

Growing Today, Ready for Tomorrow

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Newsletter

July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,
Unbelievably, we have reached the end of another half term! Please have a read of July's newsletter to find out what has (or hasn't been!) happening in the last couple of weeks of term.

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Whitchurch News

House Point Winners

Well done to Mentmore House, led by Seb and Rebecca, for winning the House cup for 2024/2025. The children across the school have worked tirelessly to get dojos and house points to contribute to the scores. Well done to everyone!



Miss Sisk is getting married!

We look forward to welcoming back Miss Sisk as Mrs Burgess in September! We hope her wedding day goes to plan and that she has a wonderful day!

S4A Holiday Clubs

S4A are running holiday clubs at Whitchurch Combined School in the holidays. For further information and details use the following link:

<https://parents.s4aclub.co.uk/school/whitchurch-combined-school/holiday-clubs>



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School Events

There have been lots of exciting events for all classes and whole school events this half term. Here are the highlights!

Reading Olympics

Well done to all the children that completed their Reading Olympic challenges this term. They got to enjoy some water activities on the field in recognition of their achievements!

Year 6 Summer of Fun

Year 6 concluded their Summer of Fun with a trip to **Gravity** in Milton Keynes and lunch at the **White Swan**

in Whitchurch the following day. The children had great fun letting out all their nervous energy from their end of year production the night before and followed it up by enjoying lunch at the Pub on the Friday. The food was absolutely delicious so thanks to Becca and the team at the White Swan!

Year 3 Ancient Maya Day

Year 3 enjoyed their Ancient Maya day last Thursday. In the morning, they learnt about Mayan calendars, writing and learning about their ancient spirit companion. In addition to this they played 'Pok-Ta-Pok' (an ancient Mayan board game). In the afternoon, they got to do some Mayan cooking and food tasting with Mrs Carson and Mrs Cristofoli. Sofia said, "We really liked trying out the Ancient Mayan food. Hot chocolate with cinnamon and chilli was really tasty!" Tristan said that he really enjoyed finding out about his spirit companion on the iPad. His was 'Imix the crocodile' which means he likes being near water and crafting!



Lego Day!

A big thanks to Mr and Mrs Greatorex for coming in and sharing some Lego play with all the classes last Friday! The children had a fab time building, constructing and playing! Mr Greatorex, who is Lego employee, loved sharing his expertise and knowledge with the children! Here are Year 5 & 6 having a fantastic time building with Lego!



Whitchurch's Got Talent!

We held our Whitchurch Has Got Talent! competition last Wednesday! The winner was Margot from Year 2 with her fantastic gymnastic routine and a special award for Teni in Year 6 who had the whole of Whitchurch cheering with her amazing dance performance. Well done to all who participated and Mrs Williams for organising. Mrs Hunt and Mrs Mobbs made good Simon Cowell and Amanda Holden impersonators too!



'Thank you' afternoon

A huge thank you to everyone who has come into school this year to help and support the children in the school. Whether this be through the different sporting activities, being on the PTA, listening to readers, inspiring our children's future careers or being a Governor – thank you for giving up your time! As is now tradition at Whitchurch, we held a 'Thank you' afternoon where our wonderful volunteers who are treated to some different performances from each year group whilst they enjoy a well-deserved piece of cake and cuppa! If you think you could volunteer in school, for any role, please do speak to Mrs Berridge in the office.

Year 6 Production – 'School of Pop!'

What an absolute treat it was watching the Year 6s perform their end of year production: **School of Pop!** All the children sang their hearts out and we could hear everything they said even at the back of the hall! Well done to Mrs Hutton and the Year 6 team for putting it all together so brilliantly. Although all of the children performed fantastically well, we especially enjoyed Anthimos' funky dancing; the two rappers – Flash and Spice played by Percy and Harvey; Jesse's solo performance on the drums and the two stars of the show Mason Lemon and Barry Garlow played by Seb and Louis. Anthimos said, "I loved performing the Pizza song and performing in the dining room scene – what a night!"



New Reception Class Coffee Morning

On **Friday 11th July**, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Lawson and the Reception Team ran a 'Stay & Play' for the new children while the parents got to enjoy coffee and cake in the hall. Mrs Eaton, our head cook, made some delicious treats for the parents. Our new children were able to familiarise themselves with school and to have fun playing games. Thanks to everyone involved!

