



The Whiteoak Academies - Newsletter 25

26th April 2026

Headteacher's Message

I hope you have all had a good weekend and perhaps taken the opportunity to be outside in this warmer weather. The children are now on the field every lunchtime at school and it is fantastic to see groups of friends mixing across both schools and enjoying the vast, green space that the field gives them. We are so lucky to have such great outdoor provision and the children really do appreciate it.

As many of you will know, our Trust (Lighthouse Schools Partnership) send out an annual survey to parents and carers, seeking your views on a number of aspects of school life. The results of these surveys help schools to make adjustments, plan for the following year and ensure that parents' views, suggestions and wishes are taken into consideration. This survey will come out to you early this week (via a link on Studybugs) so please do look out for it.

And finally, the team of parents who organised the cake sale at the end of last term in aid of British Heart Foundation would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to support it. They raised a wonderful £160 for the charity and are very grateful!



'The Whiteoak Promise' - confirmed date for parent forum



Thank you very much to the parents and carers who expressed an interest in joining this term's forum to seek your views about our wider enrichment offer which includes trips, visits and extra-curricular activities. We can now confirm that this session will take place at school on **Wednesday 20th May at 6.00pm** and we would appreciate it if you could let us know (via the school email) if you are able to attend. We hope to have approximately 10 parents and it would be lovely to have representation from each year group, if possible.

Thank you very much in advance; we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you Brackenwood Garden Centre!

Our Reception children and staff team would like to say a huge thank you to Chris at Brackenwood Garden Centre who donated a buddleia to the Reception outdoor space. After having caterpillars in the classroom, the children were eager to build a habitat that would encourage butterflies to come and a 'butterfly bush' seemed a perfect addition!



WOWSA Summer Raffle

WOWSA are pleased to announce that tickets for this year's Summer Raffle will come with your child tomorrow (Monday 27th April) and cost £1 per ticket. You can buy the tickets yourself or sell them to friends and family with more tickets available at the school office, should you need more!

Please return the completed stubs and money in a sealed envelope to school office by Friday 15th May. Please also return all unsold tickets to the office for resale. There are some fantastic prizes to be won and winners will be contacted straight after the draw on Monday 18th May.

WOWSA presents...

£1 a ticket!

Summer Raffle

1st Prize: Ultimate Family Theme Park Day Out at Crealy
£100 gift card - perfect for a family of 4!

2nd Prize: Family movie night out
Cinema voucher and dine out voucher worth £50!

3rd Prize: Family bowling night out
Bowling voucher and dine out voucher worth £50!

Plus many more fantastic prizes donated by local businesses...

- ⚽ Tickets to any Bristol Rovers home league match
- 🏠 Wookey Hole family ticket for 4
- 🚀 Aerospace Bristol family ticket for 4
- 🏡 Court Farm family ticket for 4
- 🎯 Paintball Experience for 10 (Delta Force)
- 💄 £25 Beauty Voucher (The Beauty Rooms, Nailsea)
- 💇 Luxury Hair Care Bundle (Daniel Francis Hair, Backwell)
- 💇 Salon Voucher (Joi Salon, Nailsea)
- 🎮 £50 VR Gaming Experience Voucher (Active Reality, Portishead)
- 🏋️ 1 Month Gym Membership (@TheGym, Nailsea)
- ⚽ Football Holiday Camp Passes x2 (Priority Football)
- 🍷 Cider Gift Pack x2 (Thatchers)
- 🏊 Swim & Soft Play Pass (Scotch Horn Leisure Centre)
- 🏌️ Disc Golf Experience for 5 (Mendip Activity Centre)
- 🔫 Laser Tag Game Vouchers x2 (Laser Combat)

Support our school, win amazing family prizes!

Draw date: Mon 18th May 2026



Tesco blue and Waitrose green tokens!

WOWSA are also delighted to announce that we have been selected as one of the charities in both the Waitrose Community Matters (green tokens) scheme and the Tesco Stronger Starts (blue tokens) scheme. 🎉 If we receive the most votes, the funding will go towards:

Waitrose Community Matters: a shared bank of tablet computers for the school

Tesco Stronger Starts: resources for our classroom 'calming space's. When you visit Waitrose or Tesco, please pick up a token and vote for Whiteoak Way Schools Association (WOWSA). Every vote really makes a difference! Please also share this with family and friends to help us get as many votes as possible 🙌

Voting dates:

Waitrose - now until the end of June.

Tesco - from Tuesday 28th April until the end of July.

Thank you so much for your support!



Turn Nailsea Pink 2026!

Just a quick reminder that children are welcome to come to school wearing anything (or everything) pink this coming Friday (1st May) in return for any donation you are able to make to our community's 'Turn Nailsea Pink' cancer research fundraising event. The display you can see here is next to the main office window and contains a QR code that you can use to donate or there is also a pink donation box in which you can place any notes or coins. Thank you in advance for anything you are able to donate on Friday; everything helps.



Reminders

KS2 Choir - places available

There are still spaces available in our KS2 Choir which takes place straight after school on a Monday. Please do just email the main office if your child would like to join. The more the merrier!

Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers

Just a reminder that the above workshop was rescheduled by SWGfL and is now taking place on **Thursday 4th June 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!

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>

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Term 5

- 27 April - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Session for parents, 9.05am

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
- 4 June - Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers
- 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

Congratulations to the Tithe Tigers who were this week's house point winners! They are clearly on a roll but the overall points remain very close at the moment!

