



The Whiteoak Academies - Newsletter 30

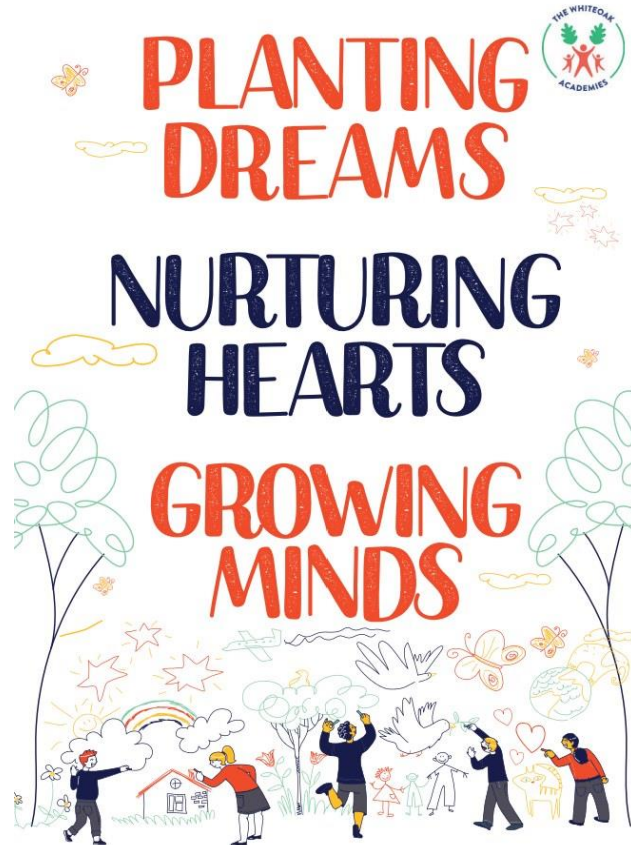
7th June 2026

Headteacher's Message

Thank you to everyone who came to Thursday evening's Online Safety Workshop for parents. It was great to see such a good turn out and to be able to spend time thinking about how we keep our children safe online. The speaker shared some really helpful resources for parents which are listed in a section below, please do have a look at these and let us know if there is anything else in particular you would like support with.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your patience regarding the one-way system and new gates around school. You will have seen that these still aren't finished and I recognise this is frustrating and still causes some tight spots at the end of the day. We have been reassured that the wider gate in the Grove playground will be installed this week and I have everything crossed that this will be the case.

Thank you also to the parents that joined myself and Miss Flemming at our parent forum to talk about our enrichment and wider curriculum offer just before half term. It was great to hear your ideas and to understand what is important to you and your children. We talked about including more musical opportunities across the school year, introducing some lunchtime clubs for children to join and the idea of an overnight camping experience for our Year 4 classes on the school field! We will keep you up to date on all these ideas.



What you need to do this week:



1. Remember that WOWSA's **'Frozen Friday'** ice lolly sales continue each week now. These are in the Hannah More playground at pick up time on a Friday.

2. If your child is in **Year 6**, please note the timings for their events on the last day of term (Wednesday 22nd July).
3. Email Miss Kerlogue (Year 6 teacher and maths lead) if you would like to contribute to the development of a '**Maths Shed**' for our youngest children - intake19@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk.
4. If your child is in **Year 5**, don't forget they need a packed lunch for their Bristol Zoo Project trip this Thursday.
5. If your child is in **Year 3**, check what they might need for their Ancient Egypt curriculum day this Friday.

Online safety resources for parents

Below are some of the websites shared in the online safety workshop last Thursday:

[South West Grid for Learning](#) - resources and advice for parents

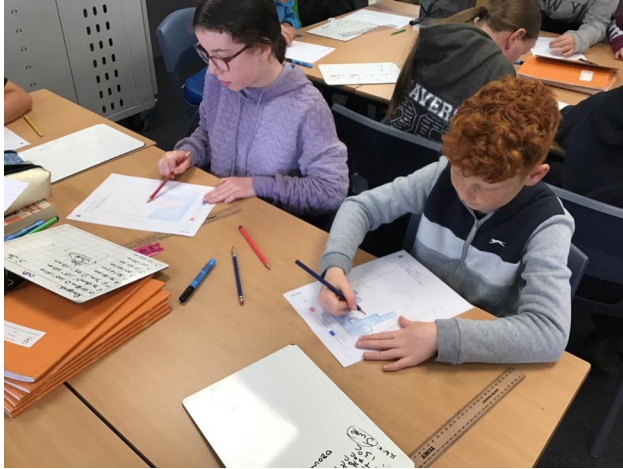
[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - excellent for a parents' guide to different technology

[Childnet](#) - very helpful guides and where to report specific online concerns

[PEGI](#) - a website that will help parents know which online games are age appropriate for children

Our curriculum in action

Year 6 took their science curriculum outside last week as they modelled how oxygen is transported around the body by the circulatory system. They also researched potential holiday destinations in their maths lesson, finding out about temperature and rainfall and creating graphs to show this. It's always good to help our young people see the real-life purpose behind the learning that we do!





