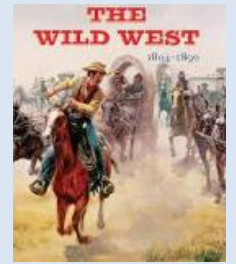




## Welcome Back

Welcome to the Summer Term. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and have enjoyed the chance to socialise more with family and friends. The Summer Term is always one of reflection as well as planning ahead, and as always, we are looking for ways of improving and adapting our provision. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned this term and we know you will all join us in keeping our fingers crossed for the warm weather.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.



## Curriculum Areas

Through our termly cross-curricular themes, we aim to make links in all areas of learning to make sure there is cohesion across the whole curriculum. The aim is to make the children's learning vivid, real, engaging and memorable, and to provide challenges and adaptations to encourage their development in all areas. We strive to embed social, emotional and independent life skills holistically across all areas of curriculum.

### English

Through the adapted Read, Write Inc Phonics Programme, we will revisit and develop our reading and writing skills. In our extended writing programme, we will aim to develop our descriptive writing and create 'wanted' posters. There will be direct emphasis on developing word and sentence level work including handwriting.

### Maths

The principal focus of mathematics teaching and learning will be to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with whole numbers, counting and place value. In addition, the children will focus on developing skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using number stories and manipulatives.

### PSHCE and Life Skills

In PSHCE, pupils will learn about positive and negative feelings. We will discuss the differences between kind and unkind friendships.

### RE

In line with The Milton Keynes Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, we will learn about beliefs and worship relating to Hinduism.

### Humanities

In History, pupils will explore pioneers beyond the living memory. In Geography, the pupils will learn to explore maps of the local area.

### Science

Through enquiry and investigation, the pupils will explore cause and effect using speed.

### Computing

The pupils will develop awareness of researching and programming arrow cars.

### ART and DT

The pupils will explore sculptures, drawing and painting around the theme of native Americans.

### Cooking and Nutrition

The children will develop their knowledge and skills in identifying healthy foods. They will explore simple dishes involving fruits.

### Performing Arts

In Performing Arts, the pupils will develop drama skills with a focus on character creation, relating to the wild west theme.

### PE

The pupils will continue to take part in a variety of individual and team sports activities with a focus on fine and gross motor skills.

## Free School Meals Online Application



If you think your child may be entitled for free school meals, you can register and find out if your child is eligible by visiting a quick and easy system: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

**Our school menu and order form can be downloaded from the website:**

[https://www.whitespireschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf/Lunch\\_Order\\_Form.pdf](https://www.whitespireschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf/Lunch_Order_Form.pdf)

### Uniform

Please ensure your child wears correct school uniform, and each item is labelled with your child's name.



### Attendance

We believe regular school attendance is essential to achievement. Please help us by ensuring your child attends school every day.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Parents Evening**

Wednesday 10th June 2026

#### **Sports Day**

Thursday 2nd July 2026

#### **Transition Day**

Tuesday 7th July 2026

### Term Dates

Monday 4th May 2026 - May Bank holiday -School closed

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Summer half term

Tuesday 1st June - School reopens

Friday 17th July 2026 - School closes for Summer

### Break and Lunchtime clubs

- Library
- Sports
- Music



Breakfast Club is open daily from 8am to 8.30am.

After School Club offers a variety of activities.

**Advance booking is required, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.**

### Equipment



Please note children will not need to bring in their own pencil cases or resources. Please help us by not sending in any toys or soothers.

### Daily Home School Communication



***Please ensure the school diary is sent into school every day and check it for regular updates.***