

Welcome to Summer at Whitecross

Hopefully the glorious half term weather will continue into the summer months.

Please read the information below and put the key dates in your diary for summer fun at nursery. There are also reminders and important upcoming dates to be aware of.

Building Independence

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

Our caterpillars are working on toilet training and listening skills.

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

- Put on their own socks and shoes, fastening by themselves
- Managing, collecting and wearing sun hats
- Looking after and hanging up their own belongings

We practise these skills daily, but there will be an extra focus as many children approach transition to school.

How you can help at home:

- Model these skills,
- Give your child time to try
- Encourage regular practice.
- Praise effort

Working together, we can help every child feel confident and ready to come back to Nursery or start 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

Sun-safe

We are very lucky to have fabulous outdoor spaces. During the lovely weather we continue to spend a lot of time outside. We have school sunhats for all children to wear whilst they have fun in the garden.

It is parental responsibility to ensure your child arrives with sun cream already applied daily, even if it is a dull morning, the sun can come out later. Applying sun cream daily should be a routine part of summer life. All day protection, such as P20 is best, please let us know by email if that is a sun cream you use, thank you.

We will re-apply sun cream to children who don't wear all day protection at lunchtimes and on very hot days to all children.

We ensure all children drink lots of water, and provide ice-pops in the hot weather to ensure hydration.

What to wear:

Clothing for Nursery during the summer

- Please dress your child ready for outdoor play in shorts/leggings t-shirts, or dresses with short sleeves, no exposed shoulders, thank you
- Trainers and socks or sturdy walking sandals, no crocs or flip-flops please
- Apply sun cream before drop off thanks
- Please bring a rain coat and water proofs in your bag, just in case



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

A remainder that 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

dsl@whitecross.derby.sch.uk
01332 371876 to speak to us in-person

Further information

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

Mark Your Calendar

1st June Nursery re-opens for final half term		22nd June Fantasy Day		24th June New parents meeting, 6.00pm		2nd July Super hero day
7th July Festival day		7th July Full governing body meeting		8th July INSET Day School closed for current children		17th July Sports Day
22nd July Beach day		24th July Last day of term before summer holiday		7th Sept INSET Day Closed to children		8th Sept Children return to school

This calendar currently shows our key dates for children and families up to the end of term and includes return dates after the summer holidays for returning families

Theme days for both caterpillars and butterflies

During the summer term we have five theme days which are on the calendar. they are five fun days, where children can dress up, have themed snacks, and enjoy fun themed activities.

If your child attends for two days per week, then they will enjoy two of the theme days. If your child attends for four days, then they will enjoy four theme days. Children cannot attend extra days in the week because they prefer a particular theme day as all sessions are now full.

our theme days are:

1. Fantasy Day, where you can be a pirate or a princess (Monday)
2. Super Hero Day, remember not all heros wear capes! (Thursday)
3. Festival Day, our very own music festival (Tuesday)
4. Sports Day, please note parents do not come to watch, this is sporting activities for children (Friday)
5. Beach Day, fingers crossed for sunshine (Wednesday)