Rectory Farm – Year 2

On **Friday 4th July**, Year 2 enjoyed a fun filled day at Rectory Farm. They explored the grounds to see what crops were being grown and got to taste many fruits such as gooseberries, red and blackcurrants and raspberries. This was shortly followed by a pick your own experience where the children filled their punnets full of strawberries (although many ended up in their mouths!). Finally, the day ended with a picnic and some play time on the farm's play equipment. A fun day had by all! Annabella and Gracie said, "We loved picking the

juicy strawberries and trying them. They were so tasty, although some of them were a bit sour!"



Year 4 - Verulamium Museum

This half term, the children had a fantastic trip to Verulamium, where they enjoyed a day full of learning and fun. They took part in an engaging session exploring real Roman artefacts, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. Afterwards, they explored the museum, discovering more about Roman life and history. The class then had a lovely picnic together in the beautiful grounds, followed by a visit to the impressive hypocaust to see how the Romans used underfloor heating. At end the day, the children had great fun playing in the park, making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone. Ruby and Jamie said, "We enjoyed touching all the old Roman artefacts, we touched a purple shell which was used to dye clothes. Only rich people got to have coloured clothes. We also got to see a mosaic floor at the Hypocaust (underfloor heating) and we had to spot the wrong pattern that the Romans built into it!"



Year 5 and Year 3 PGL and Hudnall Park Assemblies

Well done to Year 5 and Year 3 who presented to their parents their experiences from their residential this half term. We can't wait for them in 2026 now!

James and Jack Manders Drumming Assembly

The children were also treated to a drumming and guitar masterclass from James Manders and his son Jack. Both the children and adults were rocking to 'Shake it off' by Taylor Swift and enjoyed listening to some Harry Potter percussion! If you are interested in your child learning the drums, please visit James Manders' website directly!

<https://www.drumsinschools.co.uk/enrolment-form/>

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We have also packed in lots of Sporting Events in the last few weeks too!

District Sports

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Spring took a strong team of children to **District Sports at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium** on **Monday 7th July**. We had a fabulous evening with the children and parents supporting and cheering each other on. The atmosphere was wonderful. The children gave their absolute best rewarding them with lots of firsts and seconds achieving personal bests. Once

again two years in a row, **WE WON!!!** The children won the boys cup and overall winners as well 🏆. Well done to everyone – the children and parents who got them there and managing to park! Thank you to all the helpers, that included past pupils Martha and Ollie. Well done Whitchurch!



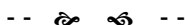
Year 6 Transition Games – Royal Latin School

Year 6 were invited to The Royal Latin School to take part in the Y6 games festival. They took part as four mixed teams to play football, cricket, netball and Boccia. Some of the children hadn't even played the sport before, but were quick and willing to learn, others were not used to playing as mixed teams. They should be so proud of themselves as they took part against other, bigger schools who knew how the tournament worked - our children were overheard by the RLS staff working well as a team, encouraging each other, complimenting opponents, playing fairly and with a positive attitude. We were the smallest school in our 'pool of schools' and were commended in each sport. Mrs Bereit (RLS organiser) gave us the nickname 'Mighty Whitchurch!' - A well-deserved accolade!



Quad Kids

The Year 5 and 6s had a great day competing against schools from Milton Keynes and West Wycombe as they were in the County Finals. There were some great scores and they won the fair play award. Whitchurch children were also commended on our fast runners too. We came 5th out of 12 schools which was brilliant!



We have lots of end of year awards and competitions to enjoy as well. Here are some of the highlights!

Speech Competition

Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Speech Competition on Monday 21st July. It was brilliant to see all the children perform so clearly and confidently. It was a very difficult decision to pick the winners but eventually we came to a decision. Well done to the following children for taking part: Ruby, Alec, Jamie and Florence (Y4); Otto, Olive, Lewis & Sienna (Y5); Isla-Jade, Harvey, Austin & Rebecca (Y6)

- Winner in Year 6 – Rebecca
- Winner in Year 5 – Otto
- Winners in Year 4 – Jamie
- Overall winner – Rebecca



Poetry competition

We held a school poetry competition earlier in the summer term. This was based on the poetry unit being taught in each class and so the style varied depending on the Year Group. The standard was very high and it was difficult for the class teachers to choose 5 poems from each class to put forward for the final judging. The winners were chosen by Mrs Janet Sampson (the Head of English at Aylesbury Grammar School and a former governor of our school). Here are the winners:

- Reception: Adivi
- Year 1 - Roman
- Year 2 - Ginny
- Year 3 - Tristan
- Year 4 – Alice R
- Year 5 - Olive
- Year 6 - Jesse

Mrs Sampson chose Ginny as the overall winner and she received a book voucher.

