



The Whiteoak Academies

'Planting dreams, nurturing hearts, growing minds.'

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9th January 2026

Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 12th Jan – Gymnastics club starts
- 16th Jan – INSET day
- 20th Jan – EYFS Curriculum Workshop (maths), 6.00pm
- 28th Jan – Rags to Riches collection
- 12th Feb – WOWSA Cake Sale (3.30pm, Grove hall)
- 13th Feb – INSET day
- 13th Feb – Last day of term
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- 23rd Feb – Children return to school
- 27th Feb – Book Fair opens
- 3rd Mar – Parents' Evening
- 5th Mar – Parents' Evening
- 17th Mar – Year 3 performance to parents, 2.00pm
- 18th Mar – Year 3 performance to parents, 4.00pm
- 2nd Apr – Last day of term
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- 20th Apr – Children return to school

Reminders

Please do remember that either myself, Mrs Murray (Deputy Headteacher & SENCo) or Miss Flemming (Assistant Headteacher) are on one of the gates every morning. We are always happy to answer any quick questions or to find out the answer if we don't know it straight away!

Don't forget that this coming Friday (16th January) is an INSET day and we are closed to pupils.

If you have a child due to start school in Reception this September (2026), don't forget that the application deadline is this Thursday, 15th January. Below is the link you will need to use:

[North Somerset Admissions – apply for a school place](#)

Housepoint Celebration

Congratulations to Trendlewood Wolves who are this week's housepoint winners!



Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas holiday – we hope you had a restful and joyful break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm this week, already hard at work in this new term and enjoying being reunited with their friends and teachers.

Thank you to everyone who has ensured their children are wearing the correct uniform each day. It is an important part of belonging to the Whiteoak Academies and many of our children wear this with pride. Please do contact us at school if you are having difficulty with any aspect of uniform or some tricky conversations at home; we are always happy to help! The [school uniform page of our website](#) has helpful reminders of both PE days and non PE days.

Cuddly toys and fidget aids at school

Please do remember that cuddly toys and fidget aids/toys should only be brought into school by arrangement with the class teacher. We are seeing an increasing number of home items coming to school which can be hugely distracting and cause difficulties if they go missing. If you feel that your child needs an object such as this to support their learning in school, please do talk to their class teacher before sending anything in. Thank you.

Census Day – Thursday 15th January

Please do book your child's meal for this Thursday's census day (15th January). Hopefully you have seen the information that came out earlier in the week on Studybugs and have had a chat with your child about their choices and the fact that lunch will look slightly different that day!



Meals booked on Census Day play an important role in determining school funding, as they help the government calculate how much support our school receives. By ensuring your child's meal is booked for that day, you are directly helping us secure vital funds that benefit all pupils. Thank you.

Welcome Mr Prior

As mentioned in the newsletter before the holiday, we welcomed a new teacher into Year 5 this week. Mr Prior has taken over from Miss Wring and is teaching Maple. I know the children have welcomed him warmly and it is great to have him on the Whiteoak team.

Year 6 Careers Assemblies

Our weekly, future career-inspiring assemblies are still taking place for our oldest pupils and designed to open their eyes as to all the fantastic and varied jobs that are out there. This week we were very fortunate to be joined by Chloe Knight, a horticulturalist (and our very own Miss Knight's sister), who works for RHS Wisley gardens. She spoke with such passion about all of the many roles she undertakes working with plants, tools and machinery.



The children were amazed to see 2m wide lily pads and flowers that smell of candyfloss! As a job or as a hobby, we know many of them were inspired to get gardening!



We are aiming to hold these assemblies throughout the year so please do get in touch with us if you would be able to share your job or career with our Year 6 pupils.

Please do email school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk, we would love to hear from you. Thank you.

Help rescue dogs on 'The Dog House'

Channel 4's BAFTA-nominated series 'The Dog House' is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! The programme follows the incredible journeys of rescue dogs and the people who open their hearts to them, showing the powerful bond that forms and the life-changing impact on both dogs and humans.

If you're interested, find out more here: <https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk> or email thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk.

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