

# Whitley Lodge First School

## Newsletter 12 - Spring 2025



### Science Week Beach Clean & Beach Discovery Session Monday 10 March @ 4pm

We will be celebrating British Science Week in school on 10-14 March, and the theme for this year is 'Change and Adapt'.

To launch Science Week at school, we are delighted to be welcoming the carbon offsetting organisation, 'Greenacres' to school. They are providing free workshops for the children to find about how each of us can do our own little bit to help the planet and why that is vital for our futures.

Throughout the week, children from Nursery to Year 4 will also be involved in STEM investigations in their classrooms. As well as visiting the hugely popular 'Science Lab' to carry out experiments, we also have a 'construction site' where children will be involved in engineering challenges.

Also new for this year, we are inviting families to join us for a beach clean up and beach discovery session after school at 4pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. (Weather permitting).

All are welcome to come along. We will be meeting on the promenade in front of the Rendezvous Cafe at 4pm.

Children will need to be accompanied by an adult to attend the session which will be led by our Science Team Leaders.

Further information and a request for expressions of interest in attending the Beach Clean and Beach Discovery session will be sent via Seesaw/Tapestry after the half term break.



### Diary Dates 2025

24.2.25-28.2.25 Half term

27.2.25 Hedges for Hope extra

#### 5-10.3.25 Book Fair

6.3.25 World Book Day (Thurs)

10.3.25 Beach Clean 4pm

21.3.25 Comic Relief

25.3.25 Parent Evening 1

27.3.25 Parent Evening 2

31.3.25 Music Concert (5:30pm)

7.4.25 Spring Disco (Mon)

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)

27.6.25 Summer Fair

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

The next newsletter is out on  
Friday 7 March 2025.

### Tree Planting Reminder

Hedges for Hope are inviting families to help plant trees on **Thursday 27 February** (planting will take place from 9am). Please do come along to the front yard at school and join the fun!



### Book Fair 5-10 March

The Book Fair will be here from Wednesday 5 March to Monday 10 March.

Classes have been given suggested days to visit the Book Fair. These are suggestions only and the book fair is open to all, each day. For full details, please see the email sent on Wednesday 19 February.

Please note that contactless and/or cash payments can be taken at the fair.

### World Book Day—Thursday 6 March

A reminder that 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.



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day Friday 21 March

This is a non-uniform day when children can wear something red or brightly coloured for a donation of £1 for Comic Relief.

### Parent Evenings

Parent Evenings are:

**Tuesday 25 March** and **Thursday 27 March**.

These meetings will be held in school.

The online booking system will go live two weeks prior to the meetings.

The times for the meetings may vary depending on the key stage. Available times will be clear when booking online for each class. We will send a booking link via email when the system goes live on our website.

### PTA Events

We are so grateful for the great work that Whitley Lodge First School Friends PTA do to support our school. We are lucky to have a thriving group of volunteers whose efforts and ideas provide essential funds for school.

Two further events have been arranged for this academic year. Please add them to your diaries:

**Spring Disco—Monday 7 April**

**Summer Fair—Friday 27 June**

More details on both these fundraising events will follow soon.

### Whatever the Weather

Outdoor learning is a key part of our curriculum offer and we always aim to get the children outside for fresh air at playtime and at lunch time whenever possible.

As our weather is changeable and unpredictable, please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat with them everyday. Hats and gloves at the moment too. Please also clearly name coats, cardigans and jumpers. Many thanks.

