

Newsletter

10TH OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents, Friends and Neighbours,

This week the children in Rowan, Maple and Oak have been learning all about carbon monoxide and the dangers it can pose. They've had some great discussions about how to stay safe at home and what to do if they ever have concerns — we've been really impressed with their curiosity and understanding!

We're also looking forward to a very special event next week — our Harvest Festival Assembly! It will take place at the church on Friday 17th October at 2:30 pm, and will once again be led by Maple Class. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this lovely celebration of thankfulness and community. As part of our Harvest Festival, we'll be collecting donations for Ribble Valley Foodbank. These can be brought into school during the week beginning Monday 13th October. A list of the items most needed is attached to this newsletter — any contributions, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

On Monday, our Year 2 children will be heading to Longridge to complete their Level 3 Road Safety Training - the final stage of their road safety journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
We hope everyone has a lovely weekend! ⭐

Attendance

All illness and planned absence should be reported to the school office by 9.00 am via telephone or the email below. This enables Rachel to complete the attendance register and to attach the details to the SIMS school system on a daily basis.

Please send details of all medical appointments to attendance@whitechapel.lancs.sch.uk as soon as you are aware of an upcoming appointment.

Parents Evening

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.

Roper Party

The annual Roper Party will take place on Friday 7th November (First Friday back after the half term). As usual there will be a surprise activity for the children to take part in 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.

Road Safety

🚗 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! 😊

School Admissions September 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!

WOOSC STARS OF THE WEEK

Aulay- for great concentration and beautiful colouring when making an autumn picture.

Dates for the Diary

13 th October	Year 2 Road Safety
15 th October	Reception Vision Screening
17 th October	Harvest Assembly at 2:30pm at St James' Church.
17 th October	PTFA Halloween Disco- KS1- 6-7pm & KS2 7-8pm
18 th October	Whitechapel Village Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
20 th October	Flu Vaccinations for Children
21 st October	Y5 & 6 Hockey Tournament
22 nd October	Life Education
24 th October	Break up for Half-Term at 3:30pm
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
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

- 🦉 Arthur - being enthusiastic learner.
- 🦉 Billie - for writing a great book review.

- 🦉 Harper- for great responses in guided reading.
- 🦉 Tabitha - for writing a super shopping list.

Rowan Class

- 🦉 Piper-for hard work in maths learning her number facts.
- 🦉 Paisley-for an excellent non-chronological report about hedgehogs.

- 🦉 Bartley-for putting effort into learning his number bonds
- 🦉 Joshua- for using adjectives in his character description and the correct punctuation.

Maple Class

- 🦉 Max - for having lovely manners
- 🦉 Issy - for a brilliant Wallace & Gromit play script draft.

- 🦉 Artie- for lots of great reading at home.
- 🦉 Connie- for writing a playscript going through the process of drafting, editing and publishing. Great vocabulary choices to suit the characters.

Oak Class

- 🦉 Red-for progress in mathematics.
- 🦉 Mila- for an excellent extract in the style of Macbeth.
- 🦉 Harry-for his contributions to class discussions.
- 🦉 Ellen- for excellent sentence structure in her Macbeth writing task.

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

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