



## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need Day
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Community Christmas Art Project (in school)
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 to Tithe Barn
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – School photographs
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – EYFS (Reception) Nativity performance, 9.30am
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – WOWSA discos for Reception (4.00pm) and Y3&4 (5.30pm)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS (Reception) Nativity performance, 2.15pm
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – WOWSA discos for Y1&2 (4.00pm) and Y5&6 (5.30pm)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 to Tithe Barn
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 2 Christmas song performance, 4.00pm
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 Christmas song performance, 4.00pm
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term
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- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school

## Reminders

Don't forget we have a **supply of poppies and other remembrance day items** available in the main foyer at the moment. Donations can be made in cash or there is a QR code for you to use, if you wish.

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Children can wear **odd socks on Monday** (10<sup>th</sup> November) to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week!

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Please see the attached flyer from WOWSA with all their winter dates and events!

## Housepoint Celebration

Congratulations to Glassworks who are this week's housepoint winners! The children really do enjoy working together to gain points for their house and seeing these numbers come up in assembly each week!



## Children in Need '25 acts of kindness'

This is a busy week nationally as not only are we thinking about Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week next week (see section to the right), we also shared with the children in Celebration Assembly this afternoon our desire for them to take part in Children in Need's '25 acts of kindness' this year! We are challenging the children to carry out 25 acts of kindness and record them on a sheet to bring back to school and share next week!



These do not need to be big acts, just something small like inviting someone to join in with a game or holding a door open is enough.

To celebrate Children in Need, everyone is welcome to come to school next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> Nov) wearing something yellow, something spotty, something brightly coloured or just their normal uniform, if they prefer. (Children may just wish to add something coloured to their uniform.)

If you wish to make a donation online, please click the link here:

[Children in Need.](#)



## Parent/carer research survey on childhood smartphone use and ownership

The Whiteoak Academies, along with other primary schools in Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP), are working alongside the University of the West of England (UWE) on a research project regarding smartphone use and ownership by children.

Although your child may not yet use or own a smartphone, your views and experiences are valuable. Children are getting smartphones at younger ages, with many receiving them (and parents feeling pressure to provide them) during primary years. By secondary school, most children have smartphones, and we want to better understand these trends regarding parents of children in primary schools. Your opinions will help support research into childhood in a rapidly changing digital world and help schools develop policies which regarding smartphones.

The survey has been designed in conjunction with researchers in the [Education & Childhood Research Group](#) at the [University of the West of England](#) and is completely anonymous. Please click on the link below to complete this survey and find out more. The deadline for taking part in this research is Monday 1 December 2025.

[https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cGcbq3kxPD8yxG6](https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cGcbq3kxPD8yxG6)

## Odd Socks Day & Anti Bullying Week

As you know from the letter Mrs Worsley sent out yesterday, Odd Socks Day takes place this Monday (10<sup>th</sup> November) and marks the start of national Anti-Bullying Week. It is always a fun day and an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves, to celebrate their individuality and to enjoy what makes us all unique!



All the children need to do **on Monday** is wear their normal school uniform (or PE kit) but with whatever odd socks/tights they wish. There's no need to buy anything new; just grab two odd socks from the drawer and join in the fun!

## Meet our brand new ABAs!

As mentioned above, this coming week is national Anti-Bullying Week which, this year, has the theme of 'Power for Good'. Part of the work of this organisation, and for schools taking part, is to empower young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online. To support this, we have just taken part in some training with The Diana Award and now have 10 young people trained as Anti Bullying Ambassadors for our school! This is very exciting and we look forward to hearing of their work as we go through the year.



## Premier Sports Football Club

Please see the attached flyer for information and booking details for Premier's after school football club for children in Years 1 – 4. The club starts on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and runs from 3.20 – 4.30pm. Booking details can also be found by clicking the link [here](#).

Have a great weekend!  
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher