

Whitley Lodge First School

Newsletter 6 - November 2024



Wednesday 27 November

No Pens Day Show and Tell



Organised by Speech and Language UK, 'National No Pens Day' is a chance for children to put their pencils down, talk, listen, and take part in our big WLFS Show and Tell!

This approach is to develop children's oracy skills. Oracy is to be able to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language.

On 'No Pens Day', children from Nursery to Year 4 are invited to bring in something of interest to share with a group in their class. The 'show and tell' items should be small enough to fit in their classroom drawer and not be too precious or breakable.

To help with the conversations, it would be helpful if children have considered, beforehand, some key points such as what it is, where it came from and why they have chosen to show it.

If children prefer not to bring something to school, that's fine too. Everyone will still participate by listening to others and asking questions in the group.

Let's put our pencils down and get talking!



Pantomime trip on Monday 16 December

Thank you to everyone who has already given their consent and voluntary contribution for going to the pantomime. Both are submitted through ParentPay and tickets are £10 per pupil. We hope to have all consents and payments in by Monday and then we can confirm the number of parent helpers that are needed.

Thursday 28 November

Christmas Tree Lighting



The Christmas Tree Lighting event will take place at Whitley Lodge shopping centre from 3.30pm.

Our school choir will entertain the crowds with some classic Christmas songs. Plus, members of the community will be handing out fish & chip vouchers to the children and Santa will join in the festive fun too. Hope to see you all there!



Christmas Performances

@ WLFS in school

KS1 Monday 9 December (1)

Doors Open: 13:50. Starting time: 14:00

Children can be released early from their class door at the end of the performance.

KS1 Tuesday 10 December (2)

Doors Open: 9:00. Starting time: 9:10

Reception Wednesday 11 December

Doors Open: 9:00. Starting time: 9:10



KS2 Thursday 12 December

@ St Mary's Church

Starting time: 14:00

Nursery Christmas Stay & Play

AM & PM

Friday 13 December

Further information will be shared via Tapestry.



Diary Dates

2024-2025

- 27.11.24 No Pens Day
- 28.11.24 Christmas Lights
- 6.12.24 Christmas Fair
- 9.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance (1) PM
- 10.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance (2) AM
- 11.12.24 Reception Christmas Performance AM
- 12.12.24 KS2 Christmas Performance PM
- 13.12.24 Nursery AM/PM Christmas Stay & Play
- 16.12.24 Pantomime trip
- 20.12.24 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday

Diary Dates

2025

- 6.1.25 Training Day
- 24.1.25 Blue Class Assembly @ 9am (Fri)
- 6.2.25 Y4 Robinwood meeting 9am (Thurs)
- 21.2.25 Orange Class Assembly @ 9am (Fri)
- 24.2.25-28.2.25 Half term
- 10.4.25 Green Class Assembly 9am (Thurs)
- 14.4.25-25.4.25 Easter Break
- 5.5.25 May Bank Holiday
- 9.5.25 Purple Class Assembly 9am (Fri)
- 26.5.25-30.5.25 May Half Term
- 20.6.24 Training Day
- 27.6.25 Yellow Class Assembly 9am (Fri)
- 9.7.25 Reception Joint Class Assembly 9am (Wed)
- 17.7.25 Last day of term
- 18.7.25 Training Day



Friday 6 December 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Please come along to the Christmas Fair.

We have some wonderful stalls joining us this year. There will also be games, festive craft activities and refreshments.

We guarantee you'll leave in the festive spirit!

Tombola Donations Please

We would be very grateful for tombola donations.

Wine ♦ Unused gifts ♦ Sweets ♦ Books ♦ Toys ♦ Kids Costumes.

Please bring your tombola donations to the school office by

Thursday 5 December.

Cake Stall Donations on Friday 6 December Please

Please bring your cake stall donations to the school office on **Friday 6 December.**

The next newsletter is out on Friday 6 December.