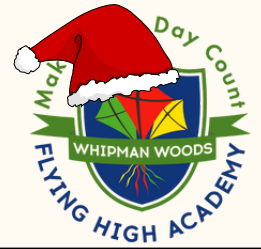


Weekly Newsletter

5TH DECEMBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an action-packed week it has been! The children were thrilled to discover the school decorated when they arrived on Monday morning. We have also been truly delighted by the beautiful collection of baubles contributed by our children and their families, now proudly displayed on our tree. The children have loved placing their baubles and spotting them each day during rehearsals, lunchtime, and PE lessons. We feel so fortunate to have such a wonderfully engaged school community that helps make our school a special place to be. Thank you!

Next week promises to be just as busy, with Nativity performances for EYFS and Key Stage 1, as well as an exciting visit for Oak Class to the Jorvik Viking Centre in York, where they will deepen their understanding of the Vikings in connection with this half term's enquiry question. There is much to look forward to as the festive season gets underway!

Nicola Green

Mrs Nicola Green
Head Teacher



Whipman Woods' Christmas Post Box

From Monday, our Christmas post box will be up and running! Our beautiful, personalised post box has been generously donated by very kind parents, allowing our Whipman Woods Christmas postal service to get fully underway.

To help our service run smoothly and on time, please ensure that any cards brought into school are clearly named and include the recipient's class name too. Take a look at our magical Whipman Postbox - our School Council members are ready and eager to make their deliveries each lunchtime. If your child has cards to post, their class teacher will direct them to the post box, which takes pride of place in our school reception area.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lax and Mrs Dodds for the time, care, and generosity that went into creating this wonderful festive treat for the children!



Year 1 and Year 2 Visit to South Yorkshire Air Museum

On Tuesday, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the air museum. The children explored a wide range of aircrafts and even had the chance to sit inside several cockpits (one of their favourite parts of the day!). They learned lots of interesting facts about aviation and asked some brilliant questions along the way.

It was a hands-on experience that brought their learning to life. Thank you to our parent helpers who helped make the day run smoothly.



Friends Of Whipman Woods' Christmas Fair

You may already have seen our flyer advertising our Whipman Woods' Christmas Fair on **Monday 15th December**. We are looking for stallholders and food vendors to provide some of the fun, and stalls are charged at £10 each. We are also looking for contributions of raffle/tombola prizes. If you are out and about and want to mention us to any local businesses who may be able to support with vouchers or prizes, we would really appreciate your support with this.

We look forward to you, your family, and the wider community joining us for this festive event. Stallholders should arrive at 2.30pm for set-up, the doors will open for browsing at 3pm, and the children will be dismissed at the usual time of 3.15pm, when staff will open the children's stalls and games, which will be set up in The Grove.

We would really appreciate your support at this event – all funds raised will go towards the purchase of a set of staging blocks for our school hall, which will further enhance the quality of nativity plays, family assemblies, and school productions moving forward.



Christmas Jumper Donations

It's that time of year when we dust off our baubles, untangle our tinsel, and slip into our Christmas jumpers... unless, of course, they no longer fit! With so many little people in our school, we know there are plenty of beautiful, barely worn jumpers out there just begging for a new home in time for Christmas.

With this in mind, we will be holding a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale at our Christmas Fair — the perfect chance to grab a festive bargain and raise a few precious pennies for our school.

So, while you're decking the halls this weekend, if you discover any Christmas jumpers (in both child and adult sizes) that could make someone else's season a little brighter, please drop them off at the office.



EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity Performances – Tickets

Thank you for completing our Microsoft Forms questionnaire and letting us know how many tickets you require for each performance. We are delighted to share that, as long as everyone sticks to the numbers requested, we will be able to accommodate all ticket requests.

Please do not bring additional guests on the day without checking first, as this could compromise the safety and comfort of our children and families.

Although tickets are free, we are hoping to raise funds for a new set of staging units for our school hall, helping to increase the 'Wow' factor of future assemblies, productions, and nativities. Profits from the Christmas Fair will also go towards this exciting purchase.

Throughout the festive season, we will keep you updated with a running total of our progress. Hot drinks and light refreshments will be available at each performance. We can't wait to celebrate this special time of year with you!



Our children have loved bringing their baubles and arranging them on the Christmas tree.

We love each and every one whether shop-bought, lovingly crafted at home or personalised in the most intricate of ways.

