



# The Whiteoak Academies - Newsletter 28

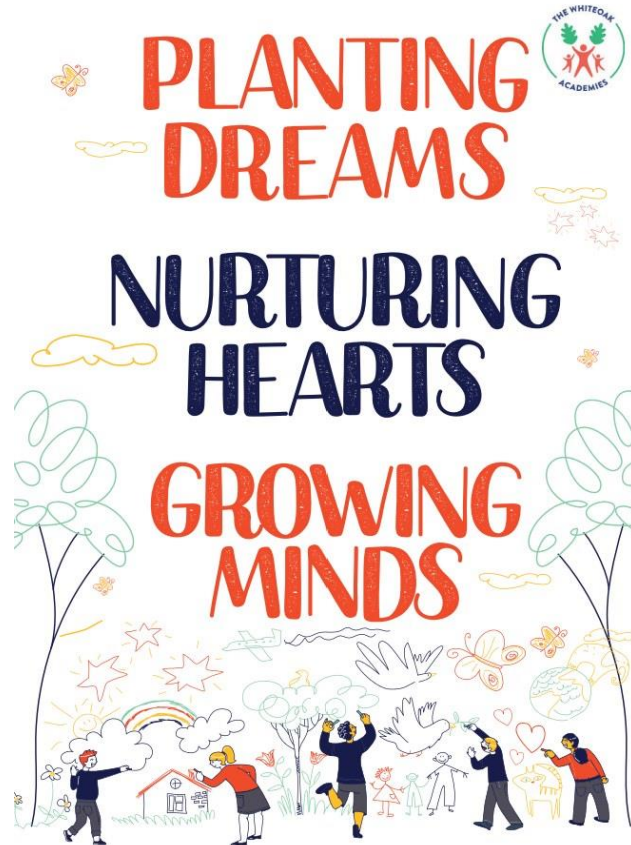
17th May 2026

## Headteacher's Message

I hope you have had a lovely weekend and enjoyed some sunshine today before tomorrow's downpour! We were frustrated to have to postpone the Grove Sports Days planned for tomorrow but a new date will be coming out to you very soon.

Thank you to the parents who caught me on the gate last week to give some feedback on the new 'What you need to do this week' box. It definitely appears to be a helpful addition so we will continue with it. Please do let me know if there is ever anything else you would like to see in the newsletter; it is my aim for it to be what you need and would like to read and see each week.

Despite the change to their actual Sports Day, our Grove pupils will still enjoy a week of sporting activities, many of which can take place in the hall or between the rain showers. Thank you again to Mrs Weaver and the team for putting the timetable together; children will experience fencing, lacrosse, cricket, dance, speed stacking, disc sport and tug of war through the week - brilliant.



What you need to do this week:



1. Keep an eye out for the **new Sports Day date for Years 3 - 6**. This will be with you in the next day or so.

2. Note the **2027-2028 term dates** for your diaries. (Scroll down to see the list.)
3. **If your child is in Reception**, pop in to see their performance of the Charleston at 9.10am this Thursday on the Grove playground.
4. Remember that **Monday 1st June is an INSET day** and children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.
5. Remember that our **Online Safety Workshop for parents** is taking place on Thursday 4th June at 6.00pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Well done Year 6!



Congratulations to all of Year 6 for the fantastic effort and determination they showed during last week's SATs. They approached every challenge with courage, resilience and a positive attitude, and should all feel incredibly proud of themselves. The hard work, perseverance and maturity demonstrated throughout the week were truly impressive. No matter the outcome, they have shown just how capable and determined they are — well done, Year 6!

We had some very kind parent, pupil and local supermarket donations that supported the much loved 'SATs breakfast' each day and the photos here show some of the goodies being enjoyed! You can also see the children in their new 'Leavers' hoodies celebrating the end of SATs with the Friday Noggins tradition! Thank you to WOWSA for funding this treat and for kindly delivering it.





## Reception trip to Noah's Ark

What a wonderful day we had! It started with an exciting coach journey, singing songs and the children starting a chant as they neared Noah's Ark! (Anyone would think they were excited for their day out...)

We saw so many animals who were very much on top form, especially the gibbons who wanted to sing at the tops of their voices! We took part in a habitats workshop where we discussed and learned about many different habitats. We then had the opportunity to hold Colin (the Madagascan hissing cockroach) and tickle Hattie (the Horsfield tortoise), as well as explore animal artefacts. We were also very lucky to observe a huge crane and a large lorry and crate leaving the site. This was a top-secret mission and the departure of Shaka, the elephant. This event meant that we could not take part in the usual tractor ride but all the children received a beautiful notebook and pencil as a surprise gift from Noah's Ark - thank you to the team there!

The children were outstanding and represented our school wonderfully. We were extremely proud of them all. *Mrs Worsley.*



## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Just a reminder to parents and children that our trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are available to help and support pupils during playtimes and lunchtimes. The children can be easily

identified with their 'ABA' badges are always happy to listen, help and support anyone who may need them. We are very proud of the kindness, responsibility and care they show across our school.

## Term dates for 2027-2028



Term 1 - Wednesday 1st September to Friday 22nd October 2027

Term 2 - Monday 1st November to Friday 17th December 2027

Term 3 - Tuesday 4th January to Friday 11th February 2028

Term 4 - Monday 21st February to Friday 31st March 2028

Term 5 - Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May 2028

Term 6 - Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July 2028

INSET dates for these terms will be set in early 2027 and shared with you as soon as we have them.

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**Whiteoak Way Schools Association  
(WOWSA)**

Calming Spaces

Resources for our school calming spaces to help children  
develop the skills they need to identify how they are feeling, and  
communicate this with people who can help.

Nailsea

Vote in-store until 31 July 2026



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Just a little reminder to keep popping those tokens in both Tesco and Waitrose at the moment. The Tesco one is looking pretty good and every token helps!

## Upcoming Events



**SPRING DISCOS**

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

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

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

## Term 5

### May

- 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
- 12 June - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
- 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 Glasswork Grizzlies who were last week's house point winners! We will be adding all the points from this week's Grove sports activities to the overall totals so there is still much to aim for.