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### DATES

#### September

**Fri 19th**—FoWs Meeting at the Riverside, 7pm

**Wed 24th**—6-8pm - Bridgewater High School Open Evening

**Thu 25th** - School Photographs (Non school based siblings are welcome to join their school based sibling at 8.30 for a joint photo )

#### October

**Fri 3rd**—Speech and Language Meeting For Parents 2.30 - 3pm (see page 4)

**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 because we teach new content every single day.**

#### 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

### New School Parliament Elected

Congratulations to our newly elected School Parliament members. Their first meeting will be to appoint a Parliamentary Clerk and plan their inaugural event. These leadership opportunities are vital for developing key skills such as public speaking, teamwork, and decision-making. By taking on these roles, our pupils are not only helping to shape the school community but are also building the character and capabilities necessary to become the future leaders and the world-changers our school aims to produce. We wish them a successful term.



### Generous Compost Donation

We are incredibly grateful to one of our parents for their generous donation of a large quantity of compost. This wonderful gift means we can now look forward to starting our vegetable planting project this spring. To support this exciting initiative, we would be delighted to receive any unwanted vegetable seeds you may have. Please drop them off at the school office. Many thanks.



### 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

# PARENTS' SAFER PARKING CHARTER

A few years ago, Whitley Village Primary School Parliament and Junior Safety Officers have constructed a Safe Parking Charter. Acting on behalf of the children at the school they wanted everyone who drives to Whitley Village Primary School to help keep us all safe. We would like more parents to park at the village hall to reduce congestion around the school. The lanes are narrow and we need to ensure safe pedestrian access and leave room for agricultural vehicles.

We would be grateful if you could follow the guidelines outlined in this Safer Parking Charter, which has been written by the School Council, Junior Safety Officers, teachers, Cheshire West and Chester Council's Road Safety Team and the local PCSO.

To drive safely around the school area, keeping below the speed limit and drive in accordance with the Highway Code.

Leave in plenty of time for the school run and if possible, park away from school. You can park by the Village Hall (approx. 3-minute walk) and walk the rest of the way with your children. This will help reduce the traffic and air pollution around our school.

Not to stop or park on the yellow "School – Keep – Clear" and "zig-zag" markings during the times indicated on the yellow "No Stopping" signs outside the school (Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm).

Not to use the staff car park as a pick-up or drop off point for children unless I have permission.

Not to block or park on pavements.

To remind taxi drivers to follow these guidelines.

To park so that my child is able to get out safely straight on to the pavement, not into the road.

Not to park near narrower parts of the road. It prevents children from being seen, stops the flow of traffic and blocks access for emergency vehicles, farm vehicles and bin lorries.

Forward any concerns regarding dangerous parking by calling 101, who can then take appropriate action.

**Please consider our Park and Stride site the Village Hall and walk the remaining distance whenever possible. Remember it is healthy and fun to walk or cycle to school.**

Children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. We will have cleaner air around school too.

**THINK TWICE, PARK NICE**



## 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

We have lots of spare numbers so please consider supporting this initiative.

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

# FoWs Meeting

If you are interested in finding out more about FoWS, they are having a meeting at [The Riverside Restaurant](#), at 7pm tonight!

### Many hands make light work!

Thirteen people have already confirmed their attendance! Why not join them and get to know some of the other parents?

## School Spider Update



We want to thank all parents who took the time to provide feedback on our School Spider system. We believe it's important to have an open dialogue when systems aren't performing as expected, and we truly value your input. We are grateful to the School Spider team for listening to our concerns, and we can now say that our little school is certainly known to them! Their CEO has confirmed they are making a substantial investment in upgrading the product, and we hope these planned improvements will significantly enhance the system for everyone.

## Y4 London 2026

Great news! We're excited to announce that our Year 4 London trip will include a tour of Parliament! It's a huge challenge to book these tours because of the incredibly high demand, so we're absolutely thrilled to have secured a spot for our pupils once again. This is a truly special opportunity for the children to see the heart of our democracy in action. As these visits are not guaranteed every year, we're particularly delighted to be able to offer this experience.



# Have you got the App installed?



*We would like both parents and guardians to download this App so that you can both support your child's mental health*



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.

## Family Commissioned in School Speech and Language sessions from September 2025

Delivered by Jane Mullen Speech  
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## Commonly asked questions

What happens at the session?

Your child will be assessed and care outcomes created forming the basis of a highly bespoke programme of support based on their speech, language or communication needs. This will be placed in a report and care plan that will be provided to you and school to ensure collaborative working.

How frequently are the sessions held?

The sessions are scheduled either weekly or biweekly, in accordance with the recommendations specified in the care plan. Furthermore, you have the option to arrange sessions at a frequency that best suits your child's needs.

What is their duration?

Each session lasts for 30 minutes of direct contact time. Following this, the therapy practitioner will utilise the allocated administration time to prepare a comprehensive family note, which will be shared with you and the school, outlining the session's details and the next steps.

Why School sessions?

Sessions in school minimise disruption to your child's learning whilst still meeting their need. It eliminates the need for lengthy travel to clinic and time away from work. Sessions in school allow for better collaboration with your child's teacher whilst the detailed note from session ensures you remain up to date with their progress.

What if my child is already under the NHS Team?

No problem, we are more than happy to collaborate and coordinate care with them too!

How many sessions will they need?

This is always hard to predict however children only receive support for as long as they need it and a therapist is always on hand to discuss their support, any onward referrals and when therapy will no longer be of benefit.

**Anything we haven't thought of? Reach out to us - we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have...**

