WHITECHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

Welcome back to all our returning children and a huge warm welcome to all our new children, their parents and families.
The children have settled in quickly to school life and enjoy meeting back up with their friends and embracing the challenges of their new class.

A quick reminder: 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 Parent Pay at least one week in advance.

We hope you enjoy reading are new newsletter format which parents will receive monthly, but we will send weekly bulletins with dates for your diary.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

29 September – Reception Vision Screening
30 September – Y2 Road Safety
& Reception 2027-28 Open Evening

14th October- Flu Vaccinations for Children
21 October – Life Education Visit & Parents Evening 2:30-6PM
23 October – Harvest Service at 9:45am
26-30 October – Half Term
2 November – INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
6 November – Roper Party
24 November – The Dukes School Trip
2 December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

9th December- KS1 Dress Rehearsal

10 December- KS1 Nativity
18 December – End of Autumn Term

SCHOOL NEWS

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 21 October 2026**, with appointments available between **2:30 pm and 6:00 pm**. Appointment slots will be **5 minutes** long.

Bookings open on **Monday 28 September 2026**. Please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment. Parents and carers of children in **Oak Class** should contact the school office directly.

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Photos

Have you ordered your individual school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 5th October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique code *www.tempest-orders.co.uk*

CELEBRATIONS

School Council

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council representatives! We are excited to see them working together, sharing their classmates' ideas and making a positive difference across our school. Well, done, everyone!

Harvest Celebrations

The Harvest Festival service will be held on Friday 23rd October at 9:45 am. The assembly will once again be led by Maple Class, and parents are invited to this event. School will be collecting donations for Ribble Valley Foodbank. Donations can be brought into school during the week Commencing 19th October.

100 Club

Our **Hundred Club** is back!

You have until **19th October** to purchase a ticket. Each month, you could win:

- 🥇 **£15**
- 🥈 **£10**
- 🥉 **£5**

If you or a friend of the school would like to enter, please complete the form attached and return it to school with your payment.

Please pay using **ParentPay** if you have an account. **Cash should only be sent by friends of the school who do not have access to ParentPay**.

Information for Parents

Active Travel England

Reception, and Years 1, 5 and 6 parents and carers

Our school has agreed to take part in an important government evaluation of interventions that enable walking, wheeling and cycling to school. The findings will help Active Travel England make walking, wheeling and cycling to school easier and safer for children. If 50 parents and carers of pupils in our school take part, then our school will receive a £75 Love2Shop voucher. All parents and carers of pupils in Reception, and Years 1, 5 and 6 are eligible to participate **here.**

School Admissions

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 2027 for primary applicants.
- 31st October 2026 for secondary applicants.

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

Road Safety

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.

Reporting Absence

Please report all illness and planned absence to the school office by 9.00 am by telephone or email. This helps Rachel complete the attendance register and update the SIMS school system each day.

Appointments

Please send details of any medical appointments to attendance@whitechapel.lancs.sch.uk as soon as you know about them.