

## AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER 2025

# WHITEGATE NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some well-earned rest with family and friends. The children have returned with great enthusiasm, and we are excited for the busy, fun-filled half term ahead! Autumn 2 is always a special time in school, with lots of exciting learning opportunities, celebrations, and events to look forward to. Over the next few weeks, we will be diving into new topics, building on the fantastic progress made so far, and embracing the festive season as it approaches. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a brilliant half term full of learning, laughter, and memorable moments.

### What's happening this half term?

**Nursery:** Our topic is "Magic and Fantasy". Children will explore imaginative worlds through stories, creative play, arts and early literacy, developing language and curiosity through magical adventures.

**Reception:** In "Dragons, Knights and Castles", pupils will step into a world of medieval wonder. They will explore castles, mythical creatures, and traditional tales through literacy, role-play, art, and design.

**Year 1:** Our topic is "Changes Within Living Memory – Toys". Children will discover how toys have changed over time, comparing their own toys with those from the past through history, science and hands-on learning.

**Year 2:** Children will continue their "Inspirational" topic, deepening their understanding of significant individuals from a range of fields. This will be explored through history, reading, writing and art.

**Year 3:** Pupils will continue their journey through the Stone Age, further exploring early human life, settlements, and prehistoric achievements through history, science and design and technology.

**Year 4:** Continuing with "Italy", this half term pupils will focus on Rivers and carry out a locality fieldwork study to develop their geographical knowledge and fieldwork skills.

**Year 5:** Children will continue to study Ancient Greece, learning more about Greek life, culture, myths, and the impact of this civilization on the modern world through history, literacy, and the arts.

**Year 6:** Pupils will continue their study of World War II, deepening their knowledge of key events and exploring life on the Home Front through history, literacy, and immersive activities.

**Class 15 and Class 16:** Our theme this half term is "Festivals and Celebrations". Pupils will explore a variety of cultural and religious festivals, learning through sensory activities, music and creative experiences.

### We are recruiting for a Parent governor:

Parent governors play an important role. They know what the children are learning and what the community thinks about the school. This means parent governors can bring different viewpoints to the leadership of the school. To learn more, click here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRqJ\\_bFipHk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRqJ_bFipHk)

To hear some of our governors talk about their experiences click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiilyVbKQC4>

More information on how to put yourself forward will be sent out on WEDUC in due course.

### ✉ A reminder to stay connected:

- Download the WEDUC app for updates and messages.
- Download the Arbor app (white background) to make payments for dinners, uniform, and trips. View and update contact details and access attendance information.
- Find further useful information and photos of learning in action on the school website: <https://www.whitegateprimary.co.uk>

### Key dates:

**10.11.25: Odd sock day**

**21.11.25: Children in need. Non-uniform day**

**02.12.25: KS1 Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm**

**03.12.25: Reception Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm**

**05.12.25: Christmas jumper day**

**10.12.25: After school Christmas Disco**

**11.12.25: KS2 Carol concert 9.15am & 2.15pm**

**12.12.25: Pantomime trip – Sleeping Beauty**

**19.12.25. Last of term. Non-uniform day**