We are extremely proud of our tree and have realised that, next year, our tree needs to be even bigger so that we can spread them all out even more

Look out for your child's class bauble as you enjoy the upcoming nativity plays, and the Key Stage 1 carol concert next week



DRESS DOWN DAY – Friday 12th December

We are excited to invite all children to take part in a special Dress-Down Day on **Friday 12th December** in support of our upcoming Christmas Fair. On this day, children are welcome to come to school in their favourite, comfortable clothes in exchange for a donation to our Christmas Fair raffle and prize stalls.

Suggested contributions include a bottle of something nice (please hand all glass bottles directly to Reception), chocolates or sweets, a children's book, or any other small gift that would help make our fair extra festive and fun. Creative contributions - such as craft sets, cosy socks, games, or pamper items - are also very welcome!

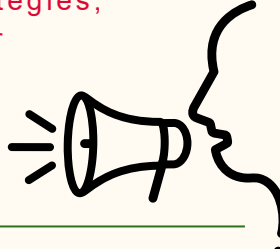
Your generosity helps us create a magical Christmas event for our whole school community, and we are incredibly grateful for your support. We can't wait to see the children enjoying their dress-down day and to share a wonderful festive fair with you all.



Occupational Therapy Sensory Audit Survey for Parents 2025

As part of our involvement in the PINS project, we are conducting a **Sensory Audit** to help our Occupational Therapy team better understand the sensory needs and experiences of the children we support. We kindly ask parents to complete the **Occupational Therapy Sensory Audit Survey for Parents 2025** using the link below.

Your insights are invaluable and will play an important role in shaping the strategies, resources, and support we provide. Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective and contribute to this important work.



[Occupational Therapy Sensory Audit Survey for Parents 2025](#)

ATTENDANCE - MINOR ILLNESSES

We understand that deciding whether a child is well enough for school can sometimes be difficult. For many mild, everyday ailments - such as a snuffle or cold - children are still often able to participate fully in the school day (with some adaptations such as staying inside at break/lunchtime). Regular exposure to the usual range of childhood germs is a natural part of developing a resilient immune system. We encourage parents to use their judgement and send children in when symptoms are minor, with the reassurance that we will always contact you should your child become uncomfortable or unable to manage in school. Working together in this way helps us maintain strong attendance while ensuring children's wellbeing remains our priority.

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
93.8%	87.4%	97.3%	99.7%	100%	95.0%



Well done to Oak Class for battling on through in the face of adversity! You are this week's attendance winners!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 8th December** - Christmas Craft Day (during school day. For information only)
- Monday 8th December** - SEND Coffee and Chat Meeting 1.45pm - 3.10pm
- Wednesday 10th December** - EYFS Nativity Performance 9.30am
- Wednesday 10th December** - KS1 Nativity Performance 2.15pm
- Thursday 11th December** - KS1 Nativity Performance 9.30am
- Thursday 11th December** - EYFS Nativity Performance 2.30pm
- Thursday 11th December** - Oak School Trip Jorvik Centre
- Friday 12th December** - Dress Down Day (in return for a Christmas Fair Raffle Prize!)
- Monday 15th December** - Christmas Fair 2.30pm-4.30pm
- Tuesday 16th December** - KS2 Carol Concert 2pm-3pm
- Wednesday 17th December** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (menu sent out)
- Friday 19th December** - Last day of Autumn Term in school





Christmas Jumper Donations Wanted

We are collecting any preloved Christmas jumpers to add to our preloved clothes rail ahead of our Christmas Fair so that we can rehome them in time for Christmas Jumper Day.

Children and adult sizes are both welcome!

Please drop any donations into the school office at your earliest convenience.





Whipman Woods' Christmas Fair!



Book stall



Games

Children's stalls



**Monday 15th December 2025
at 3:00pm!**



Brass Band



Raffle



**Face
painting**



Hot chocolate

and more!

Cash only!



Coffee & Chat Group

Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINS]

FOR

- Any parent/carer of a child with any additional needs – no diagnosis needed.



SESSION 2 – Communication

- Find what makes communication work well, what doesn't, and how it could be improved in practical ways
- Explore inclusive ways for parent/ carers to give feedback
- Discuss how parent/carers and schools can build two-way communication together.

WHEN:

- Mon 8th Dec, 1:45- 3:15pm

WHERE:

- Whipman Woods Flying High Academy

For further information please
contact: enquiries@nottpcf.org



SESSION 3 :
MON 2ND MARCH
1:45– 3:15PM

These sessions are being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum - an independent charity run by and for parent carers.

NO NEED TO HAVE ATTENDED EARLIER SESSIONS – ALL WELCOME!