'Lockdown' Practice

Last week, pupils and staff took part in a planned lockdown practice. Just as we regularly practise fire drills, schools are also advised to rehearse lockdown procedures so that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to remain safely inside the building. The practice was carried out calmly and sensitively, with children responding brilliantly to staff instructions. We are pleased to report that the drill was completed successfully and provided a valuable opportunity to review our procedures. We hope this reassures families that the safety and wellbeing of our pupils remains our highest priority.

Annual Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. We are extremely grateful for the high level of engagement and for the many positive comments shared about different aspects of school life, particularly the dedication, care and hard work of our staff team. We are delighted that, across almost every question, over 90% of responses were either 'Agree' or 'Strongly Agree'. While it is encouraging to see such positive feedback, we also value the constructive comments and suggestions that have been made. Over the coming weeks, we will take time to analyse the results thoroughly and carefully consider all feedback as we continue to develop and improve the school for our children and families.

WOWSA Reminders

The Whiteoak Academies,
BS48 4YZ

School Summer fair

12-2

**SATURDAY
20TH JUNE**

BBQ, glitter tattoos, ice cream van,
games, stalls, forest school,
rock project plus much more

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!

WOWSA NEEDS YOU!

BIG IMPACT. SMALL TIME COMMITMENT.

JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM

Our PTA is a registered charity run by volunteers. We raise funds, support our school and create amazing experiences for our children.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

JUST ENTHUSIASM, TEAMWORK AND A LOVE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING ROLES TO FILL!

CHAIR Our team leader and big picture thinker. You'll help guide the PTA, support the team and chair meetings. YOU LEAD, WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!	VICE CHAIR The right hand person to the Chair. You'll support, step in when needed and help keep everything moving. A SUPPORTING ROLE WITH BIG IMPACT!	TREASURER Look after our money, manage budgets and help us make every pound count for our school. NUMBERS + PURPOSE = PERFECT MATCH	SECRETARY Keep us organised and connected. You'll take notes, keep records and help everything run smoothly. ORGANISED, RELIABLE AND TOTALLY VALUED!	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER Share the news and celebrate our successes. You'll keep our community in the loop and involved. CREATIVE, CONNECTED AND THE VOICE OF OUR PTA!	GRANTS OFFICER Find funding opportunities and help secure grants to support our school and big projects. RESEARCH, WRITE, FUND OUR FUTURE!
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Together we can do incredible things for our children!

JOIN US AT OUR AGM!

DATE: Wednesday 1st July 2026
TIME: 7pm
LOCATION: Hannah More Hall
Come along, hear more and get involved!

EVERY ROLE MAKES A DIFFERENCE. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Thank you for supporting our school community!

Congratulations Callum!



Huge congratulations to one of our Year 5 pupils, Callum, who has been selected for the under 12 boys South West Saxons squad for touch rugby. He will be playing in the National Junior Championships in August and we can't wait to hear how he gets on. Well done Callum, what a fantastic achievement!

Upcoming Events





Term 6

June

- 12 June - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
- 11, 12, 18 & 19 June - Year 6 Bikeability
- 11 June - Year 5 to Bristol Zoo Project
- 18 June - Year 1 to visit 'Pop Ins'
- 19 June - National Thank a Teacher Day!
- 20 June - WOWSA Summer Fair, 12.00 - 2.00pm (11.30am quiet entry)
- 24 June - Year 1 to Weston Museum
- 24 June - New Reception parents' meeting, 6.00pm
- 25 & 26 June - Year 6 Bikeability
- 30 June - Backwell Secondary Induction Day

July

- 1 July - WOWSA AGM, 7.00pm at school
- 1 July - Class photos
- 2 & 3 July - Year 6 Bikeability
- 2 July - Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain
- 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
- 15 July - Teddy Bears' Picnic for new Reception families, 1.30pm
- 14 July - Year 6 production, 1.45pm performance
- 15 July - Year 6 production, 6.00pm performance
- 15 July - Annual Pupil Reports to parents
- 20 July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 22 July - Year 6 Leavers' Service to families, 9.30am
- 22 July - Year 6 'red carpet' departure from school, 3.00pm
- 22 July - Last day of term and treat for winning house!

Housepoint Celebrations



Congratulations to Tithe Tigers who were last week's house point winners. It was a super close week again!