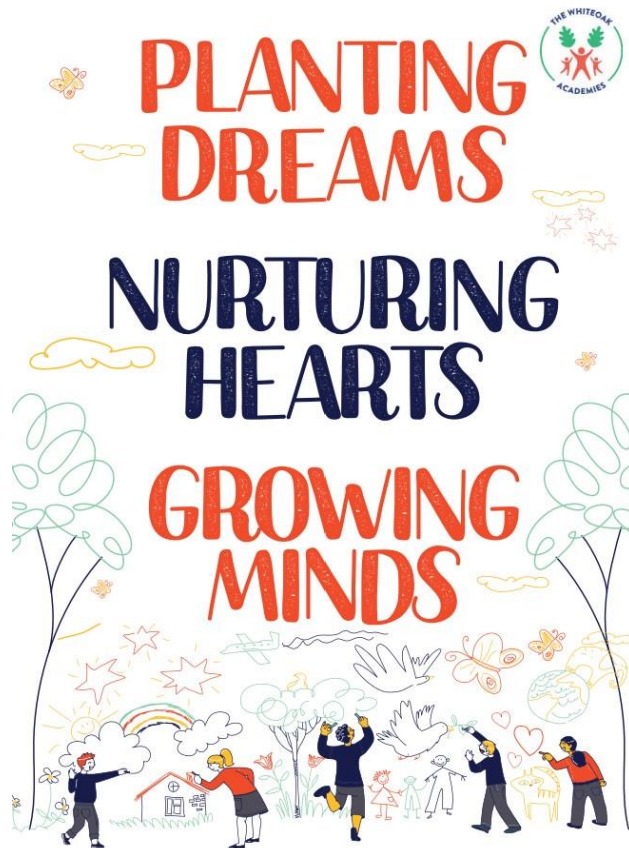


# The Whiteoak Academies      Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Message



I hope the children had a good first few days back at school last week, it was lovely to see them all again and to hear their holiday news. We are very proud of how well they have settled into new classes, many with new teachers and new friendship groups. As you will see later in the newsletter, our value this term is 'belonging' and there was definitely a sense of that last week across the whole school.

We welcome some new members of our staff team this term:

Mrs Healey is teaching Rowan class in Year 5; Miss Guldede is teaching Oak class in Year 6 on a Monday and Tuesday; Mrs Blight is teaching Foxes in Year 1 on a Friday; Mrs Henry is teaching Honeybees in Reception on a Monday; and we welcome Mrs McDougall to our wider Reception team at the beginning of the week. It is lovely to have you on the team everyone!

I would also like to say a huge welcome to all our new Reception children. They start their school journey full time from tomorrow and have already settled so well! Myself and our two Assistant Heads (Miss Kerlogue on a Monday and Tuesday and Miss Flemming Wednesday to Friday) will be on one of the gates every morning so please do not hesitate to come and catch one of us if there is anything you would like to talk about or ask - nothing is too small!

We have also welcomed some new families in other year groups this term - please do look out for them at the start and end of the day.

I hope you all have a good week,

Mrs Reyes

### What you need to do this week:



1. Continue to ensure your 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. This is making a real difference so far, thank you!
2. Remember that all after school clubs start this week, with the exception of Netball for Year 5 & 6 which is next Monday.
3. Have a look at the WOWSA events calendar for the year and add the key dates to your diary. (Thank you for providing these dates so early WOWSA!)
4. Please remember that dogs must not be brought onto the school site, including at drop-off and collection times. We also ask that parents and carers do not vape anywhere on the school site. Thank you.

## Our value this term - 'Belonging'



This term, our whole-school value is **Belonging**. We want every child to feel that they are a valued, respected and important part of our school community, while also recognising and celebrating what makes each of us unique. Throughout the term, children will explore the meaning of belonging through our weekly assemblies and PSHE sessions, thinking about how we can include others, show kindness and respect, celebrate differences and help everyone to feel that they belong. We will encourage children to consider not only how they feel a sense of belonging, but also the important role they can play in helping others feel welcome, accepted and part of our community.

### Drop off arrangements at the start of the day

The children did a fantastic job of settling into new routines and classes last week and are now familiar with their classrooms, teachers and the routes they need to take at the start of the day. We would like to encourage them to become increasingly independent and so from this week onwards, please can we aim for the following:

- **Years 4, 5 and 6:** Children should make their own way around to their classrooms. Parents, please say goodbye outside the Year 3 classrooms and allow your child to continue independently.
- **Years 1 and 2:** Please aim to say goodbye to your child in the Hannah More playground and allow them to walk up to their classroom independently.
- **A little patience:** We appreciate that it may take a few days for some children to get used to this new routine. We will support and encourage any children who need a little extra reassurance as they develop their confidence and independence.

- **A calm start to the day:** The beginning of the school day is an important time for teachers and children to greet one another, settle into the classroom and get started with learning. To help us make the most of this time, please keep conversations with teachers at the start of the day to a minimum.
- **Messages and conversations:** If you need to speak to your child's teacher, the best time is at the end of the school day. Alternatively, please use your child's year group email or the school office email so that we can respond appropriately.

