

# Witham Newsletter

**Headteacher welcome**

**June 2026**

What a June it has been at Witham St Hughs Academy!

Our children have continued to amaze us with their hard work, determination and enthusiasm. Year 4 have been absolutely smashing their Multiplication Tables Check, while our Year 1 pupils have worked incredibly hard and achieved fantastic success in their Phonics Screening Check. Year 6 have been writing like true stars whilst simultaneously preparing a theatrical extravaganza as they count down their final days at Witham St Hughs'. Their humour, energy and delight have brought so much to our school community and they will be greatly missed.

The summer sunshine has certainly arrived, and while we may all have been a little frazzled by the heat, we have been equally dazzled by the brilliance, effort and achievements of our pupils. It has been a term packed with memorable experiences: Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful day at the beach, Reception had a fantastic adventure at Tattershall Farm, Year 3 proudly represented the school at athletics in Grantham, and Year 5 certainly gave us a fright as they transformed into Vikings for their immersive experience day!

Alongside all of this, our children have continued to demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning and have produced some truly impressive work across the curriculum. We are also incredibly proud of our sporting achievements this term. For the first time in the school's history, both our boys' and girls' football teams have been crowned league champions, while our cricketers have also claimed championship honours across a number of age groups. World Cup fever may have led to the odd late night here and there, but it has also brought excitement, togetherness and plenty of positive conversations throughout the school.

A huge thank you must also go to our wonderful PTFA for organising another fantastic Father's Day Shop. Events such as these create special memories for our children and families, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and commitment of everyone involved. The PTFA are always looking for new members and fresh ideas, so if you are interested in joining the team, please do get in touch – your support would be very much appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff. Their dedication, care and unwavering commitment to our children never ceases to amaze me. Every day they go above and beyond to create opportunities, inspire learning and ensure that every child can flourish. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and passionate team at Witham St Hughs' Academy.

Over the coming weeks, you will receive your child's end-of-year school report, alongside information about classes for next year. These decisions have required a significant amount of thought, discussion and careful consideration. We hope that you trust the professional judgement of our staff and recognise that every decision is made with the best interests of the children at heart. Every member of staff is committed to making a positive difference to your child each and every day, and I would like to thank you for your continued support, trust and understanding.

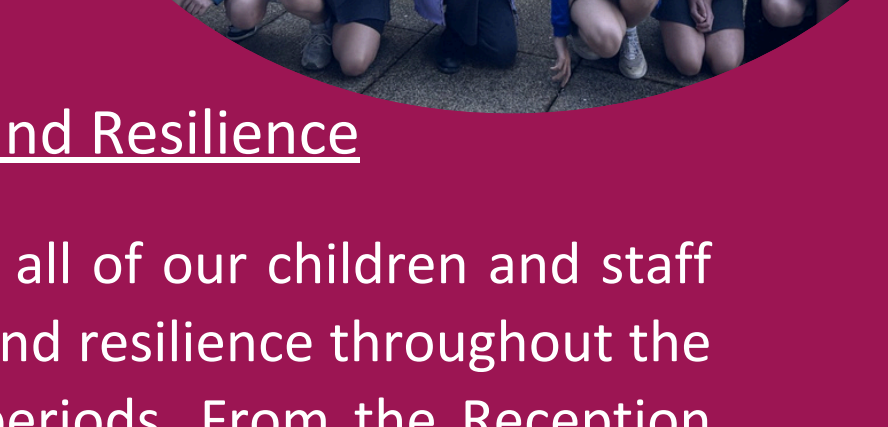
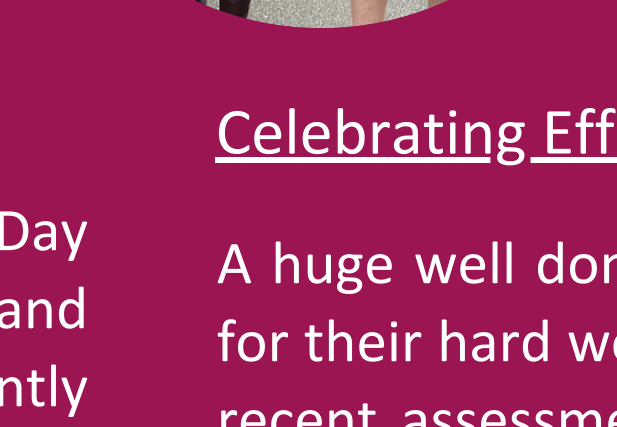
With just a few more weeks remaining of this academic year, there is still much to look forward to. We have exciting events, celebrations and opportunities ahead, and we are determined to make these final weeks memorable for all the right reasons. Here's to finishing the year with the same positivity, enthusiasm and success that have made this such a wonderful term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we continue to strive to make Witham St Hughs' Academy a very special place that makes a difference for every child, every day!

