



Whitechapel Primary School

Newsletter

24th October 2025

Dear Parents, Friends and Neighbours,

A huge thank you to Maple Class who helped us celebrate Harvest last week at St James's Church. The children delivered a wonderful assembly, and it was so lovely to share our Harvest celebrations with so many of you.

Your very kind donations have now been collected from school and will be distributed to those in greatest need through the foodbank. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

The annual Roper Party will take place on Friday 7th November (the first Friday back after half term). As usual, there will be a surprise activity for the children to enjoy, followed by a party tea from 3:30-4:00pm. Children should be collected from the Village Hall at 4:00pm, and those who attend WOOSC will continue to the club afterwards.

A quick reminder for when we return to school: any children with pierced ears should remove earrings before arriving on PE days. Unfortunately, children wearing earrings will not be able to take part in lessons.

Please also remember to order school meals via ParentPay for the week beginning Monday 10th November. All lunch orders should be completed by Sunday 2nd November to ensure your child's meals are booked in time.

Finally, a very special thank you to our PTFA for organising the fantastic Halloween Disco! The children had a wonderful time, and we're so grateful for all the hard work and enthusiasm that went into making the event such a success.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break - we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 4th November.

What is the Roper Party?

John Roper was one of ten children. He lived in Liverpool and Southport for most of his life but his mother and father originated from Goosnargh and John regularly visited family in Whitechapel. It was his wish to be buried in the graveyard of St James' once he passed. John died on the 24th January 1927 and written in his will alongside a donation of £1000 was the following;

'The income there for shall be paid to the Vicar and Church Wardens for the time being of Whitechapel afore said Headmaster for the time being of the public elementary school carried on in connection with the said church and my said son John Jasper Roper to be applied by them for the purposes following namely...in the provision of organising entertainment with light refreshment to be given annually to the children and adults of the said Parish on or about the fourth day of November being the anniversary of my birthday.'

Despite John's generous donation running out many years ago, it is a great pleasure to continue with this tradition and take time to remember a member of the community who was so kind to the children of Whitechapel in the past. I know the children certainly enjoy the celebration and many of our parents and even some grandparents enjoy reminiscing about the party when they attended the school.



Parents' Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 12th November 2025 from 2:30 -6:00 pm, with 5-minute time slots.

Bookings will be taken from Monday 13th October 2025.



Reminder about Drop-Off and Pick-Up
A gentle reminder to all parents and carers: please use the school car park during drop-off and pick-up times. We've noticed an increase in families using the road instead, which can create congestion and safety concerns for our children. Using the car park helps keep everyone safe and makes the process smoother for all. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support! 😊

WOOSC STARS OF THE WEEK

Sonny- for excellent tidying up.
Billie- for imaginative gymnastic skills on the mats.

Dates for the Diary

3 rd November	Inset Day
4 th November	School Re-opens
7 th November	Roper Party
12 th November	Y2- Fire Safety & Y6 Road Safe
25 th November	The Snow Queen at The Dukes
29 th November	Whitechapel Village Hall Christmas Fair- 2pm -4pm
10 th December	KS1 Nativity Dress-rehearsal at 2:30pm
11 th December	KS1 Nativity at 6pm

Whitechapel Stars and Writers

Willow Class

- 🦉 Tabitha- for such a positive attitude to learning.
- 🦉 Sidonie- for independent writing in the classroom of cvc's.
- 🦉 Henry- for always being ready to learn.
- 🦉 Luca - for writing a lovely story with great ideas.

Rowan Class

- 🦉 Freddy- for effort and success in maths.
- 🦉 Lily-for improving her handwriting

Maple Class

- 🦉 Larna- for being an excellent role model and always following the Gold standards.
- 🦉 Finn- for beautiful handwriting and presentation
- 🦉 Hunter- for a maturing attitude towards learning.
- 🦉 Maya - for a super Scientific Investigation plan and write up.

Oak Class

- 🦉 Y5/6 football team- for their outstanding effort in Thursday's match.
- 🦉 Trixabel for use of metaphors in a list poem.
- 🦉 Harry-for his contributions to class discussions.
- 🦉 Pippa for thoughtful opinion on climate change.

Well done to all of our award winners—you've made us proud! Keep up the fantastic work!

Admissions 2026

Each year we have spaces available for 15 Reception children. Admissions to school are via Lancashire County Council and have a strict deadline.

The national closing dates for applications are:

- 15th January 2026 for primary applicants.
- 31st October 2025 for secondary applicants.

You can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!