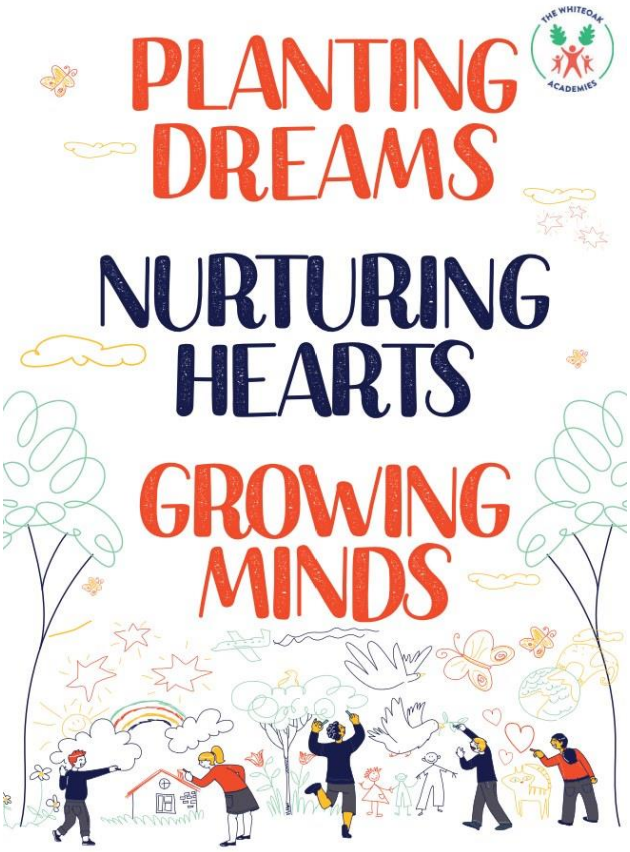


The Whiteoak Academies Newsletter 6

Headteacher's Message



What another great week we have had at school. It has been wonderful to see some of our youngest children (Year 1) making the most of our newly upgraded IT suite and enjoying their learning in this fantastic space.

On Friday morning, we were delighted to welcome many of our new Reception parents into school for a Fine Motor Skills workshop. It was lovely to see the hall full of parents and children working together, exploring activities and developing the fine motor skills that are so important for early writing and learning. Thank you to everyone who joined us! I know the Reception team are looking forward to the second workshop this coming Friday.

Having asked for your feedback on the timing of this weekly newsletter, many parents told us that Sunday was a good time to receive it as it helps families to prepare for the week ahead. We are always keen to hear your views, though, so please do get in touch via school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk if you have a different preference or any ideas for what you would like to see included in future newsletters.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely week ahead.

Mrs Reyes

What you need to do this week:



1. If your child is in Year 2 to Year 5, you are very welcome to join us at **this Wednesday's Times Tables Parent Meeting** in the Hannah More hall at 6.00pm.
2. If your child is in Year 3, don't forget they have their **Stone Age day** this Friday (16th)! Children are welcome to come in Stone Age costumes, if they wish.
3. Pop in to the main office to check the new lost property basket for any missing items.
4. If your child is in Year 6, don't forget that the deadline for completing the application for secondary school is Saturday 31st October (the end of half term).

Thank you WOWSA!

A huge thank you to WOWSA for responding so generously to last week's plea for new plants! Thanks to their kindness, we now have the funds to purchase everything we need to transform the circular bed in the Quad area. Our new School Council met last week to make the final design decisions, so we're now ready to bring their ideas to life and create a lovely new space for everyone to enjoy.

We are so grateful for the continued support of WOWSA and all parents and carers and can't wait to share the finished flowerbed with you!



Please help us make every moment of the week count

A quick reminder that we ask parents **not to collect children early on a Friday afternoon** unless absolutely necessary. Friday afternoon is when we bring children from all year groups together to celebrate the children's learning, recognise their achievements and reflect on how they have demonstrated our school values. It is a lovely way to end the week and to strengthen our sense of belonging as a community. Please book dentist appointments and other non-urgent activities for after the school day has finished.

Thank you.

