



Witham St Hughs Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy



# Witham Newsletter

*September 2025*

## Headteacher welcome



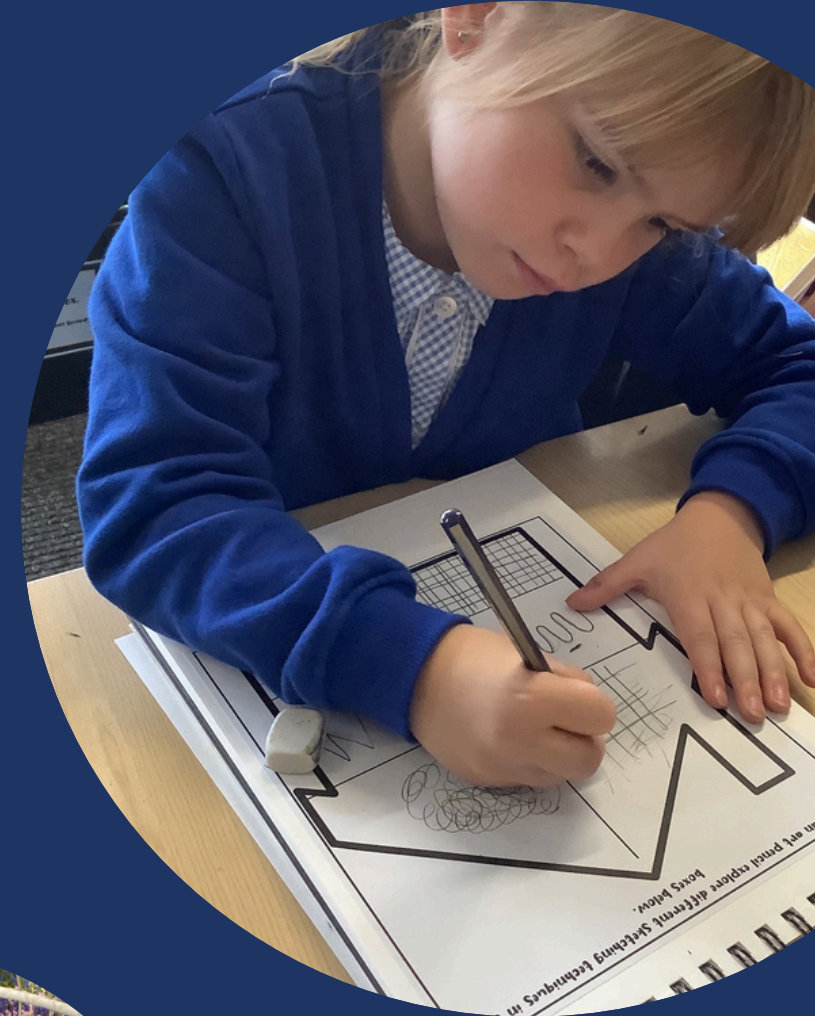
Welcome back!

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back our pupils and families to the Academy this week. It was such a joy to see so many happy, smiling faces on the playground.

I have been so impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into school life, thoroughly enjoying exploring their new classrooms and learning their new routines. I know I speak for the whole staff team when I say it has been wonderful hearing about exciting summer adventures, and reconnecting with the children after a long summer break.

As always, if you do have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to speak to staff on the playground or contact the school office.

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# Welcome from Mrs Broadley

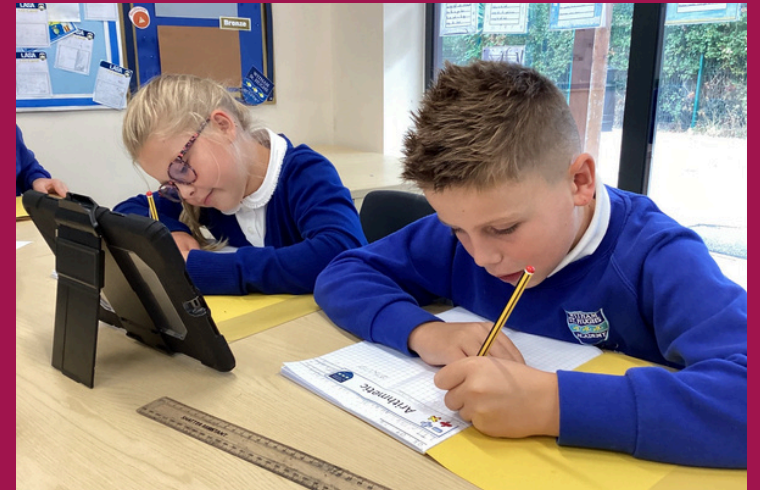
I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself for those who may not know me well yet, as I take on the role of Acting Headteacher for the Autumn Term.

I have had the privilege of working at Witham St Hughs Academy since 2013, taking on the role of Deputy Headteacher from 2018. From March 2024-October 2024 I took maternity leave to have my daughter Arlo, who is now an 18-month-old whirlwind!

I have a huge passion for teaching and learning and am dedicated to ensuring that the children at Witham St Hughs Academy get the very best possible start to their education journey. I pride myself on being open and approachable, and aim to get to know as many of our families as possible face to face. I am on the playground as much as possible, so please do come and say hello.

I am excited to start this year as Acting Headteacher of Witham St Hughs Academy, and look forward to working together alongside our parent/carers community to ensure that our children get the very best possible education journey.

Emily Broadley



# Witham News

## Name Changes

Over the summer there have been a few staff name changes to be aware of:

- Miss Cassidy is now known as Mrs Bayes
- Miss Crooks is now known as Mrs West
- Mrs Alder is now known as Miss Parker

## New Staff

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the team this September:

- Mrs Ward will be working within the EYFS team
- Mrs Cathcart will be working within both the Year 6 and Year 4 teams

## School Office

Mrs Wells and Miss Popplewell work in our school office and are here to help if you have any queries at all. School office opening hours are 8:15 - 4:15 Monday-Thursday and 8:30 - 4:00 on Fridays.

In order to support the office staff team to be available in the office to support parents, we kindly ask that you ensure your child has all of their belongings with them at the start of the school day. Items being dropped off at the office take staff away from being able to answer phone calls or support queries at the office face to face. Thank you for your support in this.

## PE Kits

Please ensure PE kits in all year groups are brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. This will allow all PE lessons to run smoothly without missing kit. Details of the Academy PE kit is on our school website. Please note that all earrings must be removed for PE lessons and not taped. This is in line with the National Association for PE guidance.

## Snacks

In line with our Healthy Schools approach, please ensure that all snacks to be eaten by pupils at breaktime are fruit, veg or cereals-based. All pupils in EYFS and KS1 are welcome to a piece of fruit provided by the Academy.

## Year 5 & 6 - Independence

We understand that some families choose to allow their pupils in Year 5 or Year 6 to walk home unaccompanied. If this is the case, the permissions form must be completed and submitted to the office before staff will allow children to leave school without an adult. If staff are at any time unsure if a pupil should walk home alone, they will call parents/carers to confirm.

## Welcome to Year... talks

As shared earlier this week, we will be hosting 'New to Year...' talks over the next 2 weeks. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new teaching team and ask any questions you may have about the year ahead. All PGL information will be shared in the Year 6 meeting too. If you cannot attend, please do not worry, slides will be sent out following the meetings.



# Diary Dates

**SEP 9** New to Y1 parent talk

**SEP 10** New to Y2 parent talk

**SEP 15** New to Y3/4/5/6 parent talk

**SEP 16** New to EYFS parent talk

**SEP 18** School photographs

**SEP 22** Enhanced Provision starts

**SEP 24** Y6 trip to Snipedaes

**SEP 25** Y3 trip to Lincoln Zoo

**SEP 26** MacMillan coffee afternoon

**OCT 1-3** Y6 PGL residential visit

**OCT 7** Flu vaccinations

**OCT 14** Parents Evening

**OCT 16** Parents Evening

**OCT 23** Last day of term 1

**NOV 3** First day of term 2





# Who to contact?

Remember that we are always here to support you and Michelle Dexter our SENDCo, contacts many parents regularly to make sure everything is going well. Her email address is: [michelle.dexter@withamsthughssacademy.co.uk](mailto:michelle.dexter@withamsthughssacademy.co.uk)

If you think that you need further support then do not hesitate to contact the school on: 01522 869590 or [admin@withamsthughssacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@withamsthughssacademy.co.uk)



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