

Whitley Lodge First School

Newsletter 11 - Spring 2025



Tree Planting with Hedges for Hope

We had a fantastic day planting trees around our perimeter fence. The volunteers from Hedges for Hope and Whitley Lodge Baptist Church helped with the digging so every child in school on the day could plant their own tree. Thank you so much to the parents and grandparents that came along to help us. The community volunteers commended our children for their excellent manners and enthusiasm. We are so proud of our school and community.



Hedges for Hope Extra Day—As mentioned in the last newsletter, a fantastic team of community volunteers will be planting the remaining trees during half term on **Thursday 27 February** (planting will take place from 9am). At any time, throughout the morning, children and families are welcome to help with planting. Please note that during the session, children are the responsibility of their parents/carers at all times. The children have loved being part of this lasting legacy, please do come along and join the fun!



Diary Dates 2025

21.2.25 Orange Class Assembly @ 9am (Fri)

24.2.25-28.2.25 Half term

27.2.25 Hedges for Hope extra

6.3.25 World Book Day (Thurs)

31.3.25 Music Concert (5:30pm)

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

New Academic Year WLFS

September 2025

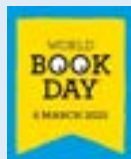
1.9.25 Training Day

2.9.25 Pupils return to school

27.10.25-31.10.25 Half term

19.12.25 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6 March** and the theme this year is *Read Your Way*. Children are invited to come to school on the day dressed as their favourite book character and to bring along a favourite book to share. The book chosen to share doesn't need to match the costume and dressing up is entirely optional. For those not wishing to dress up, it will be a non-uniform day. It will be a day full of activities that celebrate a love of reading. There will be a special Book Club assembly, an outdoor orienteering book trail and live author talks to name but a few! We can't wait!



Please Protect our Trees

The children have noticed that some of our trees are being damaged after school. Please do not allow anyone to stand on the bark chippings or touch the trees. We want them to last for a long time. Thank you for your help.

Music Concert

We are delighted to invite parents/carers of all our talented musicians (Recorder, Violin, Piano and Choir) to a special concert on Monday 31 March at 5:30pm in the school hall. Tickets will be initially limited to two per family and will be on sale from Monday 3 March. We will send a reminder after half term break.



Next week, the theme for **Safer Internet Day** is; *'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'*.

Next week, using age-appropriate word choices, we will ask and answer questions along the following themes:

What is the internet?

Who do you think owns the Internet?

Who do you think decides what can be put on to it?

What do you use the internet for?

What information should we never share on the internet?

What should we do if something pops up that we don't recognise?

What clues might tell us if something might be untrue or a scam?

The UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

How to Stay Safe from Online Scams

- Never share personal information like your full name and address with others online. We don't really know who we are talking to when we chat using the Internet.
- Try to use websites that are for children as much as possible.
- Think carefully before clicking on links, pop-ups or messages.
- Never share your login details with other people online.
- Check with a trusted adult before sharing or trading your online belongings.

If you think something is a scam, remember to Stop, Close and Tell.

The next newsletter is out on Friday 21 February 2025.