



The Whiteoak Academies - Newsletter 26

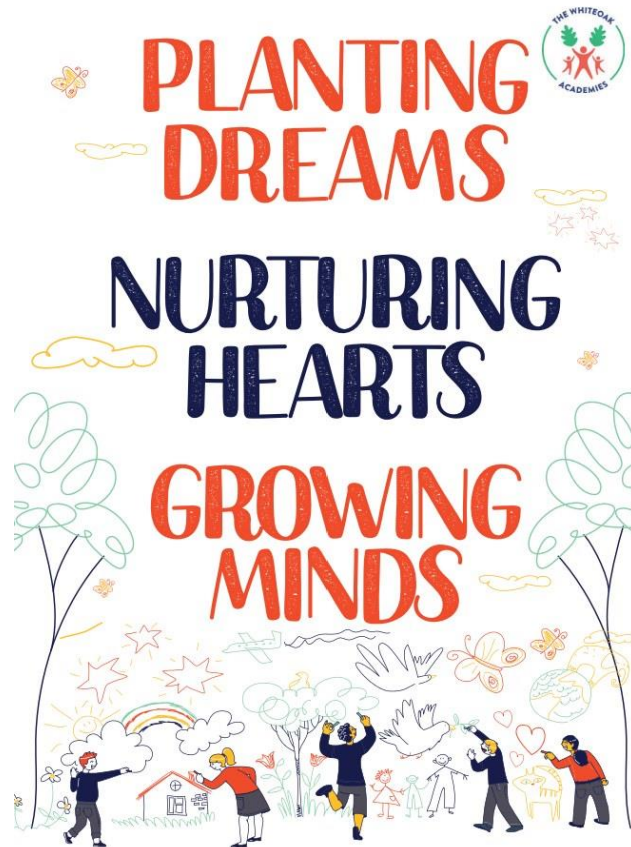
4th May 2026

Headteacher's Message

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are looking forward to their Sports Day tomorrow afternoon! The forecast looks promising so we will see you on the field for a 1.15pm start.

Thank you all for supporting the Cancer Research 'Turn Nailsea Pink' day on Friday last week. It was such a treat to see a mass of pink through the day and to gather the whole school in the hall for Celebration Assembly to share this together! Thank you to anyone who was able to donate; I know the organisation are thrilled that we take part each year.

I would also like to congratulate our KS2 Choir who performed in assembly on Friday afternoon in front of the whole school. They really do make a beautiful sound and I was very proud of them. It was the ultimate show of courage which is our value for this term; absolutely brilliant, well done!



'Courage' - our value for Term 5.



As I am sure many of you are aware, we explore one of our five school values each term (courage, friendship, belonging, kindness and resilience) and this term it is the turn of 'courage'. Throughout this term we will explore this value and help our children to develop courage by:

- Having a go, trying their hardest and trying new things; particularly the things they think they cannot do.
- Being honest.
 - Doing what they believe is right even when it is difficult.
 - Saying sorry when they need to and doing what they can to make things better.
 - Showing respect to everyone they meet even if they share different opinions or beliefs.

Maya Angelou says, 'Courage is the most important of virtues, because without courage, you cannot practise any of the other virtues consistently.'

Running Festival Success



Congratulations to some of our pupils who took part in a North Somerset running event last Thursday. All the children ran with lots of enthusiasm and positivity and Shannon (from Premier) was very proud of them. Their running distance was just under 1km (roughly) which in the wind and sun seemed like a tough challenge, but they all did brilliantly!

The Year 4 boys came first in their team relay. All the children were cheering each other on and showed amazing support for one another. Well done everyone!

WOWSA Summer Raffle

There is still plenty of time to buy your tickets for the WOWSA summer raffle. The prizes really do look great and we have seen many stubs coming into the office throughout the week; thank you for all the effort you are going to with this, it is much appreciated.

Please return any 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. Don't forget that the raffle will be drawn on Monday 18th May.

A colorful poster for the WOWSA Summer Raffle. The background is purple with festive decorations like bunting and streamers. The title 'Summer Raffle' is written in a large, playful font. A small badge in the top right corner says '£1 a ticket!'. The poster lists three main prizes and a list of smaller prizes donated by local businesses. At the bottom, it says 'Support our school, win amazing family prizes!' and 'Draw date: Mon 18th May 2026'.

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)

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Draw date: Mon 18th May 2026

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ticket!

Summer Raffle

- Tickets will come home with your child (10 per child)
- £1 per ticket – buy them yourself or sell to friends and family!
- More tickets are available at the school office if you want them
- Return the completed stubs and money in a sealed envelope to the school office BY 4pm on Friday 15th May.
- Please also return all unsold tickets to the school office for re-sale
- Winners will be contacted straight after the draw on Monday 18th May

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Backwell Athletic Summer Football session for girls



BACKWELL ATHLETIC JFC
SUMMER SESSIONS
FOR GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 1-4



Saturdays 30 May - 11 July, 10-11am
Backwell playing fields

We're looking for the next group of players
and coaches to join Backwell Athletic JFC

Only £1 for all sessions

Email: letgirlsplay@backwellathleticjfc.org
Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/yc73k3t2>

New and expanding -
U7 U8 U9 and U10
girls teams for start
of 2026/27 season



Backwell Athletic Junior Football Club are looking for the next group of players and coaches to join the club and have Saturday morning sessions for girls in Year 1 to Year 4 starting on 30th May. For more information or to book your child a place, please email letgirlsplay@backwellathleticjfc.org or click the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc73k3t2>.

Nailsea Community Day - Saturday 9th May



One of our school parents is on a mission, can you help?!

⚽ Got a football shirt or kit you no longer need? I'd love to give it a second life! I am working to make football more sustainable and accessible for everyone, raising money for grassroots football and supporting great charitable causes along the way.

🌱 I am collecting any kits or tops —new or used, club, international, retro or current, in any size or age group. Adults and Children.

🏆 If you would like to donate or find out more, please get in touch. Happy to collect locally. Let's make football more accessible, one shirt at a time! 💙

Sally Taylor

taylor999@hotmail.co.uk

Please also see the flyer here for details of this year's Family Fun Day on Saturday 9th May - it promises to be lots of fun!

Reminders



Hannah More Sports Day (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) - tomorrow!

We are really looking forward to the first of our Sports Days tomorrow for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For those of you able to join us, please do come to the Hannah More gate for 1.00pm ready for a 1.15pm start on the field. Keep your fingers crossed for a dry afternoon!

Waitrose and Tesco 'tokens'

Just a reminder that WOWSA 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

Upcoming Events





Term 5

May

- 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
- 18 May - WOWSA Raffle Draw
- 19 May - WOWSA Spring Disco for Reception, Year 3 & Year 4
- 21 May - Charleston performance from Reception, 9.10am on Grove playground
- 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, 6.00pm
- 11, 12, 18 & 19 June - Year 6 Bikeability

- 18 June - Year 1 to visit 'Pop Ins'
- 19 June - National Thank a Teacher Day!
- 20 June - WOWSA Summer Fair
- 24 June - New Reception parents' meeting, 6.00pm
- 25 & 26 June - Year 6 Bikeability
- 30 June - Backwell Secondary Induction Day

July

- 2 & 3 July - Year 6 Bikeability
- 2 July - Class photos
- 3 July - WOWSA 'Rags to Riches' clothing collection
- 9 July - Nailsea Secondary Induction Day
- 9 July - Whole school 'Move Up Morning'
- 14 July - French Day
- 20 July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 22 July - Last day of term

Housepoint Celebrations

Congratulations to the Trendlewood Wolves who were this week's house point winners! As we often talk about how the houses change throughout the term, I thought I'd share the current picture for the year to date. This is the last slide that we share in Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon and it always causes great excitement! The upcoming Sports Weeks will result in points for each house as the children work together and take part as a team; always a real privilege to see them supporting and cheering each other on!



TRENDLEWOOD
WOLVES

Year to Date

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	8205