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2024-2025 Whitchurch Primary School
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Term dates and INSET Days 2025-2026

- Term 1- Tuesday 2 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025
- Term 2- Monday 3 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025
- Term 3- Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026
- Term 4- Monday 23 February 2026 to Thursday 2 April 2026
- Term 5- Monday 20 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026
- Term 6- Monday 1 June 2026 to Wednesday 22 July 2026



The school will be closed to children on the following INSET days.

- Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (School led)
- Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (School led)
- Monday 3rd November 2025 (School led)
- Friday 16th January 2026 (Trust led)
- Friday 13th February 2026 (Trust Training day)
- Monday 1st June 2026 (School led)



BEDTIME STORIES: Thank you to all staff, parents/carers and children who supported our 'Bedtime Stories' yesterday. Children returned to school at 5pm for an evening of stories, hot chocolate and popcorn. A special thank you to our PTA who volunteered their time and provided the goodies!



YEAR 6 WW2 DAY: Year 6 re-enacted the end of World War 2 this week, and looked great in costumes!



SMART WATCHES: Whilst we encourage new technologies in our teaching, children must not wear Smart Watches with cameras on them to school. Children must not film in school, and then post on social media (or anywhere) as this goes against our filming agreement with parents/carers. Thank you.

LATENESS: Yesterday saw 28 children late for school; more than 10% of our school community. Children must be in school on time. I am often impressed at how quickly our children are in school, in class and teaching has begun. I often come in from the gate and go to classrooms to deliver messages. I am impressed at the teaching I see and what is going on all before 9am. If your child is not in by this time, they're missing it. On top of that, when they do get in to class the teacher has to spend time 'catching them up', meaning others who may need additional help don't get it. **Please be in school, on time, everyday.**

CENSUS DAY: Thank you to all those who signed up for today's census meal. Not only do our children get a free meal with an exciting theme, but it increases funding for our school too!



SNAPCHAT: Several children in upper key stage 2 have been using Snapchat. Whilst I do not know the age recommendation of this app (the fact it's blocked by our school system tells me it's over 13) children should not be using this app to send messages which some may find offensive or upsetting. Please monitor your child when they are using their mobile phone, and take time occasionally to look at what it has been used for.

Neurodevelopmental Pathway Webinars (including anxiety and worries – school nurse team): Please click!

[Sleep webinar](#)

[Understanding behaviour and emotions webinar](#)

[Your appointments with the Neurodevelopmental Pathway](#)

[Positive ways to cope with anxiety and worries](#)

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE WINNERS:



PLEASE COMPLETE:

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► 14. I would recommend this school to another parent.

