



Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

24th Jan – WOWSA 'Rags to Riches'

3rd Feb – Children's Mental Health Week

7th Feb – WOWSA Musical Bingo
(Buy your tickets [here](#)).

14th Feb – INSET day

14th Feb – Last day of term

24th Feb – Children return to school

3rd Mar – Year 4 Dance Festival

10th Mar – Mini First Aid for Y1 & Y5

11th Mar - Mini First Aid for Y1 & Y5

20th & 21st Mar – Bikeability for Y4

Reminders

If you have any colouring books, pens, pencils or any other quiet games you no longer need at home, please do drop them in to the school office for use in our lunchtime Calm Clubs. Many thanks.

Please do remember to **use the year group email** (intake@...) rather than Studybugs if you are communicating with your child's class teacher about something personal or specific to your child, or you have a concern about something. This email goes straight to the class teachers in that year group and is easier for them to respond to. Thank you.

Celebrating our children

We are in the process of introducing some new ways to celebrate the fantastic behaviour many of our children show, day in and day out, in all aspects of their school life. One of these is Hot Chocolate Friday which we have no doubt some of the children have talked about at home! This is our way of congratulating and saying thank you to those children who quietly do the right thing all the time and constantly strive to be the best they can be. These children enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Reyes after lunch on a Friday; what a pleasure it has been so far!

I hope you all have a good week.
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher

Sporting Success

We have had a fantastic week of sporting events with our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils taking part in a multi-skills festival with Premier Sports yesterday and some Year 6 pupils competing in a North Somerset athletics event!



The Year 6 team (above) participated in track and field events from obstacle relays, triple jump and speed bounce to various lap relays and a nail-biting 4x1 relay at the end. The children showed exemplary behaviour and team player skills throughout, always giving it their all.

We are delighted to say that they came second overall and have been invited to take part in an extra event in the next stage of the competition! Well done everyone, we are so proud.



Year 1 and Year 2 had a great morning yesterday taking part in a variety of different activities such as shuttle runs, football targets and archery, as you can see above. All children participated in their house teams and showed brilliant teamwork and resilience. What a fantastic start to this term!

WOWSA Communication

WOWSA have started a new WhatsApp Community Group where you can receive information about all their fundraising events and have the chance to join them in raising extra money for our schools by helping with events, ideas and more. We are trying to streamline all school communication and reduce the amount that comes out on Studybugs during the week, so **WOWSA notices and events will now come through the 'announcements' feed on this WhatsApp group** (in which only WOWSA can post) and be repeated in the school weekly newsletter.

The link to join the group can be found below:
[WOWSA News and Volunteers](#)

Senior Leadership Team

We thought it might be helpful to remind you who the senior leadership team are at The Whiteoak Academies, what days we work and the best way to get in touch with us!



Victoria Reyes
Headteacher
Monday to
Friday



Abby Murray,
Deputy
Headteacher
Monday to
Thursday



Laura Flemming,
Assistant
Headteacher,
Wednesday to
Friday

We are on either the Hannah More or Grove gate first thing each morning so do please come and chat to us, or send us an email via the office who will forward it on:
(school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk)

A new building for Whiteoak!

Many of you will know that we opened a Resource Base for pupils with speech and language needs in September 2024, initially using one of the classrooms in Hannah More whilst we waited for North Somerset to start the process of installing a new building. I am delighted to say that the project is now under way and we will start to see some building action soon! The contractors are due to start the site set up on Monday 10th February, with much of the initial groundworks taking place during February half term.

There will be some changes to the front playground on the Grove side whilst the build is in process and we will make sure these are communicated to you in plenty of time so that you know what is happening and when. This is a very exciting time for us and I know the children in our Resource Base ('Woodlands') will love watching the creation of their new, permanent learning space!

Got a child that wants to give rugby a try?

Please do have a look at the attached flyer from Nailsea and Backwell Rugby Club who are offering for young people, aged 5 – 17, the opportunity to play for free for the first four weeks to give rugby a try. For more information, do get in touch with them through the following email:
juniorchair@nailseabackwellrfc.co.uk

Transport hub and travel options for Nailsea

Residents and businesses in Nailsea are invited to attend an engagement event this month to help shape the future of a transport hub and have their say on walking, wheeling and cycling routes in the town. The public event will take place on **Saturday 25th January, 11.am – 3.00pm** outside Waitrose on the High Street in Nailsea town centre. For more information, visit the [North Somerset website](#).