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## AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER 2025

# WHITEGATE NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year at Whitegate Primary and Nursery School! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. The children have settled in brilliantly, and we are excited about all the learning and experiences planned for this half term.

### What's happening this half term?

- **Nursery** – Our topic is "Whitegate and Me". Children will be learning about life at Whitegate through early literacy, maths, art, and personal, social and emotional development.
- **Reception** – In "Clifton and Me", pupils will explore their local area through geography, literacy, and creative activities, building their understanding of the world around them.
- **Year 1** – Our topic is "The World and My School", children will investigate their environment through science and geography, alongside linked reading and writing.
- **Year 2** – This term's theme is "Inspirational Women". Pupils will discover significant historical figures, exploring their impact through history, literacy, and art.
- **Year 3** – Children will travel back in time to the Stone Age, studying early human life through history, science, and design and technology.
- **Year 4** – Our topic is "Italy", where pupils will learn about Italian geography, history, food, and culture, supported by work in geography, art, and music.
- **Year 5** – Will be studying "Ancient Greece", children will explore myths, democracy, and daily life, linking history, literacy, and art.
- **Year 6** – Children will be studying World War II, deepening their knowledge of this key period through history and literacy.
- **Class 15 and Class 16** – 'All About Me'. We will be learning the names and signs for parts of our body, cooking and preparing a range of healthy food to fuel our bodies and focus on life skills to develop independence in 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 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:

- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Individual and family photos.**
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: INSET Day – school closed to pupils.**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm – 6pm: Parents Evening.**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Last day of term – Monster Mash dress up day.**