



# Christmas 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of the Whiteoak Academies,

Happy Christmas! It has been a long and busy term in the life of our family of schools and I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your continued support and good wishes.

In particular, the Christmas events have been lovely and it has been a privilege to see our children shine in such a variety of different ways and enjoy such a wide range of experiences. From the Reception Nativity, Carol singing and Choir through to lantern making in Year 4 and Christingles in Year 6, it is a privilege to help create some special memories for our children and families.

I must also say a very special thank you to our fantastic staff team for helping to organise and support all of the events over this busy time. As ever, their effort and commitment have been amazing and it is thanks to them that the Christmas period is so successful.

May I also take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to WOWSA for organising a number of different events this term; for organising the Christmas Raffle, refreshments for our Christmas performances and for once again gifting a range of wonderful presents to each of our classes this Christmas. Thank you also to you for your kind and generous support, the money raised really does help to make a difference to our children and their education.



Thank you also for your generosity in supporting our school charity: The Grand Appeal - Bristol Children's Hospital. Over the Christmas period, we have raised more than £600 for this amazing charity that not only supports many of our own children and families but children right across the South West. Thank you.

Finally, I would also like to say a very special thank you to Cadbury Garden Centre. Over the past year they have continued to support our varied gardening projects and once again this year, they have donated our Christmas tree. Please see pictures below!

On behalf of everyone at the Whiteoak Academies, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2024. I hope that you all can enjoy some rest (whenever possible!) and that you get to celebrate the season with the loved ones closest to you. I hope that Santa is kind to you all!

With very best festive wishes,

Mr Duncan Cook,  
Executive Headteacher



**School starts back  
for children on  
Thursday  
4<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Please also see  
Term dates below.**



## Reception Nativity – Baarmy Bethlehem





## Church Services



## Junior Choir



## Year 6 Christingles @ Holy Trinity



## Christmas Jumper Competition – Congratulations Glasswork Grizzlies!





## Christmas Lunch



## Peter Pan at the Bristol Hippodrome





# Christmas Crafts





# Simply Christmas





Thank you WOWSA



Thank you Cadbury Garden Centre





### **Term 3 – British Values**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term 3 for everyone  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 Swimming begins  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Prospective Parents Tour  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 & Year 5 Forest School begins  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3/4 Gymnastics (Give it a try)  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Noah's Ark Workshops (Year 2)  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – House Cross-Country (tbc)  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 2 to visit Pop-ins  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – British Values Week (including Mental Health Week)  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Main Governing Body Meeting, 6.30pm  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – I Can – I Am Bus (Y5/6)  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Informal Open Morning  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – I Can – I Am Bus (Y5/6)  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – I Can – I Am Bus (Y5/6)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day of Term 3 for everyone

### **Term 4 – Kindness**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – LSP Trust INSET (Staff Only)  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 4 for children  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 to Goblin Coombe  
w/b 4<sup>th</sup> March – Book Week in School (including Book Fair)  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 to Goblin Coombe  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 & Year 5 First Aid  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 & Year 5 First Aid  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 North Somerset Dance Festival  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March- Year 3 to Goblin Coombe  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – National Science Week  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Main Governing Body Meeting, 6.30pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – World Poetry Day  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 Dress Rehearsal (School performance only)  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Production (Evening Performance)  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Production (Afternoon Performance)  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term 4 for everyone  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday – Bank Holiday

### **Term 5 – Belonging**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Term 5 for everyone  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 Sports Week  
w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Sports Week  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last Day of Term 5 for everyone

### **Term 6 – Resilience**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET Day (Staff Only)  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Start of Term 6 for Children  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last Day of Term 6 for everyone.

More dates and times to follow.