

Whitechapel Primary School

Newsletter

13TH FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents, Friends and Neighbours,

This half-term seems to have arrived in the blink of an eye, and it's been a wonderfully busy time with lots of exciting events already taking place and more to come after the holiday.

Over the past few weeks, pupils in Oak Class have been enthusiastically taking part in Kurling alongside Mrs Loughnane. They have shown great teamwork and determination, and the current leaderboard looks like this:

EPTV – 10
GOATS – 19
Calico Cats – 16
The Norwegian Iciers – 12
The Aussies & Panda Curlers – 0
Burnley Bankers – Yet to play

The next term promises to be just as exciting, with a busy sporting calendar ahead, including the much-anticipated swimming gala.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy a well-earned, restful half-term break.

Please remember to book your child's school dinners on ParentPay by Sunday for the following week. This helps us ensure accurate meal numbers. Thank you!

WOOSC STARS OF THE WEEK

Ziggy- for making good use of his time at afterschool club by doing his homework.

Conan- for being extraordinarily creative using both hands at the same time and creating a lovely colourful picture.

Whitechapel Stars and Writers

Willow Class

- Rosie - for wonderful maths work. Spotting patterns quickly and quick recall of number facts.
- Emaya - for writing super instructions.
- Ella - for showing great determination and teamwork skills in Commando Joes.
- Aulay - for super writing about Chinese New Year.

Rowan Class

- Aalayah- for improving her ascenders and descenders.
- Bartley- for working really hard to improve his handwriting.
- Isabelle- for a positive attitude
- Gryff- for a good setting description.

Maple Class

- Tasker- for a mature and reflective attitude.
- Oscar- for creative ideas for persuasive writing
- Luke- for an increasingly mature and responsible attitude.
- Issy- for fantastic presentation of her persuasive advert.

Oak Class

- Ollie - for a huge improvement in effort.
- Eliysia- for using excellent language.
- Henson- for showing bravery and resilience.
- Trixabel- for a gripping short story.

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

World Book Day

As it's a double celebration this year: World Book Day and National Year of Reading, we hope to inspire young readers with two ways to celebrate.

On World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) children are invited to dress as their favourite fictional character - no doubt we'll have a few Harry Potters, but we'd love to see where your imagination takes you. In addition, why not enter our competition to design a fictional world? Inspired by Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree where Joe, Beth and Frannie meet fairytale characters Silky and Moon-Face and travel to different lands atop the Faraway Tree, we would like children to create a land these characters could visit.

The sky's the limit as you can create a land from any genre: science fiction, fantasy, adventure and more.

Please present your entry as a piece of art work (any medium) but A4 size.

The best way to find inspiration? READ A BOOK!

Happy Reading.

Dates for the Diary

13 th February	School Breaks up for Half Term
17 th February	Pancaking- St James' Church will be open 9am-12pm
23 rd February	School Re-opens
26 th February	Swimming Gala Practice
27 th February	Small Schools Football
28 th February	RobinWood Instalment Due
4 th March	Swimming Gala
5 th March	World Book Day
10 th March	Gymnastics
19 th & 20 th March	Y5 Bikeability
26 th March	Whole School Mini Skills
30 th April	RobinWood Final Instalment Due