



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter: Edition 1

Autumn Term: 1

Welcome to WJS



The first half of the Autumn Term ended on a high note as the school was adorned with a beautiful selection of colours as we wore our finest party attire to mark the **festival of Diwali** here at Whitehall Junior School.

The eight weeks appeared to have flown by, and it has been really impressive to see how quickly almost all of our Year 3s, as guided by all staff, have adopted our school's **'Ready, Respectful, Safe'** behaviour system. That said, we need to continue to strive for excellence in our behaviour, both in and outside of school.

As a school, we always pride ourselves on having highly effective behaviour management systems, therefore only registering 1 suspension (previously known as fixed-term exclusion) across the school this term. Let's hope that that number remains unchanged for the remainder of the year.

This term, our Year 3s and 4s already enjoyed several offsite visits, including some to London, allowing them to broaden their knowledge outside of the classroom. Thank you to the parent volunteers who assisted on these school trips. Our Year 5s and 6s have their planned outings to look forward to in November- what a treat!

Whilst it has been great to meet new parents, I have not had the opportunity to formally introduce myself to all.

Yours in education,
Mrs Moloi,
Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

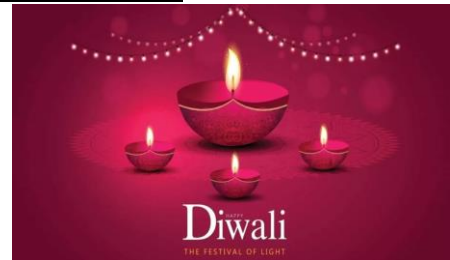
Achievements

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who attended their child's parent-teacher meeting or availing themselves for a telephone call to discuss how well your child has settled in this term. For those who didn't manage to do so, do contact your child's class teacher via the year-group email account to arrange a progress conversation upon reopening.

General

Diwali Celebrations



We pride ourselves on being a culturally connected school and wish to continue to celebrate the defining characteristic of our community. We appreciate the many festivals and traditions celebrated by our families. Thank you for contributing to the richness within our diverse school. We hope that those of you who celebrated Diwali this week had a joyous time with families and friends.

Diversity at WJS



It always fascinates me to learn about the selection of languages spoken by the families within our amazingly diverse community. This year's census registered an astounding **52 languages** spoken by us all. What a celebration of our various backgrounds!



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Online Safety Coffee Morning



Why not come along to our Online Safety coffee morning being led by specialist advisor, **Alan McKenzie**, on Tues 12th November from 9-9:45am.

Reporting absences



It is important that parents continue to report their child's absence by 9am daily. To report your child's absence, call us on: **01895234071**.

Wellbeing Matters

Optional Flu Immunisation on 16th Dec



As part of our annual NHS commitment to tackling colds and flus, our local immunisation team will be in again on **Monday 16th December 2024** to administer the nasal flu immunisation.

On our automated system, press on ABSENCES to give a reason for your child missing school that day. Please ensure that you give us your child's name, class and reason for absence when leaving a message.

For any child without a reason for being absent, we will send out a message to parents asking you to contact us to explain your child's absence. Any unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

This FREE service is offered to all junior-aged children and further information has already been sent out to families. Only children for which consent has been granted will receive the flu immunisation- **it is optional**.

NHS Advice on when to keep your child off

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,
The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here: <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hillingdon>
Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE
✓ Protects your child from the flu
✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
✓ It's painless, quick and effective
✓ It's free
✓ The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu



THE IM FLU VACCINE
We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is gelatine-free. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,
Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK

Vaccination UK
Hillingdon
Immunisation Team
Contact Details
hillingdon@v-uk.co.uk
0208 150 1220
WORKING ON BEHALF OF
NHS England

USEFUL INFO
✓ We try to come to your child's school bench. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.
✗ PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will NOT be available to otherwise healthy children after December 13th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.
✓ Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you DO NOT need to complete a second form.
USEFUL LINKS
www.schoolvaccination.uk/consent-flu
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY
Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk

GENERAL HEALTH ADVICE
UK Health Security Agency
NHS
Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Condition	Until...
Chickpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glenoidar fever
Head lice	Tonillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qico.de/minfnc>

Please note that this advice is subject to change



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Year Group Email Addresses



Should you wish to get in touch with your child's teacher to discuss work being covered in the year group or to query something, you can contact them directly on:

Year 3- year3@whitehalljunior.org

Year 4- year4@whitehalljunior.org

Year 5- year5@whitehalljunior.org

Year 6- year6@whitehalljunior.org

For more urgent matters, contact the Office directly instead.

Starting Junior School in Sep 2025

Applying for Junior School



For children due to start junior school in September 2025, you must apply for a junior school place by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

This only applies to children currently within an Infant School or those wishing to apply for a Year 3 place within a junior school for September 2025.

Applications should be made online at: [Applying for a junior school - Hillingdon Council](#)

Term Dates: 2024-2025

WJS Term dates 2024-2025

Why not click the link to see all the term dates for 24-25, allowing you to book your family holidays outside of school times.

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=58>

School Terms and Holidays September 2024- July 2025 Whitehall Junior School	
AUTUMN TERM - 2024	
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 2nd September 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Term starts for the children	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Half Term Holiday	Mon 28th October- Fri 01st November 2024
Term starts for the children	Monday 04th November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20th December 2024
SPRING TERM - 2025	
Term starts for the children	Monday 6th January 2025
Term Ends	Thursday 13th February 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Friday 14th February 2025
Half Term Holiday	Mon 17th- Fri 21st February 2025
Term starts for the children	Monday 24th February 2025
Term Ends	Friday 4th April 2025
SUMMER TERM - 2025	
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 6th May 2025
Term ends for the children	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half Term Holiday	Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May 2025
Term starts for the children	Monday 2nd June 2025
Term Ends	Friday 18th July 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 21st July 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Tuesday 2nd September 2025

BBC Children in Need 2024: Non-Uniform Day



On **Friday 15th November 2024**, everyone is invited to join in the **Great SPOTacular Event** and come to school in your own clothes with a spotty theme, something yellow or any 'Children in Need' merchandise, **donating from 50p-£1** for this great charity.

This will mark the 43rd TV Appeal to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people around the UK. The very first BBC Children in Need telethon was broadcast in 1980 and the annual appeal has continued every year since, taking place each November.

Feeling creative: Why not take an old white T-shirt and draw spots of different colours or affix spots onto a school jumper- no cost needed!