



## Wolf Class Newsletter

### News

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Can you believe that this year, 2026, your child will be leaving Whiston Willis and begin to make new memories in high school? It has been fantastic welcoming everyone back to school and what a fantastic start to the year they have made. This year, children will complete their SATs and the next few months are important as we help prepare children. Attendance is important – please encourage your child to attend school every day! Regular non-attendance to school will have a negative impact on your child's progress.

If you are on Facebook, why not follow our school Facebook page 'Whiston Willis Primary Academy' for snapshots of the fantastic learning taking place across our school.

### English

- We have started our new class text, 'Resist' by Tom Palmer. The children have been learning about the Dutch Resistance during World War II and have written persuasive posters encouraging people to join the resistance, using strong language and historical understanding. They have also written diary entries in role of Edda, a young girl who supported the Dutch Resistance.

### Reading

- In Guided Reading, we have begun our new book 'The Little Match Girl Strikes Back' by Emma Carroll. We started by watching an animation of the original 'The Little Match Girl' by Hans Christian Andersen. We have begun by making comparisons and making inferences based on character emotions. Over the next half term, we will develop our reading skills: inference, retrieval, vocabulary, prediction, explain and author's intent.

### Maths

- This week, we have completed our unit of learning on decimals by dividing decimals by two digit numbers – children have been introduced to different methods and are able to select their preferred method. We have also moved on to measurement and have started by using our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000 to help us convert measurements.

### Geography

- We have started our new unit of learning on 'Settlement, Land Use and Economic Activity' – children have started by developing their understanding of settlements and where they are found. There was a great discussion around the settlement of Whiston – we discussed that although it is referred to as 'Whiston Village', its continued development may have changed the type of settlement it is. It was great to see that children made links to their previous history learning around the industrial revolution.

### PE

- Children were delighted to hear one of our new topics in PE was dodgeball. Over the next 6 weeks, children will develop their understanding of dodgeball and begin to develop their sportsmanship. This half term, we will also be completing a unit of work on gymnastics – children have started to learn how to perform a forward roll correctly, perfecting their techniques.

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website

[www.whistonwillis.co.uk](http://www.whistonwillis.co.uk)

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### Homework

Year 6 children will continue to receive weekly online and paper-based homework. This is given out every Monday and should be returned the following Monday. Please ensure your child is logging on to SATS companion at home regularly.

### PE Days

Wolf class PE days are Tuesday and Friday – please ensure your child attends school in full Whiston Willis PE kit.

### Tuck Shop

Every Friday, children can bring in 50p to purchase tuck. 2 children each week with 100% from Wolf class will receive free tuck.

### ATTENDANCE

To date, our whole class attendance is 95.8%, since the start of the academic year (Sep 25). This term, we will continue to reward children for their attendance: pupils who achieve 100% attendance will be entered into a raffle, and two children from every class will be selected to receive a complimentary treat from the Friday Tuck Shop. In addition, there will be a fortnightly reward for the class with the highest attendance in KS2. As a class, we will set weekly rewards for attendance.

**In addition, this half term, I am challenging Wolf class to a whole-class attendance target of improving our overall attendance from the start of the year from 95.8% to 96.5%. Can we do it? This will be reviewed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and children will be rewarded if this is achieved. Good luck Wolves!**

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MrWongWW and @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.

**Thank you for your continued support - Mr Wong**

