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Our school vision is: LIFE in all its fullness - now and in the future.
John 10.10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

4th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year; we hope that you had a fantastic summer. It has been so lovely to see the children back this week. We would like to welcome our new reception children: Oliver, Stanley, Arthur, Jesse, Madison, Eva, Alvin, Jack, Lenny, Maeve, Rosalind, Harry, Nola, Piper and Sophia; and Lorenzo in Class 2. We also welcome Mrs Burgoyne, who is teaching in Class 4, and Miss Denny and Mrs Thornhill, who join our LSA team.

School dinners

Please remember to book your child's school dinners by Sunday evening, this is important so that we can complete our ordering and ensure that there is no food waste. You can even book the whole half term to save you time! Please ask if there are any issues. Children in Class 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school dinner; there is a meat or vegetarian option or jacket potatoes as well as a salad bar.

School Uniform

In the office we have plenty of second-hand uniform for sale for £1 each item. It's great to see parents taking advantage of this as it reduces land-fill waste and reduces the cost to you. Please remember to name your child's uniform, we cannot return it if it is not. Any left uniform that is unnamed gets washed and put out for sale - we do not have a lost property box.

Please remember that children must be able to independently take out and put in their earrings for P.E. lessons. False nails and nail varnish are not part of the school uniform, so must not be worn to school.

Music Lessons

Mr Timms will be starting his lessons on Tuesday 15th September. He teaches children to play guitar, keyboard, piano or drums. We also have Mrs Davidson, who comes in from the Essex Music Service, and teaches singing, keyboard, piano or flute. On Thursdays we

have iRock - the children are in bands and they play either drums, electric guitar, keyboard or sing. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please contact the office for more information.

Communication

Newsletters come out on Friday afternoons and have the diary dates for the following week, as well as reminders and celebration of our school for the week. Our main form of communication is Class Dojo, where you can see what is happening in your child's class as well as information on school story. You can also privately message your child's class teacher if you have any questions or queries. Your child's home/school diary also needs to come to and from school each day; home reading and school reading is recorded in there and you can add information about after school clubs or who is collecting your child, for example. Please remember that we are here to help and please come and ask - no question is a silly one! If your question is a SEND one, please see me on the Green, email me at senco@whitenotley.essex.sch.uk or send me a Dojo message.

Clubs

Breakfast club runs from 7:45-8:45am. The children have a choice of cereal, toast or beans on toast and there are lots of fun activities to do as well. Please book your child's place at breakfast club on schoolmoney.

After school club runs from 3:15-5:30pm daily. There are two options: 3:15-4:15pm, which is £5 per day and 3:15-5:30pm, which is £10 per day and a light meal is provided. Teacher-led clubs will start on the 21st September and run from 3:15-4:15pm. These cost £15 per term; a letter will come home by the end of the week for you to choose clubs.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

In the week starting the 14th September, we will have meet the teacher meetings, so you can find out about each class's expectations and have a chance to talk to your child's teacher. Class 4's meeting will also include information about the upcoming residential to Skreen's Park. We will have the dates out to you by Wednesday 9th September.

Letter from the King

Emily drew a picture of an aeroplane and sent it to His Majesty, King Charles. She received a reply from Buckingham Palace thanking her for her splendid picture. Well done, Emily!



Diary dates the week beginning 7th September 2026:

Monday 7th September:

Tuesday 8th September:

Wednesday 9th September:

Thursday 10th September: iRock lessons start

Friday 11th September:

Have a fantastic week,

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Patsy Fitzpatrick
Head of School

