



# The Whiteoak Academies Newsletter 22

22nd March 2026

## Headteacher's Message

I hope you have all had a good weekend and had the opportunity to enjoy this lovely weather once again! It really does make a difference to see and feel some sunshine at last.

We had a wonderful week last week with our Year 3 children wowing audiences in two performances of 'The Bee Musical', our Reception children learning to dance the Charleston in their PE lessons, some Year 6 pupils taking part in a netball festival and the whole school saying goodbye to Miss Evans during Celebration Assembly on Friday as she leaves to prepare for the birth of her baby. We are so excited for you Miss Evans and can't wait to hear the news!

To all the families in our school community who are celebrating Eid, we would like to wish you a joyful and peaceful Eid Mubarak. We hope you enjoyed this special time with family and friends.



*1 - A wonderful image to finish Friday afternoon with! Just over the top of our school building!*

## 'The Bee Musical'

We were very proud of our Year 3 children as they performed the story of The Bee Musical to the whole school on Monday last week, followed by two further performances to parents and family members. The story focuses on the importance of working together as a team and understanding that everyone has a part to play, no matter how small. Thank you to parents and carers who supported with the most fantastic costumes and for the donations given at the end of both performances; these were very generous and will be shared with Bristol Children's Hospital and our own Enrichment Fund. Enjoy the photos!







EYFS Phonics 'Learn-along'!

# Unlocking Letters & Sounds

We would like to invite all Reception (EYFS) families to join in with a 'live' phonics lesson this week! Come and see an 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds' lesson in action, where you will sit alongside your child as we guide you through the learning. We are running two sessions on **Tuesday 24th March and Friday 27th March at 9.00 - 9.30 am** in the Hannah More Hall. We have space for one parent to attend on either the Tuesday or the Friday. Sign up sheets are available when you drop off or pick up. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend on this occasion. We also have the Reading drop in session this week if you would like any information on our phonics programme. Many thanks, The EYFS team.

## Reading Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to listen to children read in our Reception classes. Even a small amount of time can make a big difference to children's confidence and progress, and is much

appreciated by our teachers and children. If you, or someone you know might be able to help, please email F.A.O Mrs Snook to [intake25@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk](mailto:intake25@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk). Thank you in advance.

## Sporting Events

The photos below show a selection of recent sporting events for some of our KS2 pupils.. We had a Year 3 'give it a try' gymnastics festival, a Year 4 football tournament and a Year 6 netball festival. All the children did really well, participated with energy and enthusiasm and represented our school in a fantastic way! Well done everyone.





## Easter Holiday Activities

**Artistic  
Swimming  
Intensive  
Lessons**

**Wednesday  
15 April**  
09:00 - 09:40

Aimed at children in  
stage 6 and above

[LeisureCentre.com](http://LeisureCentre.com)

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# Intensive Swim Courses

Private Swim Lessons  
Monday 13 April -  
09:00, 09:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30

Tuesday 14 April -  
09:00, 09:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30

Wednesday 15 April  
09:00, 09:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30

3 Day Intensive  
Monday 13 April - Wednesday 15  
April

Stage 1 - 10:00  
Stage 2 - 10:30  
Stage 3 - 11:00  
Stage 4 - 11:30

Deep Water Confidence  
Tuesday 27 May - 09:00  
Monday 13 April - 09:00

Learn To Dive  
Monday 13 April - 09:30

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# Rookie Lifeguards Intensive Lessons

Tuesday  
14 April

09:00 - 09:40

Aimed at children in  
stage 6 and above

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# Easter Egg Hunt

**Wednesday 8 April**

**10am to 1pm**

Penny Brohn UK, Pill, BS20 OHH

**Join us in our beautiful gardens to  
find the eggs to claim your chocolate  
treat!**

**Enjoy garden games, Easter crafts,  
face painting and much more!**

**Child ticket: £10 (adults go free!)**



**Book here**

**Booking is essential**

**It promises  
to be a fun  
day out for  
the whole  
family!**

All funds raised through this event will directly support those with cancer across the UK.

## Reminders

### Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers

Don't forget to keep the evening of Thursday 30th April free so you can join us at school for a workshop focusing on how to keep your children safe online. Dr Hardwidge is working hard to put this together, even sourcing raffle prizes to entice as many of you as possible to attend!

### Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

If your child is in Year 6, please remember to complete the hoodie order form by Friday 27th March. The link can be found here: [Year 6 Leavers' Hoodie Order Form](#)

## Upcoming Events



### March

- 24 March - EYFS 'Learn-along', 9.00am
- 27 March - EYFS 'Learn-along', 9.00am

### April

- 2 April – WOWSA Break the Rules Day
- 2 April – Last day of term
- 20 April – Children return
- 30 April - Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers, 6.00pm at school

### May

- 4 May – Bank Holiday Monday

- 5 May - Sports Day for Hannah More (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, 1.15pm)
- 11 May – SATs Week for Year 6 pupils
- 18 May - Sports Day for Grove Year 3 & Year 4, 10.00am
- 18 May - Sports Day for Grove Year 5 & Year 6, 1.30pm
- 22 May – Last day of Term

## June

- 1 June – INSET Day
- 2 June - Children return to school
- 20 June - WOWSA Summer Fair

## July

- 3 July - WOWSA 'Rags to Riches' clothing collection
- 20 July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 22 July - Last day of term

## Celebrations



Congratulations to Tithe Tigers who were last week's house point winners! It is all to play for though as Moorend Eagles are still in the lead overall for the year but Tithe Tigers have now

slipped into first place for this term! The winning house each week earn extra time on the play equipment, with the winning house each term earning a non-school uniform day. House points are a lovely way for our children to be part of a team within school.