Awards

Governors Progress Awards

The Governor Progress Award is awarded to the child who has made excellent progress in Reading, Writing and Maths in the year group. The Governors presented the annual Governors Progress awards in assembly on **Tuesday 22nd July**. Each child received a certificate and the overall winner for each year group received a £5 book token.

The winners were:

Reception: Reading – Winnie, Writing – Finn, Maths – Wyatt

Overall winner: Finn

Year 1: Reading – William, Writing - Margot, Maths - Finnian

Overall winner: Margot

Year 2: Reading – Ellis, Writing - Tiger, Maths – Ayria

Overall winner: Tiger

Year 3: Reading – Esmé, Writing – Olivia, Maths – Aarith

Overall winner: Esmé

Year 4: Reading – Freiya, Writing – Dolly, Maths – Ethan L

Overall winner: Dolly

Year 5: Reading – Benny, Writing – Amelia, Maths – Sienna

Overall winner: Sienna

Year 6: Reading – Harvey, Writing – Rebecca, Maths – Austin

Overall winner: Austin



Lillian Price Award

Rebecca in Year 6 was awarded the Lillian Price award in recognition for her outstanding service to the school. Well done Rebecca! A brilliant achievement.



Sport Award

The Sports Award given by Mrs Hunt has been another real tough decision to make! However, with all staff input, Mrs Hunt has chosen Harvey and Logan to receive the trophies!

Harvey and Logan have represented the school brilliantly throughout their time at Whitchurch. Both boys were involved in last year's league winning year 5/6 team. They have also both participated in the winning District Sports Teams for the last years and represented the school with distinction at many events including cross country, football, and cricket events.

Austin was awarded 'highly commendable'. He is a great athlete and runner. We hope he continues with his sports and achieves great things. He gave Harvey a run for his money and beat his Dad in the Cross Country training run!

Phoebe has been awarded 'most improved' and has shown herself to be an incredible girls footballer this year showing increasing resilience, kindness and passion when she plays. Indeed, at the Royal Latin School Year 6 Games she was universally admired and complimented by children and staff. She was even voted to be a future Lioness!

Well done to the four of you!



The Simon Blore Award

This award is given to the child in each year group that has shown the Whitchurch values throughout the year. Well done to **Aron** for being the overall winner. He is always so happy, polite and curious and really embodies our Whitchurch values!

Here are the winners:

Reception: Ivy

Year 1: Siena A

Year 2: Aron

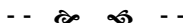
Year 3: Emily M

Year 4: Anvitaa

Year 5: Flint

Year 6: Luis

Overall winner: **Aron**



Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly was today at 8.50am. Year 6 parents joined us in the hall to share in their child's memories of Whitchurch. It was an emotional rollercoaster! They are now gone off to Creslow Manor in a bus for their celebration party and food! Have a lovely holiday and good luck in September.



PTA Events

Summer Fayre

A glorious and sunny Friday in July meant that this year we managed to have the Summer Fayre on the field! The event was an amazing success and we raised **approximately £1,500**. A big thanks to Mrs Ledwith and the PTA team for organising and all the parents/carers for coming and helping!



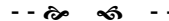
A message from Fran Ledwith, chair of the PTA: *Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the PTA this year! It has been another successful year and we couldn't do it without the donations and help that you all kindly provide. We have surpassed our yearly bake sale profit by over £100 with some very yummy bakes and the Christmas and Summer Fayres were super fun. We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.*

A Big Thank You to Our PTA

Each year, our PTA works incredibly hard to support the school and enrich the experiences of all our children. Thanks to their dedication - and your generous donations - we're able to provide additional resources and organise exciting activities that make school life more enjoyable and memorable.

The PTA is made up of a small group of volunteer parents who give their time, energy, and care to benefit every child in the school. We ask everyone to take a moment to show appreciation for all they do - it really does make a difference.

If you have any questions or thoughts about upcoming PTA events, please contact the school office directly rather than posting in WhatsApp groups. We also warmly welcome any positive feedback about the events and activities they help to organise!



It has been a great jammed-packed year, full of many exciting opportunities. Thank you for all of your help and support; we really do appreciate it. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs R Mobbs and Mr M Soar

Here is a reminder of the dates for when we come back.

INSET Day

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Children return to School

Thursday 4th September 2025 at 8.45am

