



WHISTON WILLIS
PRIMARY ACADEMY



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26th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to begin by praising both Owl and Hedgehog Classes for the way they have settled in during September. They are building new friendships, learning the expectations of 'The Whiston Willis Way' and also getting on with some great learning too. There have been some bumps in the road but we know as the routines become more established, they will thrive!

Our Y6 pupils have been exceptionally busy this month and following their Robinwood Residential, they have also completed 'Bike- Ability' safety training and attended Crucial Crew. This work to support them with keeping themselves safe in many situations is key in supporting them in their wider personal development in preparation for high school and more independence as they grow older. The feedback from the instructors has been how polite, well-mannered and attentive they have all been!

It has been fantastic to see our clubs start in recent weeks and the uptake is high as always. Remember, that collecting hours in KS2 will go towards graduating at our Children's University event in the summer term. This offer from school is designed to enable the pupils to develop relationships, learn new skills and maybe develop an interest in an activity that they will have as a hobby or interest in later life.

Our building work continues to evolve and in the last two weeks are new intervention spaces, extended playground and further glazing has been completed. The extension to the hall is a few weeks away from being completed but externally, we are nearly there with it. We have further work over the next few weeks, but hope that by half term we will have all works completed.

Mrs Attwood has asked me to ask you all for your support with our annual **Harvest food collection**. If you could send any dried food or tinned items this will be donated to the local church to prepare food parcels for families in our local community. Please send any items into school with your children at some point in the next couple of weeks- it will be greatly appreciated.

Our football team participated in a tournament at Finch Farm this week performing really well. They lost in the semi final to a late goal but represented the school brilliantly as ever. They begin their league fixtures next week and we wish them lots of luck this year.

Do you have any old children's reading books at home that are in good condition that could become part of our school library? If you have any that you are looking to get rid of, please do send them into school for us to review and use if possible. Also, if you do have any old school reading books at home, please do send them back to school as soon as you can.

Can we please request that no food with bones, or on skewers is sent as part of a packed lunch as this can be a potential hazard. Also, can we ask you to cut grapes in half if they are part of your child's packed lunch to reduce the potential risk of choking.

For ideas on healthy packed lunches visit [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

Rights Respecting School Status.

I want to remind you as parents how pleased we are to be recognised as a Right Respecting School (Gold- only 2% of schools nationally have this award) This means that we are committed to ensuring that all pupils have a voice and have their basic rights met. To support with this work we have a programme of assemblies that we are working through this year with the children in Key Stage 2. The theme for Autumn term is all about Global Citizenship and last week the children were spoken to about sharing global resources fairly. This week we have reminded the children about The Rights of the Child. Do ask them to tell you what they can each Friday about the learning they have in our assemblies.



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School Uniform:

Reminder- please ensure that your children wear correct school uniform. Many children have lost school ties already and on PE days are not wearing the correct PE kit. If accessing correct uniform is a problem, please do contact us at school and we may be able to help.

We are striving for the highest expectations and do strongly ask for your support in ensuring your children wear school PE kit with the school logo on. If this is not possible, can you ensure a plain white t shirt is worn. We have said that tracksuit bottom/ leggings can be worn and these should be black ideally. Please note we will be contacting parents to discuss any issues over the coming weeks.

Please refer to the school uniform page on the website and ensure the correct uniform is worn.



MAKING NEW FRIENDS IN NURSERY!

MEMBER OF THE WADE DEACON TRUST

LEARNING FOR LIFE



Attendance:

It is vital for all pupils to have strong attendance to give themselves the very best opportunities to build and maintain relationships with their peers and to ensure they have consistency in their learning so that they achieve well. Learning in school takes place from 8.50am until the end of the school day so punctuality and completing the school day every day is also vital to reduce lost learning.

Please do consider carefully any term time holidays impacting on learning. Our slightly extended half term break in October may give you an opportunity to enjoy a cheaper break and reduce the number of days lost at school for children.

We do want to bring to your attention, that all unauthorised absence can also be subject to fines not just holidays (which are unauthorised). We have no choice but to follow advice from the attendance team and we will issue fines to highlight the importance of high attendance.

Attendance League Table (Year to date)

Position	Class	Percentage		<p>Please arrange appointments out of school time or if that isn't possible bring your child in first thing to get their mark and return them after any appointment.</p> <p>Please do call the school office if your child is going to be absent or if you need any further advice.</p> <p>Last year our school attendance was below both national and Local Authority figures and must improve. Please support us by arranging appointments outside of school time and getting the children into school regularly this year</p>
1 st =	Tiger	98.9%	Y1 WINNERS	
1 st =	Wolf	98.9%	Y6 WINNERS	
1 st =	Owl	98.4%	EY WINNERS	
4 th =	Pangolin	98.3%	Y2 WINNERS	
4 th =	Hummingbird	97.1%		
6 th =	Shark	96.7%	Y4 WINNERS	
6 th =	Hedgehog	96.5%		
8 th =	Penguin	96.2	Y3 WINNERS	
8 th =	Cheetah	95.8%		
10 th	Jaguar	95.6%		
11 th	Koala	95.3%		
12 th	Zebra	94.7%		
13 th	Lion	94.5%		
14 th	Leopard	94.3%		
15 th	Squirrel	85.8%		



BIKEABILITY IN YEAR 6!

Special mentions for positively standing out this week.....

CLASS	PUPIL	Well done to all our pupils who have been recognised by staff this week for their hard work and in following our school values and The Whiston Willis Way.
Squirrel	Heidi Mc and Jenson Mc	
Owl	Mia and Todd	
Hedgehog	Sebastian and Ellis	
Tiger	Reeva and Nelly	
Jaguar	Isobel C and Lily D	
Pangolin	Ava-Leigh A and Lillie H	
Hummingbird	Harrison T and Hunter M	
Zebra	Reuben R and Joseph W	
Penguin	Lily and Jacob	
Lion	Ivy W and Emelia D	
Shark	Leo M and Thomas S	
Koala	Lottie C and Forest W	
Leopard	Logan and Aaron	
Wolf	Lily Rose C and Evan W	
Cheetah	Jude Mc and Hallie FM	

Parking: Please do note that parking permits in the local area have come into force. You park at your own risk but once again we ask you to show respect to our neighbours and park considerably. I also ask you to drive carefully to ensure all our pupils are safe on the roads around our school.

BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE!

Kind Regards,

Ian Cooper



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