Mr Coy



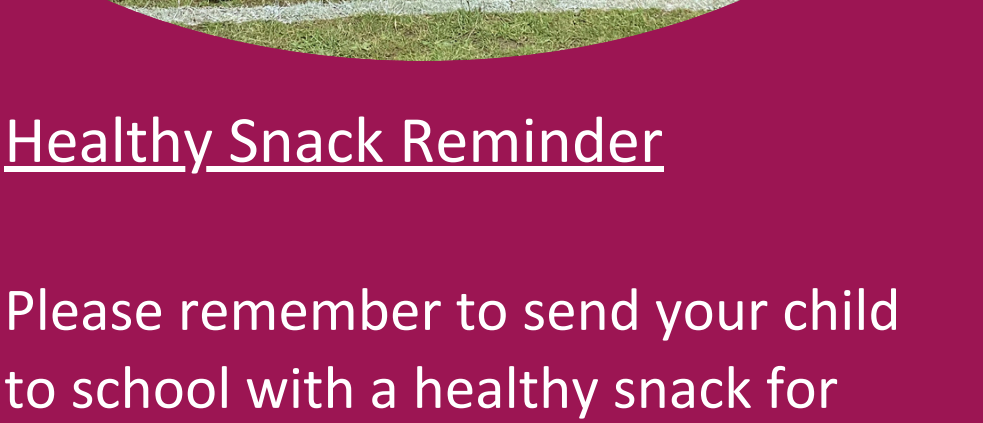
## Witham News



### Sports Day

We are looking forward to Sports Day next week and welcoming parents and carers to join us. The weather is currently looking cooler, which is good news for everyone taking part. However, please be aware that events may need to be rescheduled in the event of poor weather. We will always endeavour to give parents and carers as much notice as possible of any changes.

- EYFS - June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm
- Year 1 & Year 2 - June 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
- Year 3 & Year 4 - June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
- Year 5 & Year 6 - July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am



### Healthy Snack Reminder

Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack for break time. Suitable snacks include fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, or other healthy options that provide children with energy for learning. We kindly ask that sweets, chocolate and crisps are kept for lunchboxes rather than break times. Thank you for your support in promoting healthy eating habits.



### Our PTFA Are Fan-tastic!

A huge thank you to our PTFA for generously providing fans for our classrooms. During the recent hot weather, they have made a real difference in helping to keep learning spaces comfortable, supporting both the wellbeing of our pupils and staff, and enabling everyone to stay focused and engaged. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

### Celebrating Our Staff

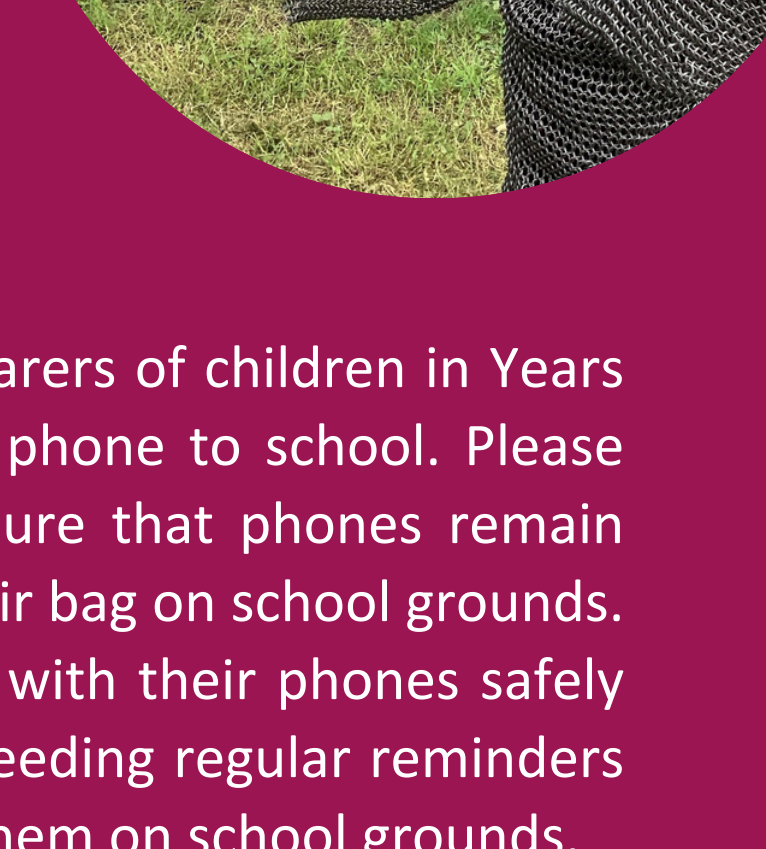
We would like to congratulate Miss Crean on successfully completing her teacher training in Year 1. She has been a valued member of our school community and will be greatly missed by both children and staff. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication, and wish her success and happiness as she begins her teaching career.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Malone and Mrs West on successfully completing their two-year Early Career Teacher (ECT) programme. This is a significant milestone and recognition of their commitment, hard work and professional development. We are proud of all they have achieved and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in their careers. Well done to all three members of staff on these fantastic achievements!