Thank you for your support in helping the children to become more independent and ensuring that the school day gets off to a calm and purposeful start.

### **Drinking facilities at lunchtime - KS2 (Years 3 - 6)**

Just to reassure new Year 3 parents and carers, children in KS2 are able to take their water bottles into the dining hall at lunchtime and don't need to bring a separate drink if they are having a packed lunch. There are also cups and jugs of water readily available for all children.

# WOWSA Events Calendar

Stronger Together for Our School

**WOWSA**

2026/2027 Events

OUR SCHOOL ♥ OUR COMMUNITY ♥ BRIGHTER TOGETHER

Small Events Make a Big Difference

### SEPTEMBER

- Friday 18th September: Wonka bars

### OCTOBER

- Monday 5th October: Rags2Riches
- Friday 9th October: Break the Rules
- Friday 23rd October: Uniform sale

### NOVEMBER

- Tuesday 24th November: Reception, Year 3 and 4 discos
- Thursday 26th November: Year 1 and 2 and Year 5 and 6 discos

### DECEMBER

- Wednesday 2nd December: Wreath making
- Saturday 5th December: Winter event
- Friday 11th December: Hot chocolate Friday
- Friday 18th December: Hot chocolate Friday and Uniform sale

### JANUARY

- Monday 18th January: Rags2Riches

### FEBRUARY

- Friday 12th February: Valentine cake and uniform sale

### MARCH

- Tuesday 16th March: Reception and Year 3 and 4 discos
- Thursday 18th March: Year 1 and 2 and Year 5 and 6 discos
- Thursday 25th March: Uniform sale

### APRIL

### MAY

- Wednesday 19th May: Summer raffle draw
- Friday 28th May: Break the rules
- Friday 28th May: Uniform sale

### JUNE

- Tuesday 8th June: Rags2Riches
- Saturday 12th June: Potential summer event date
- Saturday 19th June: Potential summer event date

### JULY

- Saturday 3rd July: Nailsea carnival school entry
- Friday 16th July: Year 2 leavers disco
- Monday 19th July: Year 6 leavers disco
- Friday 25th July: Uniform sale

Amazing Things Happen Together

The running of these events rely on us having enough volunteers to do so – some events may be cancelled if we don't have enough volunteers

## Please park and drive safely around school



We need to remind all parents and carers that **parking and driving around school at drop-off and pick-up times must be safe, legal and considerate.**

Please do not block residents' driveways, park in a way that obstructs pavements, or stop where your vehicle creates a danger to children, pedestrians or other road users. In particular, the zebra crossing and zig-zag markings outside school must be kept clear. Stopping or parking in these areas puts children at unnecessary risk.

We understand that the roads can be busy, but this is not an excuse for dangerous or inconsiderate parking or driving. Please be prepared to park a little further away and walk the remaining distance if necessary. We have already received concerns about driving and parking around school this term and we ask everyone to take responsibility for making the area safer.

Do remember that dangerous, illegal or concerning driving and parking can be reported directly to Avon and Somerset Police: [Report an issue to Avon and Somerset Police – Nailsea](#). Reports help the police to identify recurring problems and consider what action may be appropriate.

Please remember: getting your child safely to and from school must come before convenience. Thank you for helping us to keep our children, families and local residents safe.

## Local community events, clubs and opportunities



**The Rock Project**  
School of Rock & Pop

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**FREE 2H TASTER SESSION**

**ROCK OUT AT OUR NAILSEA SESSION!**

**EVERY MONDAY @ THE WHITEOAK ACADEMIES / 4.15PM**

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Bookings open now

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DJ & Music Production times

- Saturdays - Backwell - from 9.30am
- Mondays - Little Stoke - from 6.30pm
- Wednesdays - Bath - from 5.45pm



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# BEAVERS OPEN EVENING

Spaces available now for boys & girls aged 6-8

Come along and try Beavers @ 2nd Nailsea Scout Group



**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**6 - 7PM**

Please bring an adult!  
6pm at 2nd Nailsea Scout HQ,  
Hanhamore Road.

For more information contact: [Toni.jacobs@2ndnailseascoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:Toni.jacobs@2ndnailseascoutgroup.org.uk)



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## The Little Bird

Saturday 3rd October at 10.30am  
St Andrew's Church, Backwell



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### MONDAYS

7:30PM-8:30PM: YEARS 5-9 GIRLS ONLY  
8:30PM-9:30PM: YEARS 10,11 & 12

### TUESDAYS

6PM-7PM: YEARS 3, 4 & 5  
7PM-8PM: YEARS 6 & 7  
8PM-9PM: YEARS 8 & 9

**FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE**



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## Upcoming Events



### Term 1 - 'Belonging'

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

### Term 2 - 'Courage'

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

- 24 November - Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 Winter Discos
- 26 November - Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 Winter Discos
- 2 December - Wreath making (workshop for adults)
- 5 December - WOWSA Winter event
- 18 December - Hot Chocolate Friday and Uniform Sale after school
- 18 December - Last day of Term 2