

Whitley Lodge First School

Newsletter 16 - Summer 2026



Celebrating our Active Curriculum

From our youngest to our oldest children there have been so many wonderful opportunities to be active learners. This is a snapshot of the range of experiences offered recently.



Nursery children explored the wider school and grounds and took their favourite teddies on an adventure. This is the beginning of a range of activities that support and enable the children to get ready for their next step into Reception.



Blue Class took the opportunity to take their DT lesson outside in the sunshine. They loved designing their own playgrounds for 'Project Playground'. They designed and constructed some fantastic models that included slides, swings and monkey bars!



Many of our Year 4 children enjoyed the opportunity to participate in Bikeability training this week. Taking place on our school yard, the training equips children with vital skills needed to ride on roads, plus they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing.



Diary Dates 2026

- 14.5.26 Class Photographs
- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half Term
- 11.6.26 Sports Day pm
- 12.6.26 – Tiny Lives Non-Uniform Fundraising Day**
- for 14.6.26 WLFS Parkrun
- 18.6.26 Yellow Class Assembly @9am
- 19.06.26 Training Day
- 20.6.26 Summer Fair
- 3.7.26-5.7.26 Robinwood
- 10.7.26 Reception Joint class assembly @9am
- 16.7.26 Y4 Leaver's Assembly @9am
- 17.7.26 Last day of term

New Academic Year

@ WLFS

2026-2027

- 1.9.26 Training Day
- 23.10.26 Training Day
- 26.10.26-30.10.26 Half Term
- 18.12.26 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday
- 4.1.27 Training Day
- 15.2.27-19.2.27 Half Term
- 26.3.27-9.4.27 Easter Break
- 3.5.27 May Bank Holiday
- 28.5.27 Training Day
- 31.5.27-4.6.27 Half Term
- 21.7.27 Last day of Term

Keeping Safe @ WLFS

Next week, we are focusing on keeping ourselves and each other safe. Each key stage has planned age-appropriate lessons that aim to develop the children's practical knowledge and awareness of how to keep themselves safe in different aspects of their lives. Throughout the week, we will take the opportunity to practise some school safety procedures such as how to safely move outside or inside the building in an emergency.

On Wednesday 13 May, we have the RNLI visiting school to teach the children how to stay safe at the beach. This is vital given our proximity to the coast and sea.

During the day, we will also consider how to stay safe at school and in our local area and talk about online safety and about the different people in our lives who help to keep us safe.

The children will discuss how keeping safe also involves selfcare when looking after our personal well-being.

By empowering our children with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe, we can help them develop confidence, resilience, and independence as they grow.



Tiny Lives Fundraiser

Friday 12 June

Tiny Lives Non Uniform Day

Lottie Gladwin and friends in Green Class came up with the wonderful idea of having a fundraising day to thank the charity for their support when her sister Beth was born prematurely. They suggested that for a week they could run a 'name a teddy' competition in school. Children could bring a donation to choose a name. Lottie's family are providing three teddy bears so we can have a winner in each key stage. Winners will be announced at the Wonder Award Assembly on the Friday. They also suggested that the Friday could be a non-uniform day and ask that everyone wears the charity's colours (blue/yellow) and bring a donation.

Lottie and her friends thought of some great craft ideas for children to complete in class too.

We are so proud that this was all their own idea and delighted to support it by having this fundraiser at school.

The next newsletter is out on
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