



Weekly Newsletter



White Woods
Primary Academy Trust

Monday 5th February

Flash Back

Panathlon

Last week some children were selected to compete in a Panathlon at Wickersley Comp – here are some of the children selected proudly wearing their medals!



Sports Hall Athletics

20 Y5/6 children took part in a sports hall athletics competition last week. They showed amazing team spirit!



U11 Girls Football

After a rainy morning, the teams split into A&B for an indoor tournament. Both of our team demonstrated great skills and our B team secured the trophy!



U9 Tag Rugby

Our team were in action again, this time away against Catcliffe. They performed amazingly and won 7-5.



Looking Ahead

Children's Mental Health Week

This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is My Voice Matters. Throughout the week, our children will be learning that everyone has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. You can find out more here:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday is Safer Internet Day and the children will be having some input this week in classes around this. This link is really helpful in giving parents and carers top tips to help keep children safe at home too. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Parents' Evening

Parent's evening will be held during the first week of next half term. (Tuesday 20th Feb 4.30-7pm and Thursday 22nd Feb 3.30-6pm). Bookings are now live on the Arbor app – please make sure you book in to see your child's teacher to discuss their progress (unless you have met or are meeting about IEP targets this half term).

School Assemblies

We're excited to be adding more assemblies to our timetables after half term for all year groups.

Children will continue to be educated about special events and cultural celebrations during this time, but there will also now be more time to explore current affairs.

This will allow us to have deeper discussions around the British Values and protected characteristics not only allowing children to explore their own views, but also the viewpoints of others. These changes will help us further develop kindness, tolerance and understanding in our children.



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'No Change' policy for PE lessons in school

After a successful trial over the last few weeks in KS1, we will be rolling out the 'no change' policy across school for all PE lessons. This means that on PE days, children come to school already wearing their PE kit, simply popping their school jumper/fleece on top. We've had great feedback from both teachers and parents of children in Y1/2 who have talked about how much more learning time is gained when children don't have to change, less lost property and less to carry to school on PE mornings. We've noticed our peg areas are much tidier too with less things on them – win win!

EYFS and KS2 can begin coming to school wearing their PE kits on PE days after the holidays.

*This also applies to Y4 children on swimming days – changing back into PE kit after swimming should be easier than into uniform!

Uniform Policy Reminders

We ask that all pupils wear the appropriate school uniform and footwear on a daily basis.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Navy trousers, skirts or pinafore dress
- Burgundy cardigan or sweatshirt
- Light blue polo shirt
- Black shoes
- Blue and white gingham dress (summer)
- Navy shorts (summer)

PE Kit

- Indoor: Blue shorts, white T-shirt and plimsols. Joggers may be worn over shorts on colder days, then removed for the lesson.
- Outdoor: Blue joggers, white T-shirt and trainers.

We have seen a number of children wearing nail extensions over the last few weeks – this is not permitted in school. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum. A watch and single pair of studs are permitted, but these must be removed for PE lessons (not taped).

PTA Update

A huge thank you to the PTA, led by Mrs Dransfield and Mrs Mallinder, for the events organised and for raising so much money last half term. We are delighted to announce that some of the funds have already been spent on some new playground sports equipment for children to use as well as the purchase of felt tips for each class. We will be introducing the new equipment to playtimes next half term with the help of our new playground sports leaders.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with PTA events so please let us know if you would like to get involved.





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Dates for your diary – Spring 1

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Week 5	Monday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting – 3.30pmU9 Boys football at WNP (rearranged from 27th Nov)
	Wednesday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y1KB – Family Learning – 1.15-2.00pm– Parents welcome to work with children creating a Spring paintingY1RE – Family Learning – 2.15-3.00pm– Parents welcome to work with children creating a Spring painting
	Thursday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y1 Synagogue visitU9 Tag Rugby at ColeridgeY6 (both classes) – Family Learning – 9-10am – Parents welcome to join their children for a Science investigation looking at how polar bears stay warm.

Dates for your diary – Spring 2

Dates for next half term will be shared with you by the end of the week, including any visits, sports events, family learning opportunities and meetings.

Attendance

Well done to our winning classes, 2BP and 3GS, with 98.7% last week.

