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### DATES

2025 –2026

September

**Tues 16th**—Weaverham High School Open day. (See page 2)

**Mon 15th**—Extra Curricular Clubs will start this week (Letter to follow)

October

**Wed 15th**—Parent/ Guardian Evenings, Classes 1, 2, & 3

**Thurs 16th**—Parent/ Guardian Evenings, Classes 1, 2, & 3

**Mon 27th**—Start of Half-term week

November

**Nov 3rd**—School opens for 2nd half of the Autumn Term

December

**Wed 10th**—NHS Flu Immunisations - details to follow

**Thu 11th**—Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm

**Wed 17th**—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day.

**Fri 19th**—Last day of the Autumn Term

January

**Mon 5th**—First day of the Spring Term

Term Dates Available on School Website

2025 –2026 —[Click here](#)

Please ensure holidays are booked outside of term times.

### 2026 Residentials

Y2 & Y3 Tattenhall Residential - Tues 30th June—Wed 1st July

Y4 London Residential - Tues 24th—Wed 25th March

Y6 Min-Y-Don Residential - Mon 6th—Friday 10th July

*Details to follow*

We're looking forward to our upcoming parents and guardian evenings for the 2025-2026 school year. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and ensure they're settling in well.

Here are the key dates for each class:

- **EVERYONE:** October 15th & 16th, 2025
- **Reception & Year 6:** March 4th 2026
- **Years 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5:** June 17th & 18th 2026

## Developing Character Through Leadership: The Impact of Phys Kids Training

Several pupils from Class 3 recently participated in Phys Kids training, led by Mr Finney from Weaverham High School, to support playtime activities through peer leadership. This opportunity has proven invaluable in nurturing key aspects of character development. By taking on leadership roles, children gain confidence, learn to communicate effectively, and develop a sense of responsibility. They also practise empathy and inclusion, ensuring all classmates feel welcome and engaged.



## Yoga for Calmness: A Half-Termly Experience

Once every half term, each class has the opportunity to take part in a yoga session delivered by a professional yoga teacher. These sessions offer a valuable chance for children to develop mindfulness, focus, and emotional wellbeing.

Last week, the children explored the theme of *calmness*, engaging in gentle movements and breathing exercises designed to help them feel centred and relaxed.



## KS2 SATs 2026 Dates

**Monday 11th May 2026**

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Spelling - 20 mins

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Punctuation and Grammar - 45 mins

**Tuesday 12th May 2026**

Reading - 60 mins

**Wednesday 13th May 2026**

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic - 30 mins

Maths Paper 2: Reasoning - 40 mins

**Thursday 14th May 2026**

Maths Paper 3: Reasoning - 40 mins



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have introduced a program to all year groups called myHappymind. myHappymind is based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappymind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply this learning throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappymind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappymind Games, plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is: **149089**

Or simply scan this QR code to sign up



Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

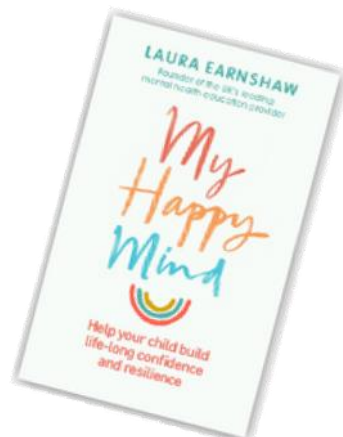
If you have any questions about myHappymind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact [hello@myHappymind.org](mailto:hello@myHappymind.org)

Want to learn more? Check out myHappymind founder Laura Earnshaw's best selling book on [Amazon](#).

Many thanks,

Miss Keegan



## Friends of Whitley School (FoWS)

### Lottery

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Mathletics, coaches for trips, furniture etc.

It costs just £8 a month for 2 draws per week. If your number pops up, you win £25. If there was no winner the week before you win. If you would like a number and to help support school,

Please contact Hayley Woodward on 07740043151 or

[litthayjay@gmail.com](mailto:litthayjay@gmail.com)

### Lottery Winners

12/07/2025	14	ROLLOVER	
16/07/2025	56	ROLLOVER	
19/07/2025	15	Rollover	
23/07/2025	22	Rollover	
26/07/2025	18	Nicole Greenall	£50
30/07/2025	38	Rollover	
02/08/2025	56	Rollover	
06/08/2025	35	Charlotte Mottram	£50
09/08/2025	23	Gill Osbourne	£25
13/08/2025	54	Emma Dillon	£25
16/08/2025	37	Rollover	
20/08/2025	49	Rollover	
23/08/2025	5	Rollover	
27/08/2025	58	Dave Littler	£50
30/08/2025	16	Rollover	
03/09/2025	28	Leanne Wilson	£50
06/09/2025	24	ROLLOVER	
10/09/2025	13	Charlotte Pitchford	£50

# Help Needed!

If you are interested in finding out more about FoWS, they are having a meeting at [The Riverside Restaurant](#), at 7pm on the 19th of September.

**Many hands make light work!**



## Free Adult & Family Cycle Training

For Cheshire West and Chester residents

Places are limited. Find out more and book now!  
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Whitley Village Preschool are raising money by doing a 45min spin everyday for 30days in September. Follow the link to support them.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/zhspinforseptember>



## School Spider Issues

Over the past two weeks, we have experienced a number of issues with the School Spider app. These problems have unfortunately created a significant amount of additional work for Emily, and have also resulted in an unpleasant experience for many of you when booking clubs, responding to surveys, or receiving messages.

School Spider is now part of the global company IRIS Software Group, whose headquarters are based in the United States. We also use another platform developed by IRIS, which has proven to be excellent in both functionality and reliability.

Having observed the recent issues—and being aware that these are not confined to our school—I took the step of contacting the CEO of IRIS directly. I am grateful for his prompt attention to the concerns I raised. Since then, I have been in contact with senior representatives at IRIS, who have assured me that they are making significant investments to improve the School Spider platform.

To support these improvements, I would be most grateful if you could take a few moments to email in any suggestions or comments regarding the app and your use of School Spider. Your feedback will be invaluable in helping IRIS enhance the user experience for all families.

I will be talking to the lead person at School Spider in the next few days and I would really like to include your feedback in that conversation.



Friends of Whitley School needs you!

# Why help out with FoWS?



## 1. Our children benefit

From movie nights to craft clubs, discos to themed competitions, FoWS are all about the fun stuff and the 'Do you remember when...?' moments that our children won't forget!



## 2. Our school benefits

FoWS donates over £2000 to school per year! Subsidised trips, tech and sports equipment, Mathletics - FoWS work hard to further enhance school life.



## What type of support does FoWS need?

Some people help FoWS to plan and prepare for events; others offer to be a spare pair of hands at an after-school event. There's no 'typical' FoWS member, and we value the different ideas and experience that each person brings to the group. Bonus points if you are super organised or have specific skills, but we're equally grateful for someone who can hand out hot dogs or be the guardian of the glue sticks.

## How can I find out more?

Please speak to our Chair, Nicole Greenall, or message us on Facebook.

## I'm pretty busy...

We know the feeling! We are all busy members of the school community, juggling work and home life. We work, have caring responsibilities and know what it's like to have children with social lives that are busier than our own. There's no minimum time commitment to be involved with FoWS, and we are grateful for any support you can give, even if it's just helping at one event.

Many hands make light work!