

Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 9th Feb** – Children's Mental Health Week
12th Feb – WOWSA Cake Sale (3.20pm, Grove hall)
13th Feb – INSET day
13th Feb – Last day of term

- 23rd Feb** – Children return to school
27th Feb – Non uniform day for Trendlewood Wolves!
27th Feb – Book Fair opens
3rd Mar – Swimming starts for Year 5
3rd Mar – Parents' Evening
5th Mar – Parents' Evening
6th Mar – World Book Day
12th Mar – Mini First Aid for Y1 & Y5
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
26th Mar - Mini First Aid for Y1 & Y5
2nd Apr – WOWSA 'Break the Rules Day'
2nd Apr – Last day of term (Thursday)

- 20th Apr** – Children return to school
4th May – Bank Holiday Monday
11th May – Year 6 SATS Week
22nd May – Last day of term

- 1st Jun** – INSET Day

Reminders

Don't forget that this Friday is an INSET day and school is closed to children! All staff are taking part in a variety of training opportunities offered by our Trust, ranging from phonics to precision teaching and writing.

Housepoint Celebration

Congratulations to Glasswork Grizzlies who were last week's housepoint winners. Congratulations also to Trendlewood Wolves who are the overall winners for this term and earn a non-uniform day the first Friday of next term!



Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week is a chance to shine a light on the importance of emotional wellbeing, and this year's UK theme is 'This Is My Place', which encourages children to reflect on where they feel safe, valued and able to belong. To mark the week, our **Wellbeing Warriors** are leading our whole-school assembly tomorrow morning, sharing thoughtful messages about feelings, kindness and looking out for one another. I have no doubt they will do a fantastic job representing our school values and reminding everyone that it's okay to talk about mental health.

You can find more information, resources and advice about Children's Mental Health Week and how to support your child with their mental health on the [Place2Be](https://www.place2be.co.uk) website.

The start of the day

Just a quick reminder that the school gates open promptly at 8.40am each morning with children then being greeted in classrooms with their teacher at 8.45am. Teachers and support staff begin working with children immediately (particularly those that may need a little extra 1:1 time and attention) and this is a really lovely way to start the day. Please be aware that if your child comes through the gate at 8.55am (the time that they close), by the time they reach the classroom it will be 9.00am, they are late and have missed the first 15 minutes of time with their teaching team.

Becoming a Nurture UK School

We are currently working towards achieving a Nurture UK accreditation to become a 'Nurture School'. This has been an 18-month project and involves us thinking about the six principles of nurture and how we can ensure these are woven into all aspects of school life. This work helps to develop social and emotional skills in our young people, supporting their resilience and ability to communicate their needs and wishes to others.



Above is a screenshot from our brand new Nurture UK film, kindly shot and produced by one of our parents, Mr Bevir; thank you so much! Do visit the [Nurture School page of our website](https://www.whiteoakacademies.co.uk/nurture-school) to view the video and find out more about what the accreditation involves and how it will enhance our provision for all young people.

WOWSA Updates – can you help?

We're gearing up for some exciting upcoming school events, such as the Valentine's Day Cake sale and Summer Fair and we'd love your help. These events are a wonderful way to build community and create great memories for our pupils - and they're only possible with the support of volunteers.

If you're able to lend a hand (even for a short time), please consider signing up by joining our Whatsapp community, here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kk52E0mgJkm0yeSeR3BIXB>. All you need is a willingness to help and have fun. Thank you for supporting our school - we truly couldn't do it without you.



WOWSA Secretary – We'd Love You to Join Us!

WOWSA is looking for a friendly, organised Secretary to join our team. This is a great way to support the school, meet other parents and make a real difference to our children's school experience. The role involves keeping up-to-date records of WOWSA activities, preparing and distributing agendas and taking meeting minutes. No previous experience is needed – just enthusiasm, reliability and a willingness to get involved. If you'd like to be part of a supportive, fun group and help shape what we do, please email wowsanailsea@gmail.com.

Sports clubs in the local area

We are very lucky in Nailsea to have a wide range of external sports clubs available for our children, giving plenty of opportunity for them to stay active and try something new.

Mrs Tindall has kindly put together a list for you to refer to which can be found on the [PE page of our website](https://www.whiteoakacademies.co.uk/pe) (scroll towards the end of the page).

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