



## SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER 2026

# WHITEGATE NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, and a very Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some well-earned rest and special time with family and friends.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, and we have been so pleased to see them return with such enthusiasm and positivity. We are really looking forward to the busy and fun-filled Spring 1 half term ahead.

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### What's happening this half term?

**Nursery – Journeys:** Children will explore the idea of journeys through stories, play, and real-life experiences. They will talk about places they go, how they travel, and develop their language and curiosity through imaginative and practical activities.

**Reception (F2) – Around the World:** In this topic, children will learn about different countries, cultures, and traditions. Through stories, role-play, art, and discussions, they will begin to understand similarities and differences around the world.

**Year 1 – Kings, Queens and Castles:** Pupils will step back in time to learn about monarchs and castle life. They will explore historical figures, castle features, and daily life in the past through history, literacy, art, and design activities.

**Year 2 – Weather:** Children will investigate different types of weather and seasonal changes. They will explore how weather affects our daily lives and the environment through science, geography, reading, and creative work.

**Year 3 – The UK and Its Regions** (Focus on the East Midlands): Pupils will develop their geographical knowledge by studying the United Kingdom, with a particular focus on the East Midlands. They will explore counties, landmarks, maps, and local features through geography and fieldwork activities.

**Year 4 – Romans:** This half term, pupils will learn about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. They will explore Roman life, settlements, roads, and legacy through history, literacy, and creative learning.

**Year 5 – Biomes:** Children will study the world's biomes, exploring different climates, vegetation, wildlife, and human impact. This topic will link geography, science, and environmental understanding.

**Year 6 – Our Planet, Our Future:** Pupils will explore important global issues such as sustainability, climate change, and caring for our planet. They will consider how their actions can make a positive difference, linking geography, science, and citizenship.

**Class 15 and Class 16:** Our theme this half term is "Clifton and our local area". The children will be learning about the place they live and learn in, developing a sense of belonging and curiosity about their surroundings.

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### Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a Midday Supervisor to join our school team. This is a rewarding role that plays a vital part in the school day, supporting children during lunchtime and helping to educate them through play, social interaction, and positive behaviour.

Midday Supervisors help to ensure that lunchtime is a safe, happy, and enjoyable experience for all children, encouraging friendships, games, and cooperation.

If you are interested in joining our friendly team, please do not hesitate to apply through [eteach.com](https://www.eteach.com) using the link below: 📧 <https://www.eteach.com/job/midday-supervisor-1528160>

We would be delighted to hear from you.

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### ✉️ 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>

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### Key dates:

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