



Whitecross
Nursery School
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Welcome to Spring at Whitecross

We've had a fantastic start to the spring term and are now looking forward to brighter days and warmer weather ahead.

In this edition, we're sharing key updates, important reminders and upcoming dates to be aware of.

Building Independence

We are passionate about supporting children to develop our core values of **independence** and **resilience**.

Our Butterflies team will be placing a strong focus on helping children to:

- Put on and fasten their own coats
- Manage shoes, hats and gloves
- Look after and put away their belongings

We practise these skills daily, but there will be an extra focus as we approach Easter.

How you can help at home:

Model these skills, give your child time to try, and encourage regular practice. Working together, we can help every child feel confident and ready for school in September.



Being "school ready" means being able to:

- ✓ Independently use cutlery
- ✓ Drink from an open cup
- ✓ Wash/ dry hands properly
- ✓ Manage without a dummy
- ✓ Put on and fasten a coat
- ✓ Find and put away belongings
- ✓ Recognise their name
- ✓ Ask for help when needed
- ✓ Use the toilet independently
- ✓ Dress themselves in simple clothing



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Keeping In Touch

Most families are now connected on Tapestry. If you haven't already, please download the updated purple Tapestry app and log back in.

We love seeing what your children are doing at home, so please continue to upload photos and updates. These help us support your child's speech, language, and ongoing development. *Need help accessing Tapestry? Please speak to the office.*

Important Reminders:

Clothing for Nursery

- Please dress your child ready for outdoor play
- Waterproofs and Velcro shoes are recommended
- No jewellery

Packed Lunches & Snacks

- We are nut and sesame-free
- Please check all items carefully (including cereal bars)
- No Nutella or chocolate spread

Follow Us on Social

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see what we've been up to and help us share our nursery with the wider community.



Scopay & Fees

- All fees are managed through Scopay
- Please notify us once payments have been made
- Ensure Tax-Free Childcare codes are up to date

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you have any concerns, please call us or pop in to the office. The email address is monitored out of school hours, or you can contact the police.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

Mrs FitzPatrick
Miss Noblet
Mrs Smyth
Mrs Collins
Mrs Parker

Key Contacts

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Speak to us in-person

Further information

Our [website](#), [UK Safer Internet Centre](#), [The NSPCC](#), [Gov.uk](#) websites



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Mark Your Calendar

23 Mar Spring Walks Week	●	30 Mar Closed: Easter Holidays	●	13 Apr Closed: INSET Day	●	14 Apr Open: Summer Term
29 Apr Open Evening	●	4 May Closed: Bank Holiday	●	25 May Closed: Half Term Week	●	1 Jun Open: Summer Term cont.
8 Jul Closed: INSET Day	●	27 Jul Closed: Summer Holidays	●		●	

This calendar currently shows our key dates and will be updated with further upcoming events and themed days in our next newsletter.

Bring us a potato

This week, we would love **every child in Butterflies to bring one potato from home** into nursery. Mrs Jones has a wonderful plan to chit them and then plant them with the children in our brand-new vegetable garden.

There is a box outside the nursery to drop them in. We will keep you updated on their growing journey!