Times Tables Meeting - Wednesday 14th October



We would really encourage parents of children in Years 2- 5 to attend if you are able to as the meeting will be about much more than simply explaining why it is important for children to know their times tables. We will share specific ways you can help your child at home and show you the approaches and methods we use in school. This will help ensure that the practice children do at home will be as effective as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lost Property

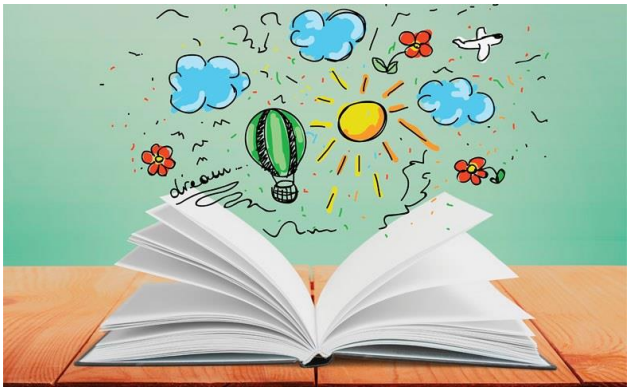


We have a new lost property basket in the main foyer so please do pop in and have a look for a lost item of uniform. Do remember that named items will eventually make their way back to your child's classroom.

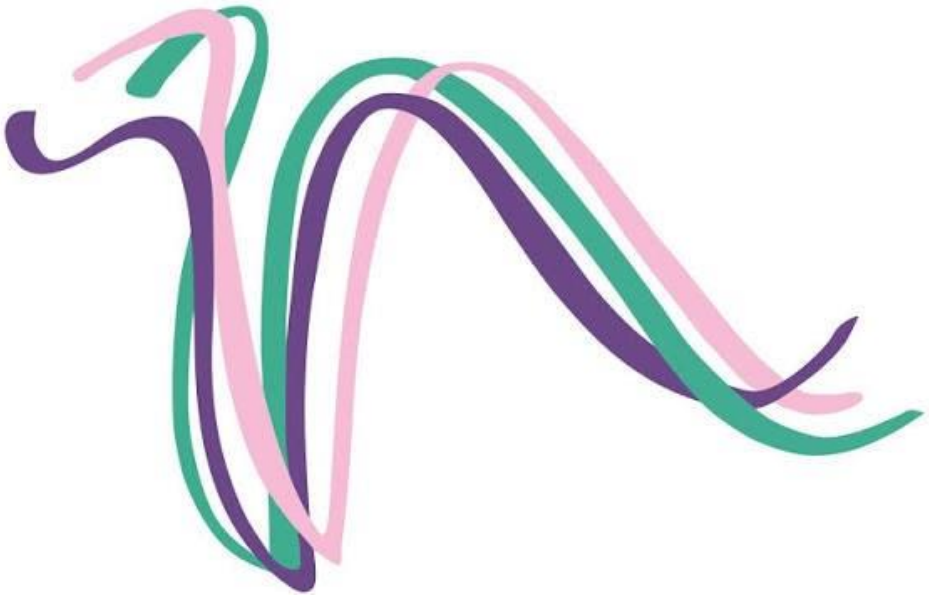
Reading Tip of the Week

Ask why?

Try asking questions that don't have an obvious answer, such as *'Why do you think she did that?'* or *'How do you think he is feeling now?'* This helps children develop their understanding and think more deeply about what they read.



Save the date - Nailsea Carnival



We are delighted to share that we will be taking part in the Nailsea Carnival in 2027! This traditionally takes place on the first Saturday in July so please do save Saturday 3rd July 2027 if you can. We will be working closely with WOWSA to represent our school and to be part of this fantastic community event.

Details of how you can get involved will follow nearer the time!

Local community events, clubs and opportunities




NORTH AC SOMERSET
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Upcoming Events



Term 1 - 'Belonging'

- 12 October - Prospective parents' tour (children starting school Sept 2027), 9.15am
- 14 October - Flu immunisations (more information to follow)

- 14 October - Times Tables meeting for parents of children in Years 2, 3 and 4, 6.00pm
- 16 October - EYFS Fine Motor Skills Workshop for parents, 9.10am
- 23 October - Uniform Sale after school
- 23 October - Last day of Term 1
- 31 October - Closing date for applications to Secondary School for pupils currently in Year 6

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
- 16 November - Anti Bullying Week
- 16 November - Odd Socks Day!
- 20 November - INSET Day (school closed to children)
- 24 November - Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 Winter Discos
- 26 November - Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 Winter Discos
- 27 November - School photos (individual)
- 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

Term 3 - 'Kindness'

- 4 January - Children return to school

Housepoint Celebrations



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Congratulations to Glasswork Grizzlies who were the winning house in last week's house point totals! Great work everyone!