



## Dates to Remember



Every Monday PM—Reception—Y2 INC/Attendance Assembly

Every Tuesday PM— Y3-Y6 INC/Attendance Assembly

Monday 11th—Year 3—Stone Age Hook Day

Tuesday 12th —Year 2— London Hook Day

18th September—Whole School—Harvest Festival

Wednesday 27th—Year 6—Trip to Saltaire

Wednesday 27th—Year 1—DT Castle Hook Day  
Week of 2nd October —Whole School —Black History Month

Tuesday 3rd —Reception—Stay and Play  
Wednesday 11th —Nursery—Bears Birthday Party  
Wednesday 27th—Year 1—DT Castle Hook Day



We are beyond happy to see all students and staff back this week!

We love hearing about what everyone has gotten up to over the summer holidays and are very proud of all children coming back to school ready and eager to learn! We have a very exciting first term for every class and cannot wait to share with you all the activities that the children get up to! Our weekly newsletter is posted every Friday, filled with helpful information and exciting opportunities our students have through out the year.

Thank you, Mrs Stead

# School Lunch Menu and Late Arrivals



Our cook and catering staff work incredibly hard to provide hundreds of meals each day from reception to year six, and often for staff too! With that amount of lunches, timely preparation is key! Up until now, children who are late for school would be allocated a green lunch choice so that the lunch staff can increase on one option rather than four options and it is manageable in the short time they have to make all our lunches!

We have improved our system which means that lead time is now less than it was, children can now choose from the full menu up to 9.30am. After 9.30am a school lunch choice would be a green choice. Our menu is below for next week, our full menu is on the website.

## YOUR MENU

(v) = vegetarian  
(ve) = vegan

### FRIDAY

Crispy Salmon Bites with Chips

Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips (v)

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v)

Jelly with Fresh Fruit Salad

Please note, whilst we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchens, we cannot guarantee that any food item is free from any specific allergen. We produce our food fresh every day in kitchens where allergens are handled by our staff and where utensils and equipment are used for multiple menu items.

**Whitecote Primary**

Week 2

W/C - 11/09/23, 02/10/23,  
23/10/23, 20/11/23,  
11/12/23, 15/01/24, 05/02/24

### MONDAY

Cheese and Onion Slice with Jacket Wedges (v)

Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese (ve)

Loaded Vegetarian Bolognese Jacket Wedges (v)

Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Salad

### Tuesday

Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato

Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potato (v)

Cheese Bap with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)

Pineapple Oaty Slice

AVAILABLE DAILY  
**YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit**

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



### Wednesday

Chicken Curry with Rice

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (v)

Jacket Potato with Tuna

Marble Sponge and Custard

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS



### THURSDAY

Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes

Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)

Hot Roast Filled Bap with Roast Potatoes

Fun Fruit Thursday



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are continually supporting children and families to improve attendance for our children, if you are struggling with attendance or punctuality please contact our pastoral and attendance team who will be able to provide guidance and support. If you need to report your child absent, there are three ways you can do this to avoid reminders or unnecessary phone calls from attendance.

- Use the Studybugs App
- Call the attendance team on 01132164800 (option one)
- Email attendance@whitecote.co.uk

Please do not pass messages through classroom staff as they will not be able to share that until lunchtime due to being in class teaching.

Study Bugs is a fantastic app and we encourage you to sign up for it!

## EARLY PICK UP

Picking children up early is disruptive to them, and their class and/or assembly group.

The children may be finishing a piece of work that then remains incomplete, may miss instructions and information regarding the following day and may feel unsettled. Medical appointments that are unavoidable are understandable but we do ask for proof of that appointment.



# Year 5 & Year 6 Walking Home

We would like to remind all parents and guardians that if you would like your child from year 5 or year 6 to walk home alone you will need to complete a walking home form before we can allow them to do so. A form can be collected from either the class teacher or the office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



## Cool Milk

On the last day of the summer term, our milk provider ceased trading and ended our arrangement with immediate effect. Over the holidays, we have found a new supplier for our school milk, Cool Milk. We are in the midst of setting up our terms and systems therefore there will be a delay in children receiving milk.

We are on track for this to be reinstated next week however the milk orders will be managed directly between parents and Cool Milk.

This means you will receive a refund from Parentmail if you paid before the holidays and will be asked to register with Cool Milk directly shortly.

This is all new to the office staff, and we are working hard to make this transition as smooth as possible.

We have attached Cool Milk's leaflet on the next page for helpful links to arrange milk for your child. If you have any questions please do contact the office.

The logo for Cool Milk, featuring the words "Cool" and "Milk" in a white, cursive font on a blue background.

# Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

Child  
under 5?

Every child under the age of five  
is entitled to FREE school milk.



Register your child online  
for FREE school milk today.

Child  
over 5?

Every child over the age of  
five is entitled to milk at a  
subsidised price of around  
£18 per term.



Register online now and  
you can pay straight away!

## Register your child for school milk today.

### Sign them up in a few clicks...



Go online and quickly  
register your child for  
school milk at  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help? Contact our  
Customer Service team  
on 0800 321 3248  
or via email at  
[registrations@coolmilk.com](mailto:registrations@coolmilk.com)

The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for  
under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme.  
Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Company registration no. 3603430 England

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[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



We have now moved our communication with parents over to Studybugs. We ask that all parents download the app as the cost for sending over text messages has become too high. With Studybugs, staff can send messages through the app to individuals, classes or whole school for free as it is included in our app subscription. We can also send letters and newsletters too so you will always have access to up to date information! You can download the app here <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Please contact the school office if you have any questions!

We also use Studybugs for attendance and our registers, you can notify us of absence or appointments through the app as well!



## INC award winners for week ending 8th September 2023:

Inspire: I will understand how to learn.

- 1 **LAVENDER**— Olivia H - You have listened carefully and explained your answers in all lessons.
- 1 **ROSE**— Emma D-P - You have shown amazing maturity and independence in your learning in your first week in year 1! Well done!
- 2 **WILLOW**— Alisha Y - You have been reading at home and have been using your phonics in your sentences.
- 2 **HAZEL**— Isla L - You have really focused on your learning throughout the week. Well done!
- 3 **SPRUCE**— Lilly C - You have come back with a super attitude towards learning and are always ready to learn!
- 3 **YEW**— Roberts G - You have been ready to learn and showed excellent focus.
- 4 **ASH**— Malakai T - You have asked questions to support your own learning. Well done Malakai keep it up!
- 4 **BEECH**— Sankou S - You have focused on your Learning in all lessons.
- 5 **CHESTNUT**— Muhammad A - You are new to Whitecote and have made a brilliant start in focusing on your learning in all lessons. Well done!
- 5 **ELM**— Reuben W - You can have been focused on your learning and have applied yourself fully to your lessons.
- 6 **CEDAR**— Riley T - you have shown excellent focus, and already working on your own targets
- 6 **OAK**— Oscar B - You made a fantastic start to year 6. You tackled every task and were determined in your learning!

# Online Safety Newsletter

September 2023

## The W App - Anonymous polls

The W App is rated as 12+ in the App store and as 'Parental Guidance' on Google Play. Once an account has been created, the user picks their school and participates in polls.

A user can choose any school (no verification takes place) and then you can see all users at that school (includes their name/year group and profile picture if that has been added). In the polls, users are asked a question (for example 'Hallway crush') and then the user selects one of four random people from that school. Whilst the app says that it is anonymous, users can purchase a membership that allows users to see who chose them in a poll.

You should be aware that this app does include in app purchases and can be linked to other social media accounts. You can block and report other users.

