



# Whitecross Nursery School Newsletter

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Summer 2 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Our Nursery

Time goes so quickly and we have reached the last half term of the school year. Looking back it has been another wonderful year, and there is still so much more to come before we break up for the summer holidays. It has been our first year with two year olds at Whitecross and it has been highly successful and lots of fun. We hope your child enjoys the coming weeks. We have our fingers crossed that the good weather continues.

## Special days in the summer term

During the final weeks of the year, we offer five themed days for both Caterpillars and Butterflies. Each day will fall on a different day of the week. This means all children will attend between two and five themed days depending upon the sessions they come. Children cannot attend extra session or swap sessions for themed days. On a themed day children and staff are invited to dress up and there will be different themed activities on offer during the sessions. If your child does not enjoy dressing up then they do not need to at all. They can enjoy the days in their own way. Dressing up does not need to cost money. Please do not rush out and buy costumes, all are easy to do with things you already have at home. We have festival day, sports day, pirate day, superhero day and beach day.

## Children who are leaving to go to school

Thank you for informing the office of your transition dates and times. Knowing this helps us to have children ready for you collect, we know if we need to save a lunch and we won't call you to see where you are if they don't turn up for their session.

All records and information will be sent to your child's new school for September. You will receive an end of nursery report for your child and as always staff are happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

We have had a number of reception class teachers visit Whitecross over the last few weeks and transition days will happen soon. Moving on is a super exciting adventure but can also be unsettling. Whilst very excited, children can be nervous of change and so we will focus on the fun time we have planned over the next few weeks rather than on new schools.

## Amazon wish list

<https://amzn.eu/dqbhCsz>

As some children approach the end of their time at Whitecross, or move from Caterpillars to Butterflies, some parents have asked about buying a gift for staff. We politely ask that you do not send any individual gifts for staff. As a team, we all work hard but we cannot do it without each other. We love our roles and working with your children is a joy and a privilege. If you do want to buy a gift, please consider buying something for the children who will be staying in or coming into nursery. That gift helps all staff enormously, and your children greatly benefited from the generosity of families who left before your child started. Staff will be adding resources to the list over the coming weeks and the link to the list is above or on our website.

Many thanks in advance for supporting our school in this way.

From the Whitecross Team ☺

## Children who are staying

If your child is remaining with us at Whitecross next year then please see the inset dates that have been set. These were sent out by email last week. We return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. If your child is transitioning up into the butterflies then they will be meeting staff and looking round calmly during the last few weeks of term. We will share any transition information with you and if you have any questions please ask.

## Safeguarding - The team has increased

We now have five trained Designated Safeguarding Leads, DSLs, in nursery. Mrs FitzPatrick, Miss Noblet, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Collins and Mrs Parker. All other staff have undergone a lot of safeguarding training. The school designated safeguarding leads continue to monitor the DSL emails throughout weekends and school holidays on [dsl@whitecross.derby.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@whitecross.derby.sch.uk) If you have any concerns about a child then please contact the above email address or telephone the police as Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If there is anything you want to discuss with us about safeguarding or you have any concerns please call school on 01332 371876 or email on the above address or pop in to talk to us. We are here to help. Please take a look on the school website or head to the UK Safer Internet Centre, the NSPCC or Gov.uk websites for online safety advice for families. Online safety is such an important part of keeping children safe. Feel free to speak to a member of staff for advice or signposting to further support.



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## Library challenge throughout the summer

All of our Butterfly children will be having a talk this week about the DCC library summer reading challenge. We are very lucky in Derby to have lots of wonderful library opportunities for our children.

## Please close the gates

A polite reminder to our families to please close the gates behind you when dropping off or collecting children. At drop off and collection times the doors are open. Our children are carefully monitored in nursery but we have had instances of dogs running into the waiting areas and sometimes school which can cause great anxiety for children. Thank you very much

## Sun, sun cream and clothes

A huge thank you to families for sending children in sun cream before nursery every day. As you can appreciate, we do not have the time to apply to all children at the start of sessions. Sun cream is parental responsibility to apply before children come to nursery at whatever time they arrive. We will re-apply when necessary throughout the day.

Thank you also for not sending children in sleeveless tops. All children must have their shoulders covered in nursery at all times. Please do not send children to nursery in crocs or jelly shoes. Trainers or walking sandals are the best footwear to allow them to run and jump and climb, trainer or ankle socks in them absorb sweat and keep children comfortable. Many thanks for your help with this

## School Ready

Below is list of ten things to help your child to be ready to start school after the summer  
Please talk to any staff member for any ideas to support them with this. Thank you

- I can settle happily without my parent or carer*
- I can tell friends and grown-ups what I need*
- I can take turns and share when I am playing*
- I can go to the toilet on my own and wash my hands*
- I can put on my own coat and shoes and feed myself*
- I can tell a grown up if I am happy, sad or cross*
- I know that what I do and say can make others happy or unhappy*
- I am curious and want to learn and play*
- I can stop what I am doing, listen and follow simple instructions*
- I enjoy sharing books with grown-ups*

## Other Reminders

- If your child is absent from school, please inform the school office by phone on the first morning of their absence. If your child has suffered from sickness and diarrhoea, they must to be kept off from school for 48 hours. The germ can remain in their body even if they feel well and easily spread around other children and staff.
- All belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name. If they are not labelled we cannot guarantee that they will come home with the right clothes. Also if it is written in, please check it regularly as they can wash out!
- It is important that you provide school with the relevant details of who is collecting your child from school. Please inform any member of staff of any changes to the routine. We cannot send children home with adults we were not expecting to collect them. Also a reminder that if you continually late to collect your child then then you will be charged a late pick up fee.
- Please ensure children **do not** wear any jewellery to nursery. We do not permit children to wear real or toy rings, bracelets or necklaces; unless worn for religious reasons. This is because it will get lost, broken or can get caught on play equipment causing injury. Only very small stud earrings are permitted in pierced ears. Thank you.
- Please ask any member of staff if there is anything you need to know. You can email school at [admin@whitecross.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitecross.derby.sch.uk) or telephone to talk to us any time, before or after your nursery session.

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<b>Diary dates</b>	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Festival Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Pirate Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Superhero Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Beach Party Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Closes – have a lovely summer!
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery opens for the new school year

