



The Whiteoak Academies - Newsletter 27

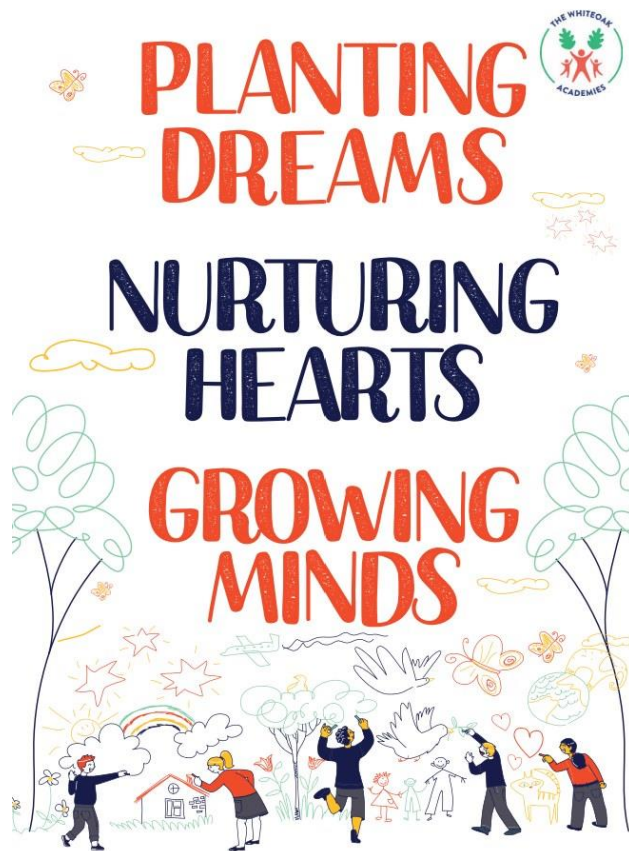
10th May 2026

Headteacher's Message

I hope you have had a lovely weekend and our Hannah More pupils have recovered from a whole week of sport last week! Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday afternoon was a real joy and it was clear that the children loved taking part. Thank you to Mrs Weaver and the whole Hannah More staff team for the slick organisation that enabled the whole event to run so smoothly! Thank you also to the parents, carers and family members who joined us, it was loved to see so many of you there. (Keep reading for a selection of Sports Week photos.)

I have added a new section to the newsletter this week entitled: 'What you need to do this week'. It is designed to give you a quick reminder of things you might need to do, book or organise over the next few days. Do let me know if it is helpful!

And finally, do enjoy the sea of pink from our 'Turn Nailsea Pink Day' in the photo below. Have a lovely week!



What you need to do this week:



1. Book your child a ticket for the **WOWSA Spring Discos** on 19th and/or 21st May, if they would like to go.
2. Return your WOWSA **raffle tickets** to the office by this Friday.
3. **Year 6 parents** - add the dates for the two performances of the end of year musical to your diaries! Tuesday 14th July @ 1.45pm and Wednesday 15th July @ 6.00pm.

Good luck Year 6!



We would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they begin their SATS tests this week. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, and through the whole of their KS2 journey, and we are extremely proud of the determination and positive attitude they have shown. SATS are just one opportunity for our young people to show some of

what they have learned and we know they will do their very best, which is all we can ask. Good luck Year 6, we think you are amazing and know you will show real courage this week!

A selection of Hannah More Sports Week photos









Mixing classes for next year

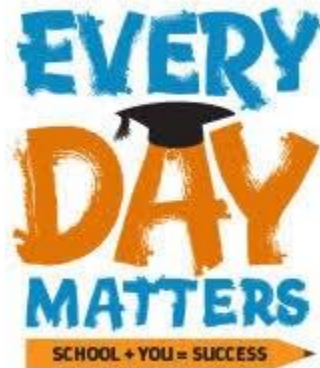
As we begin planning for the next academic year, I would just like to remind you that we will be mixing the current **Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5** classes ready for September, as outlined in the class arrangements letter shared last summer. This is now our established pattern and will take place annually in these year groups. As a two-form entry school, we are in the fortunate position of being able to do this, and we believe there are many benefits for the children. Mixing classes helps to develop confidence, independence and resilience, while also allowing children to build new friendships and strengthen relationships across the wider year group. It also supports us in creating balanced classes that best meet the needs of all learners.

In addition, as a one-off this year, we will also be mixing the **current Year 4** classes. This year group has not previously experienced being remixed, and we feel it will be a very positive opportunity for the children as they move into Year 5 and Year 6 together. They will not then be remixed again the following year and will complete the remainder of their primary journey in these new class groups.

As teachers begin this process, they take into consideration a whole range of factors, including the balance of different learning needs, groups of children that work well together and, importantly, the children's friendships. We ask the children for their views as part of this process and use these to help create the new groups. The new classes will be ready in time for Move Up Morning on Thursday 9th July and will be shared with both you and the children just prior to this day.

If you have any questions about the process, please do ask one of the class teachers or catch Mrs Reyes on the gate one morning or afternoon (or send a message via the school email).

Term Time Holidays



We would like to remind all families about the importance of children attending school every day and avoiding term-time holidays wherever possible. We have seen a significant increase in holiday requests recently, and while we understand that family time is important, every day in school really does matter. Lessons are carefully planned as part of a sequence of learning, and missing even a few days can make it difficult for children to keep up and fully understand new concepts. Catching up can be challenging for children and can also impact their confidence and progress. In addition, processing the growing number of holiday requests takes a considerable amount of senior leader and administrative time. We greatly appreciate your support in helping us ensure that all children are in school, learning and thriving every day.

Premier Sports Half Term Holiday Clubs



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Venue: Hannah More & Grove School - Nailsea

Dates: Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

Times: 9-3:30 (Extended day booking 8:15-5pm available online)

Price: £22.75

Ages: 5-11 (4 year-olds can attend half day 9-1pm)

Additional info:



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this May as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

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PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



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After School Clubs for Term 6



In partnership with Premier Sports, we will be offering a Cricket Club to Year 3 and Year 4 after school on a Tuesday and a Football Club to children in Reception to Year 3 on a Friday after school. Please look out for the link to book a space on these in the next few days.

Reminders



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. Do encourage friends and family to pop their tokens in over the next few weeks!

Play equipment in the Hannah More playground

Please remember that this equipment cannot be played on at the start and end of the school day as it is not properly supervised by school staff at these times. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this, we know it is tempting but we aren't within our risk assessment guidelines before and after school!

Upcoming Events



Term 5

May

- 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
- 14 July - Year 6 production, 1.45pm performance
- 15 July - Year 6 production, 6.00pm performance
- 20 July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 22 July - Last day of term

Housepoint Celebrations

Congratulations to the Tithe Tigers who were last week's house point winners! Both the Hannah More and the Grove Sports Weeks add more points to the overall totals so anything could happen by the end of this term!



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