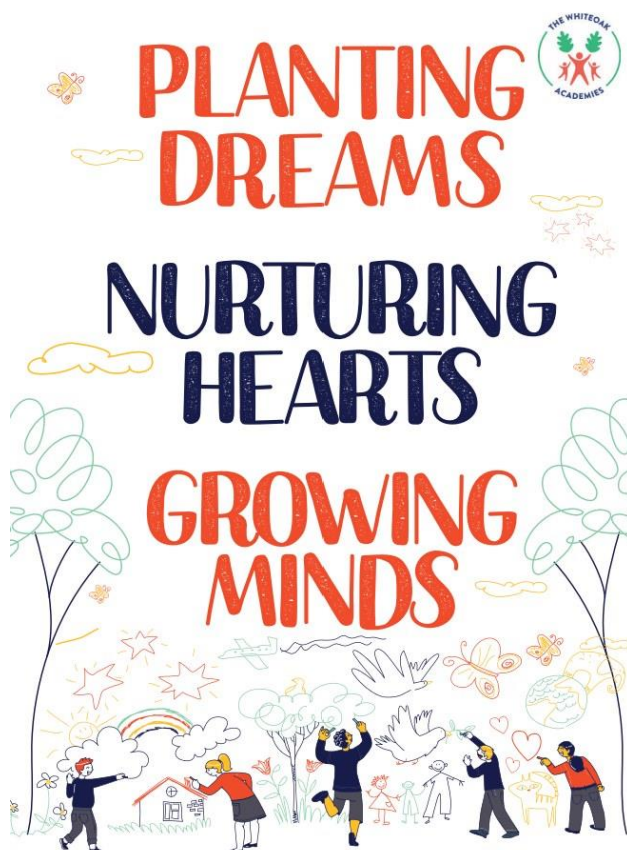




The Whiteoak Academies - Newsletter 1

6th September 2026

Headteacher's Message



Welcome back!

I do hope you have all had a good summer break and the children are looking forward to coming back tomorrow. The staff team spent Thursday and Friday last week taking part in various training sessions to prepare for the new year and are now really excited to see the children in the morning!

This term, our school value is **belonging** which is a perfect value to begin the new school year. As you will see as you read on below, we would like to take the time to welcome families into our classrooms and introduce them to their child's new teacher; something we hope will help everyone feel part of our school community from the very start.

As we get back to our normal school routines, please also find below a few reminders and notes for the new year. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the main school email (school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk) if there is anything you would like to share, ask or discuss.

What you need to do this week:



1. Ensure the children are in their classrooms by 8.50am each day so that they don't miss any of the start of their learning and the opportunity to greet their teacher at the door.
2. Look out for booking details of our extra-curricular after school clubs which will start week commencing Monday 14th September. (See one of the sections below for information.)
3. Check you have the remaining INSET days in your calendar (see below).
4. Check your child has the right school uniform for both PE and non PE days. The [School Uniform page](#) of our website will help with this.

Come and see the classroom

We would like to invite parents and carers to pop into their child's new classroom and meet their teacher after school. To give as many people as possible an opportunity to attend, we are offering two dates: **Friday 11th September** and **Monday 14th September**. **Please feel free to choose whichever date is most convenient for you; there is no need to attend both.** This will be a lovely opportunity to help you feel connected to your child's new class and to begin building a positive relationship with their new teacher.

The classrooms will be open from **3.20pm until 3.45pm** on both days, and we would love to see you there!

Start of the day reminders

As a back to school reminder, the start of the day is as follows:

- Hannah More and Grove **gates open at 8.40am.**
- **Classrooms open at 8.45am** (teaching staff start greeting and working with children from this time).
- Children to be in class by 8.50am.
- Both **gates closed at 8.55am.**

It really helps children to feel part of a class and to benefit from individual conversations and support with teaching staff if they arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am. If your child arrives after 8.55am and is therefore late, please take them to the office to sign them in. Thank you.

After School Clubs



This term, we will be offering the following extra-curricular after school clubs:

- Monday - Netball for Year 5 and 6 (starting 21st September)

- Tuesday - Gymnastics for Year 3 and Year 4
- Wednesday - Choir for Year 2 - Year 6
- Thursday - Girls' Football for Year 3 - Year 6
- Friday - Craft Club for Year 2 - Year 6
- Friday - Football for Year 1 - Year 4

Many of these clubs are in conjunction with Premier Education and we are really grateful to them for helping us to offer a range of after school clubs. Please be assured that clubs will change year groups throughout the year.

Please look out for booking details and information via Studybugs early this week.

INSET days 2026-2027

Just a reminder that the dates below are the remaining INSET dates (school closure days) for this academic year:

- Friday 20th November 2026
- Friday 15th January 2027
- Monday 22nd February 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027

These, plus all term dates, can be found on the ['Term Dates'](#) page of our website.

Upcoming Events



Term 1 - 'Belonging'

- 7 September - children return to school
- 11th September - Come and see the classroom
- 14th September - Come and see the classroom
- 14th September - After school clubs start
- 18 September - Prospective parents' tour (children starting school September 2027), 9.15am
- 30 September - Prospective parents' tour (children starting school September 2027), 9.15am
- 5 October - WOWSA 'Rags to Riches' clothing collection
- 7 - 10 October - Year 6 on residential camp
- 12 October - Prospective parents' tour (children starting school September 2027), 9.15am
- 23 October - Last day of Term 1

Term 2 - 'Courage'

- 2nd November - Children return to school
- 5 November - Prospective parents' tour (children starting school September 2027), 1.45pm
- 16 November - Road Safety Week
- 20 November - INSET Day