



The Whiteoak Academies - Newsletter 24

19th April 2026

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to Term 5! I hope you have all had a fantastic break over the past two weeks and enjoyed some time with family and friends where possible. It will be lovely to see all the children tomorrow and I hope they are looking forward to catching up with friends and hearing all their news. This term is a short one but sees Sports Day for both schools (see the dates list below for a reminder of dates and times), three more swimming sessions for Year 5 before it's the turn of Year 4 (information to follow) and SATS assessment week for our Year 6 pupils. Oak and Spruce classes have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs and we wish them all the best for these next few weeks. (Thank you to one of our Year 6 pupils, Luca, who did a sponsored litter pick to raise money for the much-enjoyed SATS breakfast and has given £60 to school! Brilliant.)

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the WOWSA team who delivered a delicious treat to every child on the last day of term, helping to send them off on holiday with a smile on their face; possibly a slightly chocolate-covered one!

'The Whiteoak Promise' - our enrichment offer. Come and talk to us!



Miss Flemming (Assistant Head and Curriculum Lead) and Mrs Reyes would love to work with a small group of parents to seek your views about our wider enrichment offer, including trips, visits and extra-curricular activities. We have quite a comprehensive programme in place at the moment, including opportunities such as Bikeability, various music workshops, curriculum-related trips and visitors and links with local organisations such as Holy Trinity Church (to list just a few), but would love to know whether you think we have this right or would like to see us including other opportunities and experiences for your children. We think of this as the 'Whiteoak Promise' - a programme of experiences we believe all our young people should take part in before they leave us.

We plan to hold a one-hour forum at 6.00pm on a Wednesday or Thursday after school this term and ask whether anyone who is interested in us could get in touch with us via the main school email (school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk), letting us know your preference for day. We will then set a date and communicate this to you. Thank you very much in advance; we look forward to hearing from you.

KS2 Choir



As Miss Evans has now begun her maternity leave, KS2 choir (pupils in Year 3 - Year 6) will continue on a Monday after school and be led by Mrs Reyes. There is plenty of space for more singers so please do email the office (school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk) if your child would

like to join; the more the merrier! We had one rehearsal before the Easter holidays and it was great fun, with the children making a lovely sound together.

We recognise that netball club is also a Monday after school and will ensure we address this for next academic year and have them on different days!

Improving our site security



We are pleased to share that new security fencing and gates are currently being installed at school, fully funded by our Trust (Lighthouse Schools Partnership) as part of ongoing improvements across all its schools. These enhancements will help ensure we are well prepared to meet the requirements of upcoming legislation, including Martyn's Law, and continue to provide a safe and secure environment for our pupils. We will carefully review any adjustments needed to drop-off and pick-up arrangements and keep you informed, ensuring these remain as smooth and convenient as possible for families.

Turn Nailsea Pink 2026!



As we did in 2025, we would like to support the Nowhere Fundraisers for Cancer Research UK who last year raised an incredible £12,089 by turning Nailsea pink. From 18th April to 2nd May this year, Nailsea will once again transform into a vibrant sea of pink as the community comes together to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

On **Friday 1st May**, children are welcome to come to school wearing anything (or everything) pink in return for any donation you are able to make - everything helps. Details of how you can do this will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Reminders

FOOD FESTIVAL		LUNCHTIME					PRIMARY TRADITIONAL
WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
MAIN EVENT MAY 18-22	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Sausage Roll & Mashed Potato	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roasties and Gravy	Cottage Pie	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips		
HEALTHY MAGIC MAY 23-27	Mixed Bean Fajitas with Wedges	Veggie Sausage Roll & Mashed Potato	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Baked Roasties and Gravy	Shepherd's Pie	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips		
RAINBOW ALLEY MAY 28-31	Mixed Salad or Vegetable Sticks	Sweet Corn and BBQ Beans	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans or Peas		
BIG TOPPING JUNE 1-5	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo		
DESSERT TROLLEY JUNE 6-10	Orange Squash Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Peach Upside Down Cake and Custard	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake	Banana Cookies		
What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?	AVAILABLE ONLINE					PASTA TWISLER TOPPED PASTA BOILED POTATOES WITH TOMATOES, SPINACH SAUCE & CHEESE	





School Meals this term

Don't forget to book your child's school meals for this new term. It is possible to book for the whole term in advance, if it helps, and the new Summer 2026 menu is now on the [Aspens \(School Meals\) page of our website](#).

Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers

Just a reminder that the above workshop (led by SWGfL) is taking place on **Thursday 30th April at 6.00pm** in the Grove Hall. We encourage as many of you to attend as possible as this is such an important part of our young people's lives and an area that we really do need to understand ourselves in order to support them to be healthy and safe online. Dr Hardwidge has sourced some fantastic prizes for a raffle which will be held at the end of the evening!

School Uniform shorts

As we move in to the warmer months, please remember that sports shorts and cycling shorts are only to be worn on PE days and not as part of normal school uniform. Pupils are very welcome to wear shorts on non-PE days and tailored, school shorts can be found in all large supermarkets, often costing less than £10 for two pairs. Don't forget that WOWSA have a fantastic selection of pre-loved uniform in the main entrance, always kept well-stocked and available for anyone.

Upcoming Events



SPRING DISCOS

Tuesday 19th May - Reception 4-5pm
(Small pack of sweets, with vegan alternative provided)

Tuesday 19th May - Years 3&4 5.30-6.30pm
(Tuck shop will be available - cash only)

Thursday 21st May - Years 1&2 4-5pm
(Small pack of sweets, with vegan alternative provided)

Thursday 21st May - Years 5&6 5.30-6.30pm
(Tuck shop will be available - cash only)

TICKET PRICE: £3.50

Available to book here: <https://pta.events/jn2kjys3>

DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED AT ALL DISCOS

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Heading

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Term 5

- 20 April – Children return
- 24 April - Non uniform day for Tithe Tigers

- 27 April - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Session for parents, 9.05am
- 30 April - Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers (SWGfL), 6.00pm at school

May

- 1 May - Turn Nailsea Pink!
- 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
- 12 May - Reception classes to Noah's Ark for the day
- 18 May - Sports Day for Grove Year 3 & Year 4, 10.00am
- 18 May - Sports Day for Grove Year 5 & Year 6, 1.30pm
- 19 May - WOWSA Spring Disco for Reception, Year 3 & Year 4
- 21 May - WOWSA Spring Disco for Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6
- 22 May - Last day of term

Term 6

June

- 1 June – INSET Day
- 2 June - Children return to school
- 11, 12, 18 & 19 June - Year 6 Bikeability
- 19 June - National Thank a Teacher Day!
- 20 June - WOWSA Summer Fair
- 25 & 26 June - Year 6 Bikeability
- 30 June - Backwell Secondary Induction Day

July

- 2 & 3 July - Year 6 Bikeability
- 3 July - WOWSA 'Rags to Riches' clothing collection
- 9 July - Nailsea Secondary Induction Day

- 9 July - Move Up Morning
- 14 July - French Day
- 20 July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 22 July - Last day of term

Housepoint Celebrations

Just a reminder that Tithe Tigers took first place overall in last term's house point celebrations and have a non-uniform day this Friday (24th April). Congratulations Tigers!