### Further information

Internet Matters have produced an article outlining what you need to know about anonymous apps in general and the risks your child might face in using them, including cyberbullying.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/anonymous-apps-guide-what-parents-need-to-know/>

## Back to school photos

With the excitement of a new school year and your child reaching a new milestone, many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks. If you post online, then try following these basic rules:

- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
  - Never include your child's full name.
  - Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
    - Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
  - Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.

Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents etc.) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.

### Further information

CEOP have published this article which includes advice on sharing photos of your child online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>



## Meta introduces more parental supervision tools.

Meta have announced new features for some of their products. Firstly, they have added parental supervision to Messenger (users must be 13+), which includes the ability to see who your child interacts with. Also, Meta have added a feature to encourage teens to set time limits on Facebook (users must be 13+) and new parental supervision features on Instagram (users must be 13+). Find out more here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2023/06/parental-supervision-and-teen-time-management-on-metas-apps/>

# Threads (13+)

Threads was launched by Meta (creators of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp) in July and is similar in design to Twitter. As with Twitter, users can share text posts (with images and videos) and then other users can respond to create a thread. You need to have an Instagram account to login to Threads and you must be at least 13 years old to create an Instagram account.



For everyone 13 – 17 years old (in the UK), their account will automatically be set as private when they join Threads. As with Instagram, users can choose specific words to filter out of replies as well as hide comments that may be offensive. Users can also unfollow, block and report a profile. Any accounts that you have blocked on Instagram will automatically be blocked on Threads as well. Users can also change their settings on Threads so other users are unable to mention them in replies.

If you have supervision set up on Instagram for your child (aged 13 – 17) then it will automatically be set up for Threads and the same settings will be applied, such as time limits and scheduled breaks. You can find out more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Threads is still being developed so new functions will be added but currently you are unable to direct (private) message other users.

You need to be aware that your child may come across content that is not appropriate for your child. If your child is using this app, then make sure they know how to use the reporting/blocking facilities, that appropriate privacy/safety settings are applied and they know to speak to a trusted adult should they need to.

## Further information

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/instagram-threads-a-guide-for-young-people-and-parents/>

# Roblox: new checklist

PEGI rate Roblox with a 'Parental Guidance' label (icon shown right), this is because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.



You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.

## New Roblox Checklist

The 2023 Roblox Checklist created by SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership with Roblox is now available to download here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/>

## Age ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- **Films:** The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.
- **Video games:** PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- **Apps:** Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- **Social Media networks:** All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.



## Does your child have speech, language and communication needs?

Parent Zone understand that talking about life online with a young person who has speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it difficult, so they have created a selection of visual and spoken resources to help you. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/TalkTech>

