



Summer Term 2 Newsletter



Keeping you up-to-date with goings on at Whitemoor Academy

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A message from Mr Lord, Miss Fletcher and Mr Bevington

As we come to the end of another fantastic year at Whitemoor Academy, we would like to thank all of our children, families and staff for their hard work, support and commitment.

This year has been filled with many achievements. We are incredibly proud of the progress our children have made in their learning, the continued improvements in attendance, and the enthusiasm shown across our wide range of enrichment opportunities. From sporting events and clubs to educational visits, performances and special projects, our children have embraced every opportunity and represented Whitemoor brilliantly.

To all our families, thank you for working in partnership with us throughout the year. Your support plays a vital role in helping our children thrive.

As we close the school year, we would also like to wish Miss Woodward and Mrs Ball all the very best as they move on to new opportunities. We wish them well for the future.

We wish everyone a safe, happy and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September** for another exciting year of learning and success.



Summer 2 has been jam packed with outstanding opportunities, including:

Culture Day, Rocksteady Concerts, The Book Bus, Y6 Show, Reception Partake Theatre workshops, Sports Day, Sports Awards, Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic, Musical Extravaganzas, Y2 visit to Sherwood Forest, Y1 visit to Stonebridge Farm, Y4 RBO Create & Sing experience, Y6 RSE Day Song premiere, Y2 dentist workshops, Y6 Into Uni transition workshops, Y5 Science themed 'Ellis Experience Day', Y2 visits to Basford Road Baptist Church, Y6 treat at Nottingham Climbing Centre.

Additionally, we participated in the following sports events:

The whole of Y5 at Ellis Guilford for a Rugby Festival, Y4 Summer Games Festival, Y3/4 Handball Tournament, Y5/6 Quad Athletics Tournament, Y1/2 Football Festival, Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament, Y4 Mini Tennis Tournament and the whole of Key Stage 2 at Ellis Guilford for the Go for Gold Fun Run.

Sports Awards winners

Congratulations to everyone involved in Wednesday's Whitemoor Sports Awards. An amazing 225 children represented Whitemoor in a sports competition this academic year. The individual award winners were:

- John McPherson Award (Amaya)
- Golden Boot Award (Alayna)
- Girls Players' Player of the Season (Aila) and Managers' Player of the Season (Freya)

- Boys Players' Player of the Season (Huzaifah) and Managers' Player of the Season (Josiah)

After school clubs



We are delighted to continue offering a wide range of after-school clubs for our children. From September, and due to a number of factors including rising costs, clubs will be charged at a **nominal fee of £6 for a six-week block of sessions**. All after-school clubs will run from **3:15pm until 4:10pm**.

We remain committed to providing high-quality enrichment opportunities that are accessible to all families. At just **£1 per session**, our clubs continue to represent excellent value and are significantly cheaper than the cost of a typical after-school session with a private provider.

Club places are now available to book on Arbor. We encourage families to sign up early, as places are limited and clubs will fill quickly.

Attendance successes

Attendance at Whitemoor has improved **significantly** during 2025/26, and we would like to thank all parents and carers for the important role you have played in supporting this improvement. Every day in school matters, and together we have made real progress.

While we are proud of how far we have come, we know there is **still work to do**. We remain below the attendance levels seen in many other primary schools across Aspley and Basford,

and below national primary school averages. Our goal is to ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed by being in school, on time, every day they can be.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to share an important reminder: Children who have three separate spells of absence before October half-term have a **75% chance** of becoming Persistently Absent by the end of the school year.

Starting the year strongly is one of the best ways to support your child's learning, friendships and future success. We ask all families to prioritise attendance from the very first day back (**Wednesday 2nd September**) and work closely with us if support is needed.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we can make 2026/27 our best year for attendance yet.

All the Whitemoor staff.

La biblioteca móvil - The Mobile Library



Have you spotted **La Biblioteca** travelling around our school?

If you haven't seen it in action yet, **La Biblioteca** is the latest new thing in Spanish here at Whitemoor! It's our fantastic mobile Spanish library, packed with bilingual books, DVDs, dictionaries, and board games. It visits classrooms all across KS2, bringing Spanish language and culture straight to the children.

We have some incredibly exciting news for next year—***La Biblioteca* will be expanding its route to visit Key Stage 1!** This means even more of our younger students will get the wonderful opportunity to explore its treasures and dive into Spanish.

Keep an eye out for its next stop! Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Mrs Rippon

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Lead

Reading Events



Our Book Bus visit was a fantastic success once again!

Every class had the opportunity to climb aboard and explore a wonderful selection of books, helping to inspire a continued love of reading and encouraging children to discover new stories and authors.

A huge thank you to everyone who made a purchase during the visit. Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing £260, which was used to buy even more books for our class libraries - straight off the bus! Your generosity will help us continue to foster a love of reading across the school.

Introducing the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge

As part of the National Year of Reading and to continue to encourage reading for pleasure throughout the summer, Mrs Parry and the Librarians are launching a reading bingo

challenge! All KS1 and KS2 children will receive a bingo card featuring a variety of reading prompts to try and tick off throughout the summer break. Challenge yourself to crossing off a whole line or even the whole card!

Bring your bingo card back during the first week of September and receive a certificate and a raffle ticket for each square you cross off.

Mrs Parry

Reading Lead

Building work

As previously shared on Class Dojo, essential building works will be taking place on parts of the school site during the summer holidays, including repairs to some of our roofed areas.

As a result, it is likely that scaffolding will still be in place when children return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Please do not be concerned by this. The work has been carefully planned, and all appropriate safety measures will be in place to ensure that the school remains a safe environment for children, families and staff.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to invest in improving our school buildings and facilities for our children.

Uniform and jewellery

Our school uniform includes a **white or blue polo shirt, blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece, grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress, and black shoes or trainers.**

For PE, children will need a **plain white t-shirt, plain blue or black shorts, and trainers.** During colder months, optional plain blue or black tracksuit tops and bottoms may be worn. More information can be found here: <https://www.whitemooracademy.co.uk/school-uniform>

Please remember that **jewellery cannot be worn during PE lessons for safety reasons.**

A reminder for families considering ear piercing: if you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, we kindly ask that you do so over the summer holidays. Having piercings carried out now allows the recommended six-week healing period before children return to school, helping to avoid any disruption to PE lessons in September.

Goodbye Year 6s

As this academic year comes to an end, we would like to say a very special goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children.

You have been fantastic role models for our younger pupils and have created so many memories during your time at Whitemoor. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and the way you have embraced every opportunity, challenge and success along the way.

As you begin the next exciting chapter of your education at secondary school, continue to Work Hard, demonstrate Independent Thinking, remember that Everybody Matters, embrace Outstanding Opportunities and draw upon the Resilience you have built during your time at Whitemoor. We know you will go on to achieve great things.

Good luck, Year 6 – we are proud of you all and wish you every success for the future. We would love to hear how you are getting on, so please do come back and visit us!

Once a Whitemoor pupil, always a Whitemoor pupil.



**DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY**

- Tuesday 1st September - INSET day
- **Wednesday 2nd September - all children return to school**
- Throughout October - Black History Month
- Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th October - Y6 residential @ Beaumanor Hall
- Thursday 15th October - Family Disco
- Friday 16th October - INSET Day

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School Terms and Holidays Calendar - 2026/27

AUGUST 2026							SEPTEMBER 2026							OCTOBER 2026						
M	3	10	17	24	31		M	7	14	21	28		M	5	12	19	26			
T	4	11	18	25			T	8	15	22	29		T	6	13	20	27			
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F	7	14	21	28			F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30		
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NOVEMBER 2026							DECEMBER 2026							JANUARY 2027						
M	2	9	16	23	30		M	7	14	21	28		M	4	11	18	25			
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FEBRUARY 2027							MARCH 2027							APRIL 2027						
M	1	8	15	22			M	1	8	15	22	29	M	6	13	20	27			
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INSET DAYS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

1 - Terms date for 2026-27

Mental Health Moment

We've come to the end of another fantastic year at Whitemoor, and the children have done us proud once again. That being said, they are certainly ready for a break from classroom learning and are looking forward to a slightly more relaxed daily schedule! For most families, September feels far away, especially when there are young people to keep occupied and entertained 7 days a week instead of the usual 2.

While our children might be celebrating that school is out for summer, lots of parents feel a sense of anxiety at the thought of so much time away from the classroom, with so little to fill it. Here are some pointers to help guide you all through the next month or so:

Plan: Structure is really important to children, and while you won't want to recreate the whole school regime, having a schedule will help to plan your time – and, more importantly, theirs. Try not to over-plan it however as kids need a break and need time to unwind and chill out too.

Involve: Let the children have their say about what sort of things they would like to do. Have a brainstorming session where both you and they can make suggestions and map out a 'to do' list. Perhaps these could be organised into 'Free' and 'Paid' activities as a good way to strike up conversation about the financial cost of different activities.

Find support: It can feel isolating during the holidays. Try to reach out to family, friends, childminders or summer camps for help with sharing the load. It could give you time to recharge your batteries.

Embrace: Get involved with your children's interests and run with them while building on their strengths and helping overcome their weaknesses. We all usually enjoy doing things that we are good at and have a specific interest in.

Go outdoors: Get out, make use of the better weather and enjoy the great outdoors. The fresh air and being out in the open will do you a world of good. Try to limit time in front of the TV or other electronic devices.

Be creative: Explore the wonderful world of arts, crafts, cooking and gardening. The kids may end up loving some hands-on activities and be able to savour the fruits of their labour - this will also really aid with a steady and healthy sleep pattern.

Don't feel guilty: If you are a working parent you'll likely have work commitments to attend to and it is OK for children not have things all their own way. It's also OK for children to have time to play independently and occasionally be bored so they have to problem solve and entertain themselves, within the rules of the household.

Get away: Going on holiday with the family can be a challenge in itself with all the preparation and organisation that goes into it but the change of environment can be as good as a rest.

Rest: try to prioritise everyone getting enough sleep both for your health and to help build up the extra energy that you may need for all those additional activities. If you hear the words, 'I'm bored,' embrace it and challenge the children to make/ draw/ build or create something.

Don't break the bank: Not everything needs to cost you money. A walk in the park or going for a bike ride will cost you little more than a bit of energy.

Make memories: When spending more time with your children during the holidays there is more time to make your time together even more special and memorable.

Remember - most people but children especially do better with structure and this will make the transition into the new school year easier for all in September.

Have a wonderful summer, prioritise rest, sleep and making memories and we will look forward to seeing you for the start of the new academic year in September.

(Taken from 'Ten ways to take the stress out of summer from hpft.nhs.uk)

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