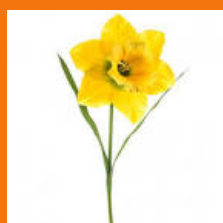




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It's been an action-packed few weeks as we all returned to school after half term. From maypole skipping to presenting giants cheques to charity, our children have been very busy! Below you'll find further information on everything our school community has been up to, along with a look ahead to some key future dates.

Maypole and Whitegate Fest

What a wonderful day we had for our school Mayfair! The weather was kind in the end with the sun shining and the amazing maypole dancing came together brilliantly. The children looked fantastic as always in their flowers and smart clothes. A special highlight was the parade for our Year 6 King and Queen, followed by the eagerly awaited ribbon throwing – a proud moment for our Year 6 children. Thank you to all the families for your fantastic support, especially the PTA who organised the fair, (now called Whitegate Fest), our fair volunteers (including some pupils!) and those who joined us on the field to enjoy the activities, games and food. Finally, a big thank you to the children who took part in 'Soak the Teacher' – you certainly seemed to enjoy it... maybe a little too much!



The maypole procession



Rowan in full swing for the maypole

Mrs Conchie-Power, Chair of the PTA, said, "Thank you to everybody who attended the first ever Whitegate Fest. As a newly formed committee, we were delighted with the amount of people who came along after the maypole, and embraced all of the activities and entertainment on offer. We're already planning how to make Whitegate Fest 2026 even bigger and better!"

These events are only made possible (and so fun!) by the work of volunteers. If you haven't already signed up with the PTA, please do so. Any contribution of time or expertise, no matter how small, is always greatly appreciated.

The Joshua Tree

Last week, Oak Class had a very special trip to The Joshua Tree charity. After raising money during the autumn term, the children were excited to learn more about the amazing work the charity does to support families affected by childhood cancer. They even joined in a fun personal training session! Our Head Boy and Head Girl proudly presented a cheque on behalf of the school and the whole class was excited to learn about a link charity that The Joshua Tree supports in Uganda. All of the children were amazed at the resources the charity offers and were pleased to know that the hard work put into raising the money will be put to good use. Danielle Percival, Head of Family Support at the Joshua Tree, said, "The children were not only respectful in how they explored a space designed to support vulnerable families, but they also asked brilliant questions. They showed a level of thoughtfulness beyond their years and even suggested great ideas for the future, including ways to make the centre even more welcoming for siblings and teens." Below is a link to the Joshua's Tree's page on the visit—please do take a look and also keep an eye out for our story in the Winsford Guardian – we're making headlines!

<https://thejoshuatree.org.uk/news/whitegate-primary-pupils-raise-800-for-the-joshua-tree-and-visit-support-centre/>

Residentials

The children in Oak had a fun-filled and action-packed few days on their residential before half term. As well as building and floating (or slowly sinking!) their



own rafts, they learned to throw axes, went on a trek through the forest, painted on canvases and visited Wroxeter Roman City. What a busy few days! Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time and energy to make it happen.

A Message from Mrs Corcoran in Acorns: Over the last half term in Science, we have been learning all about plants and how to create the best growing environment for a plant to thrive. All of our learning accumulated last week when we were able to get our hands dirty and plant our own sunflower seeds. After planting them, we put the seeds on a window sill in our classroom to make sure that they get enough sunlight and have been watering them each day. On Monday we were so excited to see that each plant has started to grow. We can't wait to see whose sunflower is the tallest!



PE and School Sports Update: Since the last newsletter, our Key Stage 2 children have enjoyed taking part in the Tri-Golf festival at Vale Royal Abbey, showcasing excellent teamwork and determination. In curricular PE, lessons have focused on maypole dancing (which the children performed with aplomb!) and rehearsals for our upcoming Sports Day. We're now looking forward to the Key Stage 1 Multi-Skills event, developing sport-specific skills and the highly anticipated Key Stage 2 rugby competition. Well done to all pupils for their continued enthusiasm and effort across all sporting activities at Whitegate as we continue to outperform our larger school counterparts!

British Values: For St George's Day, each class learned about British Values and completed a variety of work across the curriculum. From poetry to heraldry, as well as art, DT and computing, the children discussed what we love about England and Britain and how we can all live those British Values that are so important in our society. The whole school also came together to celebrate VE Day recently, gathering for a special lunch in the hall which was festooned with bunting and colour. The children learned about the war through drama workshops then followed this up with more work in class. Why not ask your child/ren if they can remember the five British Values - in school we use the fingers on our hand to help.

Sharing Assemblies: Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend the residential sharing assemblies for Elder and Birch. Like all of us at school, I'm sure you were incredibly proud to see how happy and confident they were to share their adventures with you.

Online Safety: Please see the following link for resources to support keeping your child safe online. Keep an eye out for the latest E-Safety update which will be sent next Monday. <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

Mrs Mackenzie: As many of you are aware, Mrs Mackenzie has sadly been very unwell since before half-term. She is slowly getting better but is greatly missing everyone. We hope to welcome her back in school soon.

Thank you for your continued support, Mr Thomas

Dates

Wednesday 25th June	6pm	Oak's Residential Sharing Assembly
Thursday 26th June	12pm	Family Picnic on the field before Sports Day at 1pm
Tuesday 2nd July	All day	Transition day for new classes New Reception starters' session one
Friday 4th July	9:10am	Acorn's Sharing Assembly
Sunday 6th July	9:30am	Family Service at St Mary's
Wednesday 9th July	9:30am	New reception starters' session two
Thursday 10th July	6pm	Hawthorn's Residential Sharing Assembly
Wednesday 16th July	1pm	New starters' lunch and puppet show
Friday 18th July	8am	Year Six Llandudno trip
Tuesday 22nd July	9:15am	Leavers' Service
Tuesday 22nd July	1:30pm	Break up for Summer