first slots. These sessions will begin on Tuesday 17th September and will be lead by Mr Westerwijk, a very experienced and qualified Forest School leader.



If your child is in either Otter or Fox class, information regarding the sessions, and what your child will need, will be with you very shortly.

Gas works on Whiteoak Way

Thank you for your patience and any adjustments to morning routines you are having to make, whilst we navigate the road closures around our school over the next few weeks. Please do get in touch with us if you notice anything unsafe or anything you feel we should be aware of; we are in communication with the gas contractors and they want to work with us to ensure the community is safe and the work can be carried out as swiftly as possible.

I hope you all had a great weekend!
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher