



Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 9th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week
- 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
- 6th Mar – World Book Day
- 16th Mar – The Big Walk and Wheel to school fortnight begins
- 17th Mar – Year 3 performance to parents, 2.00pm
- 18th Mar – Year 3 performance to parents, 4.00pm
- 2nd Apr – Last day of term (Thursday)
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- 20th Apr – Children return to school
- 4th May – Bank Holiday Monday
- 11th May – Year 6 SATS Week
- 22nd May – Last day of term
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- 1st Jun – INSET Day
- 2nd Jun – Children return to school

Reminders

Don't forget to email us at school if you are interested in joining our governing body as a **parent governor**. We would love to hear from you!

Just a reminder that if you are submitting a form to **request a leave of absence for your child (for exceptional circumstances)**, these need to be handed into the office at least two weeks before the planned absence.

Thank you.

Housepoint Celebration

Congratulations to Moorend Eagles are this week's housepoint winners. The points were super close this week and it becomes very exciting as we move towards half term!



Enrichment at Whiteoak

At the Whiteoak Academies, we fully recognise the importance of varied learning experiences and opportunities for our children. We endeavour to enhance and enrich the curriculum by offering hands-on workshops (such as Year 2's recent visit from Noah's Ark with a selection of animals), practical sessions and memorable learning experiences (such as Year 6's recent evacuee visit).

Many of you will remember that we created a voluntary Pupil Enrichment and Curriculum Fund that allows parents to donate in support of the experiences mentioned above. Over the past 12 months, examples of how your donations have contributed to the children's enrichment are listed below:

- Providing costumes and props for performances
- Purchasing equipment and food for Forest School
- Paying for an Indian drumming workshop
- Purchasing items to support Year 6 pupils on their residential visit in October
- Paying for the loan of history resource boxes to support the curriculum in each year group

These are just some of the ways in which your donations have helped to enhance the children's curriculum and learning. More information about the enrichment programme at school can be found on the [enrichment page of our website](#).

We will be sending out a letter in the next week to offer families the chance to make a donation to this fund for the next 12 months; the suggested amount is £15 but any donation is gratefully received as it all helps to make a difference. Thank you in advance.

Opportunity to join our lunch team

We are currently looking for a friendly and reliable **Lunchtime Assistant** to join our school team. This role involves supporting children during lunch and playtime, helping to ensure a safe, happy, and positive environment for everyone. It's a great opportunity to be part of our school community and make a real difference in pupils' day-to-day wellbeing. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the school office: school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk or 01275 851127.

Cycling sessions for young people

The Strawberry Line Cycle Project currently has funding to enable young people to develop their cycling skills; be that to learn to cycle, to develop more cycling skills or learn more to help them cycle independently. They are able to support young people with additional needs, neurodiversity, those lacking confidence or young people facing health challenges and seeking ways to be more active to improve their health. The sessions are free of charge and take place on Saturdays. Do have a look at the flyer attached for email details.

It's National Storytelling Week!

This weekend sees the start of National Storytelling Week, a joyful opportunity to celebrate the power of stories with children and adults. We use stories all the time at school but this week we will have an even stronger focus on it, thinking about how we tell stories and what we can use to keep people engaged.



We are very lucky to have Teresa Ashworth (a previous member of staff) coming back to school this week to share the book she has published and to tell the children the story in assembly – thank you Mrs Ashworth!



Reporting concerns about parking

We know that many of you have concerns about parking in the roads around school during drop off and pick up times and the dangerous driving you sadly see from some members of our community. Please do continue to share these concerns with us but also find below links to report these concerns to the Nailsea police team and/or North Somerset Council, both of whom have greater jurisdiction on the roads outside school than we do:

- Contact the Nailsea Police team [here](#).
- Report a concern to North Somerset Council by clicking the link [here](#).

Thank you for taking action to keep our children safe around their school.

I hope you all have a great week. As always, please do not hesitate to come and find me on one of the gates (or by email) if there is anything you would like to share or discuss!

Victoria Reyes, Headteacher