### Celebrating Effort and Resilience

A huge well done to all of our children and staff for their hard work and resilience throughout the recent assessment periods. From the Reception EYFS Profile and Year 1 Phonics Screening Check to the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, Year 6 SATs and end-of-year assessments, our children have shown a fantastic attitude and given their very best. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and grateful to our staff for their support throughout these busy weeks.



### Mobile Phones in School

A reminder for parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6 who bring a mobile phone to school. Please speak with your child to ensure that phones remain switched off and stored in their bag on school grounds. Children leave the classroom with their phones safely in their bags, but some are needing regular reminders not to have them out or use them on school grounds. If these challenges continue, we may need to ask individual children not to bring a mobile phone to school. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and focused school environment.

### Transition

We are looking forward to our transition morning on Wednesday 8th July, when children will register in their current class before spending the morning with their new class teacher and classmates. This is a valuable opportunity to build relationships, ease any worries, and begin to feel excited and confident about the year ahead. If you have any questions about transition please get in touch.

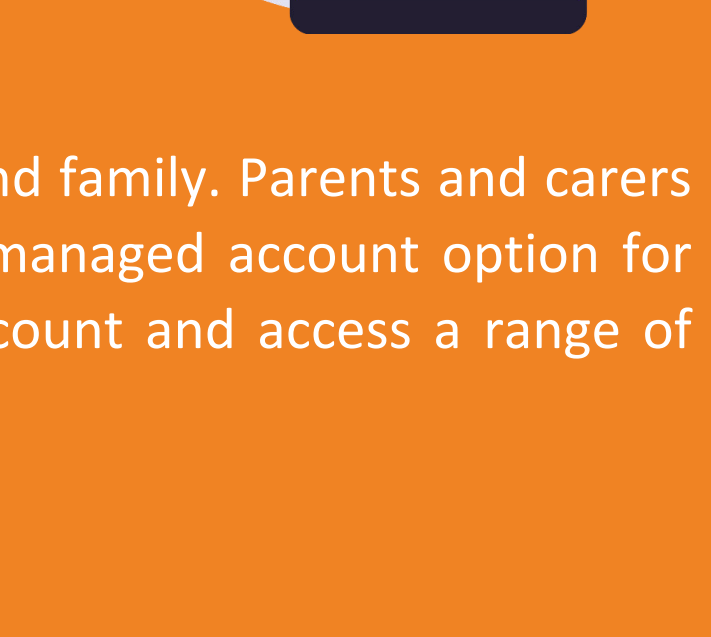
### Reception Outdoor Learning Area – Parent Reminder

When dropping off or collecting children from Reception, please ensure that siblings do not use the outdoor learning or resources. This area is an important equipment environment for the Reception children and we would appreciate your support in helping us keep it safe, tidy and ready for learning. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Sporting Success

We are incredibly proud of all our sports teams and the achievements they have celebrated this year. A special congratulations to our Year 6 Boys' and Girls' Football Teams, who were both crowned league champions which is an outstanding achievement and the first time our Academy has won a football league, making it even more remarkable to do it twice in one season! We are also delighted to have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the fourth year in a row. Well done to all our pupils for representing the Academy so brilliantly!

## Online Safety & Wellbeing



### WhatsApp: New Parental Controls

We know that many children use WhatsApp to keep in touch with friends and family. Parents and carers may be interested to know that WhatsApp has introduced a new parent-managed account option for younger users. This allows parents to link their account to their child's account and access a range of safety features, including:

- Preventing the use of 'view once' messages
- Disabling location sharing
- Requiring parental approval for messages and group invites from unknown contacts
- Receiving notifications when new contacts are added

As always, we encourage families to have regular conversations about safe and responsible online behaviour, and to monitor children's use of social media and messaging apps. Working together helps to ensure our children stay safe online.

Click here for more information:

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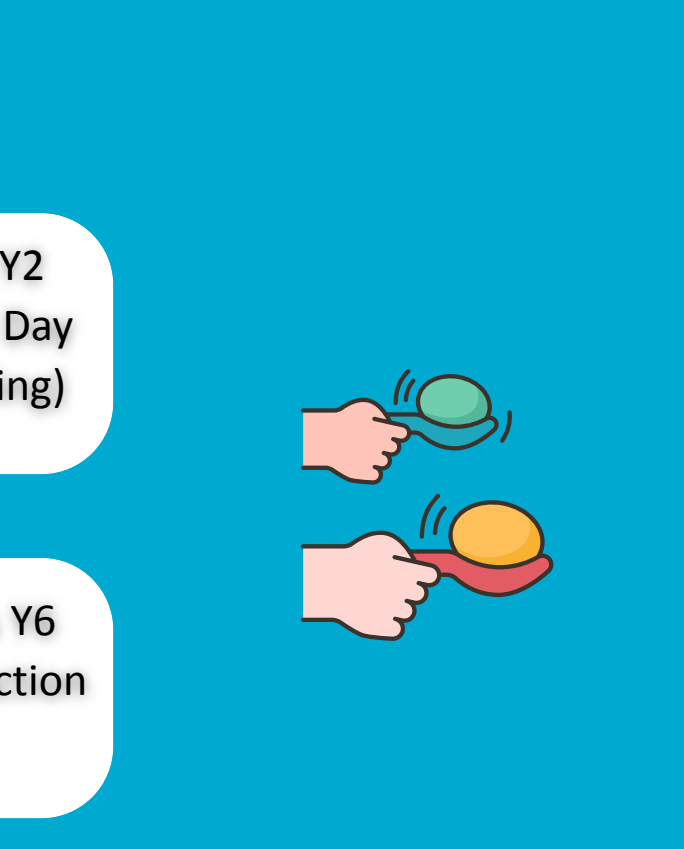
## Safe, Ready, Respectful

We are thrilled with how confidently all of the children know our school rules: Safe, Ready and Respectful. These simple, clear principles provide a shared language and consistent understanding of expectations across every classroom and all aspects of school life. It has been wonderful to see so many children demonstrating these values every day, both in lessons and around school. Their positive attitudes, kindness and responsible behaviour make us incredibly proud. Many pupils have already been recognised for their exemplary behaviour in relation to these rules and have enjoyed a hot chocolate with Mr Coy! As the children move into their new classes in September, we look forward to continuing to develop and embed these values in practice. Parents and carers may also find it helpful to use the same language at home, as the children are now very familiar with these expectations, helping to create a consistent approach between home and school.

**Our rules at Witham St Hughs Academy**

- Safe**  
Keep ourselves and others safe
- Ready**  
Prepared to learn and participate
- Respectful**  
Kind, polite and considerate

## Diary Dates



<b>JUN 26</b> Year 2 Outdoor Experience Day	<b>JUN 29</b> Y3 & Y4 Sports Day (morning)	<b>JUN 29</b> EYFS Sports Day (afternoon)	<b>JUN 30</b> Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (morning)
<b>JUL 1</b> Y5 & Y6 Sports Day (morning)	<b>JUL 8</b> Transition morning	<b>JUL 10</b> Reports out	<b>JUL 14-15</b> Y5 & Y6 Production
<b>JUL 22</b> Leavers Assembly 1:15pm-1:45pm	<b>JUL 22</b> Last day of term - 2:00pm finish		

## Who to contact?

Remember that we are always here to support you and to make sure everything is going well.

If you need and support or have any questions, then do not hesitate to contact the school on:

01522 869590 or [admin@withamsthughssacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@withamsthughssacademy.co.uk)

