



WHISTON WILLIS
PRIMARY ACADEMY
WADE DEACON TRUST



Reception Class Newsletter

14.11.2025

What a busy and exciting half term we have ahead. It was great to see so many of you at our Phonic meeting and I hope that you can all make our upcoming Stay and Play , Parents Evening and Nativity Performance (Dates below)

Phonics

Children continue to work hard during their phonic lessons. This week children have learnt the sounds r j x y w and special friends ng nk sh th ch. Please can you ensure children are recapping previously taught sounds to ensure they are remembering them fluently in preparation for beginning to read. To support with this, we are sending home a large A3 sound mat for you to use as practice; cut up as flash cards or point and read the sound. Blending books are also beginning to go home , so well done children keep working hard!!

Literacy

The children are enjoying our new Literacy Text, Halibut Jackson, and we have enjoyed a variety of role play and writing activities. As the children begin their early writing skills, please can you practice writing names and forming letters correctly. We use mnemonics, rhymes to help the children remember the correct way to form their letters and we have attached a list of these to help you at home also.

Maths

Within maths children have been focussing on comparison. We encourage the children to compare the number of objects in 2 sets by matching them 1:1. Again please support your children with forming numbers at home and counting to 10 and beyond.

General

Children have enjoyed learning about Diwali, the Hindu celebration of Light and we have been looking at seasonal changes and the environment around us.

They have completing their unit on Dance in PE which focusses on balance and co-ordination.

Children have opportunities to sing and explore musical instruments each week within their Music sessions.

Reminders

Reception **Parent Stay and Play 20.11.2025** 14.30 – 15.10

Week of December **8.12.2025 Parent Teacher Meetings**

Wednesday 17.12.2025 and Thursday 18.12.2025 Nativity Performance

We ask from next half term if children can bring a pair of wellington boots to school as we will be accessing the outdoors in all weathers. Thanks.

Please remember snack is **£1 a week**. This can be paid weekly or termly.

We are a **healthy school** so please ensure packed lunches are containing healthy food and drink items where possible.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Halsall

Miss Chiocchi

