



WHITEGATE NEWS



AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Whitegate Primary and Nursery School for the start of another exciting school year. We hope you all enjoyed a restful summer break and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. They have returned looking smart, enthusiastic and ready to learn, and have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. We are incredibly proud of how positively they have embraced the start of term. We look forward to a busy and successful half term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and continued achievements. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to help every child thrive.

What's happening this half term?

- **Nursery** – Our topic is **"Whitegate and Me"** will help children learn about themselves, their families, and their place within the school community.
- **Reception** – In **"Clifton and Me"**, children will explore their local community and develop an understanding of the people, places and environments that make Clifton special.
- **Year 1&2** – This term, Year 1/2 will be learning about **"Inspirational Women"**. Pupils will explore the achievements of remarkable women from the past and present, discovering how they have helped shape the world we live in today.
- **Year 3** – In **"The Stone Age"**, children will investigate what life was like for early humans. They will explore how people lived, hunted and adapted to their environment.
- **Year 4** – **"Italy"**. Pupils will journey across this European country, learning about its landmarks, traditions, history and culture.
- **Year 5** – As part of their **"Ancient Greece"** topic, children will delve into one of the world's most influential civilisations. They will learn about Greek myths, the origins of democracy and everyday life.
- **Year 6** – In **World War II**, we explore the experiences of those who lived through this significant period in history and considering its lasting impact through their work in history and literacy.
- **Class 14 and Class 15** – **"All About Me"**. Pupils will develop their understanding of their bodies by learning key body part names and signs, preparing healthy foods, and practising important life skills that support greater independence and personal care.

Reminders:

👕 **Uniform:** Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. Lost property boxes can be found on KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. EYFS in the classrooms.

👟 **PE Kits:** plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/leggings/bottoms, black or navy jumper/hoodie/sweatshirt and trainers. PE kit with the Whitegate logo is optional. No football shirts and other non-uniform items.

📅 **Attendance:** Good attendance is key to learning success. Please inform the office if your child is unwell.

🍏 **Snacks:** KS1 children are provided with free fruit. KS2 children may bring a healthy snack from home.

🏆 **Celebration Assemblies:** Every Friday we will hold a Star of the Week assembly. Parents of children receiving certificates will be notified in advance.

✉ Stay Connected:

- Download the Arbor app (white background) to receive messages and 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:

Parent's Evening: Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October 3.30pm – 6pm.

Last day of term & Monster Mash dress up day: Friday 16th October: