

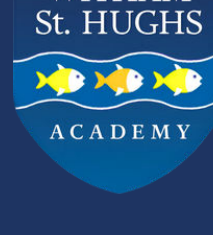


Witham St Hughs Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Witham Newsletter

November 2025

Headteacher welcome



What a busy first half of the term we have had! Lots has been going on in school including our swimming lessons in KS2, exciting experience days in KS1 and our whole school remembrance event. We welcomed Pudsey Bear onto the playground for Children in Need and some of our sports team trials have begun. It has been lovely to see so many children working really hard in their classrooms this term with some wonderful work being produced.

As we head into the busyness of December, we are excited to share festive events with our parents and carers. Our Grandparent events will be a real highlight, and we cannot wait to hear the wonderful singing in both our EYFS and KS1 performances.

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.

Mrs Broadley



Witham News



EYFS Christmas Production

Our EYFS Production 'The Big Little Nativity' will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December. All the children have been practicing their songs and are excited to share this with their friends and family. Thank you so much to our parents and carers for providing the wonderful costumes!

Carols on the Playground

As is a Witham tradition, our end of term carols will take place on the playground at 1:15 on the last day of term - Friday 19th December. Parents and carers are invited to wrap up warm and join us.



Naming items

In order to keep track of pupil's belongings, it is really important that all items brought into school are named. This includes coats, gloves, hats etc. If staff manage to locate lost items and these are unnamed, staff will try to support by writing names in, however if this could be done by parents and carers that would be preferred.



Playground Gates

From the start of December, our main playground gates will be pulled closed but not locked after the school day. If you need to access the playground for Kids Club, you are still more than welcome to walk across, we just ask that the gate is pulled closed behind you.

KS1 Christmas Production

Our KS1 Production 'Knock, Knock Nativity' will be taking place on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December. Parents and carers will be in for a treat - our KS1 children have been working so hard on their singing, dancing and acting skills!

New parent governor

An exciting opportunity for a role on our Academy Governing Body as a parent governor is now available. Please keep your eyes out for further correspondence with more details around how to express your interest in this opportunity.



Cold weather PE kit

As the weather has now turned much colder, please ensure that your child has their cold weather PE available throughout the week. This should include a black sweatshirt/hoodie and jogging bottoms/leggings. As always, there is no expectation for these items to be branded, but they should please be named.

Disabled parking

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that only blue badge holders should park in the designated disabled parking bays. Thank you for your cooperation.

Absence

A reminder that all absences should be called into the school office on 01522 86950 by 9am on the same day of absence. Thank you for your support in this.

PTFA Updates

PTFA Events

The PTFA held their Christmas Fair last week with some fantastic stall-holders offering a range of festive treats. We loved hearing our Academy choir singing too. Thank you to all who attended and helped to make this event so positive and wonderfully festive.

The PTFA's first ever 'Breakfast with Santa' event takes place on Monday 8th December. Tickets are available from the PTFA, don't miss out on this exciting new event!



Diary Dates



DEC 2-3 EYFS Christmas Production

DEC 8 PTFA Breakfast with Santa

DEC 9-10 KS1 Christmas Production

DEC 11-15 Granparent Events

DEC 12 Christmas Jumper Day

DEC 15 Christmas Lunch

DEC 16-19 Class Christmas Parties

DEC 19 Carols on the playground

DEC 19 Last day of term - 2pm finish

JAN 5 INSET day

JAN 6 First day of term 3 for pupils

JAN 12 Spring term clubs begin

JAN 19-23 Maths in Action sessions

JAN 27 Y1 phonics parent meeting

FEB 9-13 Mental Health Week

FEB 10 & 12 Y6 Parents' Evenings

FEB 10 Safer Internet Day

FEB 13 Last day of term



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



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