

Whitley Lodge First School

Newsletter 17 - Summer 2025



Curriculum News

Statutory Assessments

Year One Phonics Screening Check

Week Beginning : Monday 9 June

The Phonics Screening Check consists of 40 words for the child to read 1:1 with their teacher. To support children to get the best possible outcome, we use the Read, Write Inc programme and teach phonics every day in school.

How can you help at home?

- * Read with your child every night and practice the sounds at the start of the reading book.
- * Complete the phonics homework provided by class teachers
- * Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.

For further information regarding the Phonics check, please see the attached video from [Read, Write Inc.](#)

Year Four Multiplication Check

Week Beginning : Monday 9 June

This is an on-screen check for Year 4 pupils consisting of 25 times table questions. On average, the Check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. The purpose of the Check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12.

Further information will be shared with Year 4 parents/ carers, via Seesaw.

New Reception Classes 2025 Information Meeting

Thursday 19 June @ 5pm

Reception class lists for September 2025 are now confirmed and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to school.

Parents/carers are invited to meet the Reception class teachers and support staff for an information meeting and starting pack.

New to Nursery classes in September 2025

Thursday 26 June

Drop-in session between
4pm—5pm

Parents/Carers of children who have a Nursery place from September 2025, (both morning and afternoon places) are invited to look around the classroom and meet the staff. Children are welcome too.

Parent/Carer Information Meetings for the new classes in

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4.

Friday 11 July

KS2 (new Y3&Y4) - starts at 9:00am

KS1 (new Y1&Y2) - starts at 9:40am

Y4 Transition Days

Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 July

Details regarding the Y4 transition days have been sent directly from middle schools.

Please note that Year 4 children will not come to Whitley Lodge on these days but go directly to their Middle School for registration.

Whitley Lodge 'Move Up' Morning Wednesday 2 July

Children will spend a morning session in their next class. This is an opportunity to get to know their new teachers as well as the other adults that are in that team. Children will be invited to enter via their new classroom entrance at the start of the day. They will return to their current class before lunch.

New teachers and classes will be shared with parents/carers prior to the 'Move up' morning. A reminder about the date will be sent out after half term.

Diary Dates

2025

22.5.25 School Photographs

26.5.25-30.5.25 May Half Term

12.6.25 Art Showcase

17.6.25 Sports Day (pm)

19.6.25 New to Reception
Parent Meeting

20.6.24 Training Day

26.6.25 New to Nursery
Drop in session

27.6.25 Yellow Class Assembly
9am (Fri)

27.6.25 Summer Fair

1.7.25 & 2.7.25 Y4 Middle
School Transition Days

2.7.25 WLFS 'Move Up'
Morning

9.7.25 Reception Joint

Class Assembly 9am (Wed)

11.7.25 New to Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Information Meetings

16.7.25 Y4 Leaver's Assembly
(Wednesday @ 9am)

17.7.25 Last day of term

18.7.25 Training Day

New Academic Year

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

Diary Dates 2026

5.1.26 Training Day

16.2.26-20.2.26 Half Term

3.4.26-17.4.26 Easter Break

25.5.26-29.5.26 Half Term

17.7.26 Last day of term

The next newsletter is out on
Friday 6 June 2025