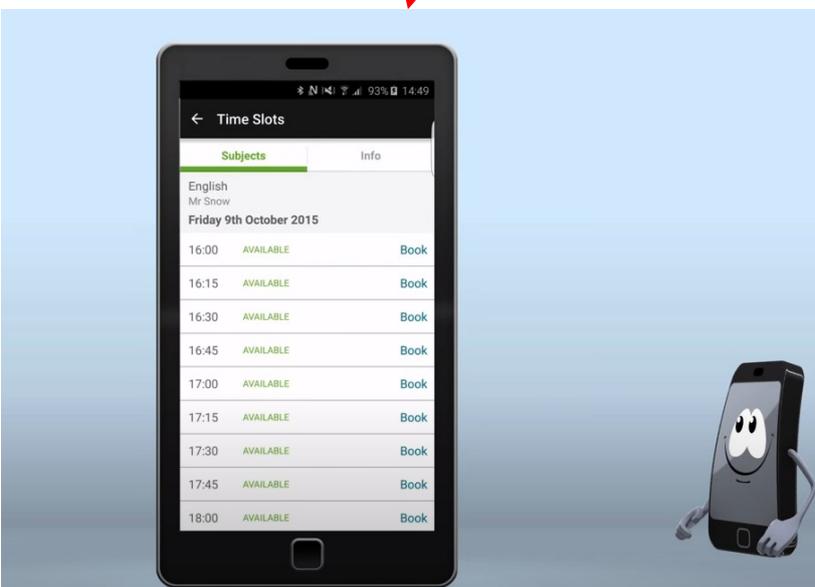
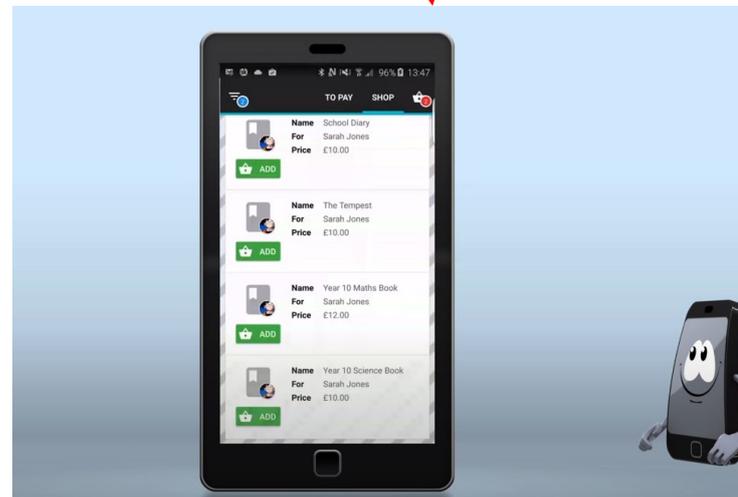
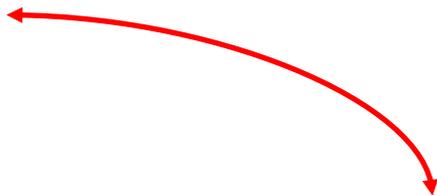
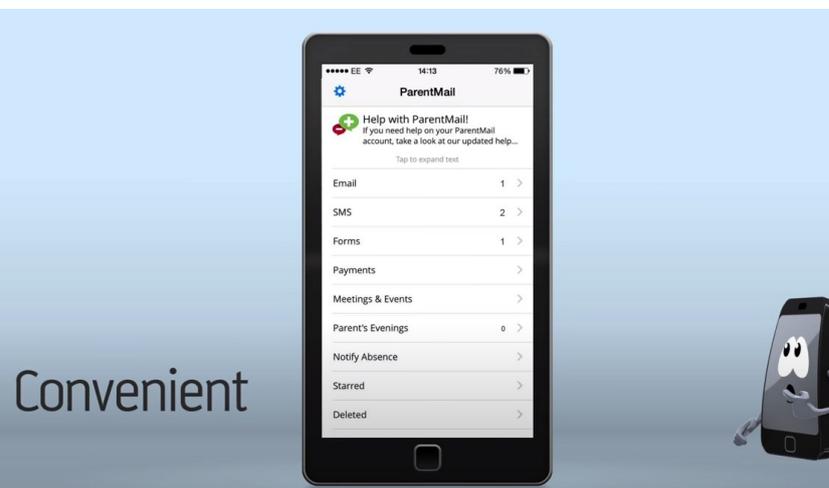
# ParentMail Payments Help Guide



We use ParentMail for payments, consents, forms and booking appointments for parents' evening, so it's really important to get connected if you aren't already. Email [office@whitecote.co.uk](mailto:office@whitecote.co.uk) and we'll arrange for an activation link to be sent. We have some video tutorial links below that can help you navigate the app.

★ This Making Parents Lives Simpler video guide gives tutorials on how to access forms, Book parents evening and pay for school trips, breakfast and after school clubs, dinner money and more. If you have any more questions do come to the office where we can help! ★

[ParentMail Mobile App For Schools - Making Parents Lives Simpler - YouTube](#)



## ParentMail

The best parental engagement system in the UK

An easy, convenient way to help you deal with all the things you need to do for your children at school